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# OFSTED RECOGNISES THE QUALITIES OF AXIA INTERACTIVE MEDIA'S E-PORTFOLIO FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF NVQS

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) has completed their inspection of work-based learning in the Army. In a report that was published in May, Ofsted recorded that one of the strengths relating to the delivery of Retail and Commercial Enterprise (Driving) assessment for DEFLOG VQ Trust was that they were making, *"Very good use of technology to record and assess evidence."* DEFLOG VQ Trust is an organisation, which delivers training and assessment to the army in this curriculum area.

DEFLOG VQ Trust delivers and assesses all their work-based programmes using a bespoke version of Axia Interactive Media's e-portfolio, NVQnow, which they have called *ENVision*. Although they have only recently adopted the e-portfolio, it is already having a significant impact on their delivery, recognised by Ofsted. The report commented how DEFLOG VQ Trust has recently introduced,

*"...a new electronic portfolio to record and collate learners' evidence. This enables learners' activities and the questioning carried out by assessors to be captured on video and held on a secure site. The system is highly portable and helps learners retain evidence as they move between operational units."*

This recognition follows on from the recent presentation of *ENVision* at the prestigious ITEC seminar in Brussels.

Chris Peat, Customer Services Director for Axia Interactive Media commented,

*"We are delighted that Ofsted has recognised the strengths of our e-portfolio. I am also not surprised that they have recognised the outstanding work of DEFLOG VQ Trust in implementing the e-portfolio across their organisation. Once DEFLOG VQ Trust had trialled our widely available NVQnow e-portfolio, alongside other e-portfolios, they opted to use our solution. Since then, they have been totally committed to having a successful implementation of the e-portfolio across their organisation."*

Ofsted also highlighted in the report various areas where they believed there were further opportunities to make use of the e-portfolio. These included enabling candidates taking greater 'ownership' of their programme and finding ways to continue the candidate's assessment when they were away on active duty. Discussions have now begun between the Axia Interactive Media and DEFLOG VQ Trust about how these objectives can be met.