

“Sensational World First” for ICUS Umpiring Courses

The Institute of Cricket Umpires & Scorers (ICUS) has secured a “**World First**” by becoming the **only independent** umpiring body to receive accreditation to deliver International BTEC qualifications. Approved by Edexcel - the largest national qualifications Awarding Body in the UK that is regulated by the QCA (OfQual) - and subject to exceptionally rigorous Quality Assurance standards. ICUS Courses, available **NOW**, lead the way in the very best training, not only in England and Wales, Scotland & N.Ireland, but also **worldwide**.

This unprecedented achievement means that, for the first time, umpires and scorers now have the **choice** - an option - of quality training to the very highest standards thought unattainable in previous years.

The importance of this breakthrough cannot be underestimated as it follows in the wake of a recently announced further loss of umpire and scorer independence. Indeed feedback from County Representatives indicates strongly that cricket officials feel confused, under-represented and oppressed, with a real fear of being ostracized and discriminated against in the game they love.

This has strengthened the Institute’s resolve to remain fully independent, accountable and transparent, providing **freedom of choice** - not exclusivity - in umpire and scorer education, development and appointments.

Coupled with the groundbreaking success of its *International* BTEC Certificate qualification, growing support for ICUS ensures a genuinely independent and influential voice for umpires and scorers that they have not had the benefit of before.

There are some truly sensational future developments being readied for implementation over the coming months created by an ICUS team full of vibrancy, enthusiasm and tireless commitment.

We encourage the entire cricket umpiring and scoring fraternity to stand up and be counted! Ensure **YOUR** freedom of choice at www.umpires.tv, or email info@umpires.tv for more information.

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