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Tutor contact hours, blended learning and supervised placements from 1st September 2021: **SEG Awards ABC Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling – 603/5029/5**

Dear Colleague

Skills and Education Group Awards would like to reaffirm that professional membership bodies such as The BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) and The NCS (National Counselling Society) recently issued updated guidance in relation to tutor contact hours, blended learning and supervised placements from the **1st September 2021**. This information can be viewed via the links below.

<https://www.bacp.co.uk/membership/student-membership/>

<https://nationalcounsellingsociety.org/help/covid-19-hub/coronavirus-procedures-standards>

As the awarding organisation for the above qualification we have no jurisdiction as to which professional membership body your trainee counsellors may prefer to register with and therefore we strongly recommend that all providers liaise with their delivery teams and students to ensure they are fully aware of these updates. Skills and Education Group Awards have previously issued related guidance on the 27th August 2021 which can be viewed via the links below.

[Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling - Skills and Education Group Awards: Skills and Education Group Awards](#)

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Please note:

This updated guidance does not relate to those trainee counsellors registered prior to the **1st September 2021** as their applications will be assessed in line with accepted criteria prior to this date.

Skills and Education Group Awards is always happy to take your feedback. If you have any queries please contact:

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