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## **FIRST YOGA TEACHERS COMPLETE ACCREDITATION SCHEME**

**This month sees the first two successful applicants for the accreditation of prior experience and learning for yoga teacher's scheme.**

The accreditation scheme was designed by SkillsActive to recognise yoga teachers who had completed training either outside of the UK or before the new national occupational standards for yoga at level 3 were agreed.

The process is designed around the newly approved national occupational standards in the context of yoga, and candidates must satisfy a set of entry criteria which cover CPR, teaching experience, professional references and continued professional development.

Once a candidate has met the entry criteria, they then must develop a portfolio based around a set of questions devised from the standards and submit a video of themselves teaching a class of participants. The portfolio and the video are then evaluated by an independent yoga expert against an agreed criteria and marking scheme.

SkillsActive's Lee Buck, responsible for qualifications and standards, said; "Both applicants have spent a considerable amount of time compiling their portfolio and video evidence; they have both shown a great commitment and considerable professional practice to gain recognition through the yoga accreditation of prior experience and learning, process and I am delighted to be able to inform them of their success."

Successful completion of the scheme will allow individual yoga teachers to gain entry to the Register of Exercise Professionals.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. SkillsActive is the Sector Skills Council (SSC) for Sport and Recreation, Health and Fitness, Playwork, The Outdoors and the Caravan industries.
2. SkillsActive's mission statement is: "To ensure best quality, best business and best value within the Sector to achieve its economic and social potential."
3. SSCs are employer-led organisations that aim to tackle the skills and productivity needs of their sector throughout the UK. SSCs provide employers with the opportunity to provide leadership to meet their sector's skills and business needs. In return they receive substantial public investment and greater dialogue with government departments across the UK.
4. For more information about SkillsActive, please visit our website @ [www.skillsactive.com](http://www.skillsactive.com)
5. SkillsActive has developed a Sector Skills Agreement for the Active Leisure and Learning Sector which defines the sector's skills needs and forms an agreement between employers, government and funding partners to shape the workforce for the next ten years.
6. SkillsActive is *Shaping Skills for the Future*, through...
  - PEOPLE...  
...ensuring all people in the sector are appropriately trained and qualified.
  - PRODUCTIVITY...  
...ensuring better performance through the professional development of the sector.
  - PROVISION...  
...ensuring the sector has accessible, relevant and funded training across the UK.
  - PROMOTION...  
...ensuring the contributions of the sector are recognised at a governmental level.