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### **SPARK JOINS PEARSON VUE NETWORK TO OFFER ACCESSIBLE AND SECURE CERTIFICATION TESTING**

**Reading - UK** - SPARK has signed an agreement with Pearson VUE, the computer-based testing (CBT) business of Pearson, to test candidates pursuing key industry certifications from leading IT programmes, such as Cisco, CompTIA, EMC, HP, LPI, Oracle and VMware.

Pearson VUE believes testing and certification is at the heart of the learning experience, and SPARK will play its part by offering accessible and secure testing to candidates.

Pearson VUE's advanced system administers exams on behalf of hundreds of businesses, boards and organisations around the globe through the world's largest most secure test centre network. The system enables candidates to register and reschedule their tests online or through a Pearson VUE call centre.

*"We're very excited about our new partnership with Pearson VUE, said SPARK's spokesperson Joe Akem-Che, Centre Manager. He also said "The Pearson VUE Testing System is the most powerful available and gives us unparalleled control and flexibility over our ability to manage our business our way and the agreement means we can easily offer same-day testing, or bring testing to our customers' locations. We're pleased to partner with a company whose industry status, technology and passion for excellence will allow us to provide even greater service for our customers."*

The list of certification tests available from test sponsors through the Pearson VUE system is continually growing. Test results are quickly transmitted back, ensuring the candidate's certification status is promptly updated.

Ray Murray, Vice President - Business Development, Pearson VUE said, *"We are proud to welcome SPARK to the rapidly growing global network of Pearson VUE Authorised Test Centres. Together, we are providing even more candidates with the opportunity to obtain meaningful certifications and advance their careers."*

Pearson VUE delivery of exams has continued to increase rapidly in recent years, with the company delivering 10 million exams in 2011.

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## **About Pearson VUE**

Pearson VUE Authorised Test Centres are privately owned, third-party testing facilities which provide on-site, on-demand testing for certification and professional licensure exams.

Pearson VUE ([www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com)) is the global leader in computer-based testing for information technology, academic, government and professional testing programs around the world. Pearson VUE provides a full suite of services from test development to data management, and delivers exams through the world's most comprehensive and secure network of test centres in more than 175 countries. Pearson VUE is a business of Pearson (NYSE: PSO; LSE: PSON), the world's leading learning company.

## **About SPARK**

SPARK Educare Tutoring centre - a UNIQUE academic tutoring and training resource, based in a distraction-free environment in central Reading. SPARK is the academic boosting facility for Reading – UK.

SPARK gained charity status in 2011 and is currently working in collaboration with Reading Borough Council and many local schools to provide a much needed academic support service.

This unique support approach has resulted in the improved educational performance of our learners with improved self belief ; improved confidence; building effective teamwork for young people and adults; better social cohesion; FREE ICT training for adults; and fostering overseas links and a route into the local education service for trained teachers from abroad.

In addition to providing the essential one-to-one tutoring in ALL core curriculum subjects of English, Maths and Science, SPARK also provides tuition in IT leading to European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) awarded by BCS-The Chartered Institute for IT run a number of online tests in Functional skills for adults, various IT qualifications and much more. Scroll through the links on the left hand side of the screen for more.

We are also approved by:

HABC to provide SIA Licence Training with for Door Supervisor with Physical Intervention, CCTV Training, First Aid and Food Safety

EDI centre for Functional Skills, Literacy, numeracy, Employability skills tests

BCS IT / ECDL Test centre

UK Online to provide FREE IT training

British Safety Council to provide Health and Safety training, Manual Handling

OFSTED and UKRLP registered.