



CICRA media release

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CICRA awards bursary to local student

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA) have awarded a bursary of £1,500 per annum to Jersey student Zoe Gaskell towards her university education.

CICRA, which includes the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority and the Office of Utility Regulation in Guernsey, will also provide Miss Gaskell with at least eight weeks paid work experience each year for the duration of her degree.

Miss Gaskell completed her A-Levels at the Jersey College for Girls last year and is currently on a gap year. She will begin her studies, reading Law and French, at Cardiff University in the autumn.

Andrew Riseley, CICRA deputy chief executive, said: "We are really keen to support home-grown talent as it is important to further develop regulatory and competition law skills and experience on the island.

"Work experience is important for those considering their career path and we are confident that the skills Zoe will learn while working with us will go a great way in assisting her with her studies and her future employment plans."

The regulator's primary role is to promote consumer welfare through competition and measures which encourage appropriate pricing and greater choice and innovation in the goods and services available to islanders. CICRA regulates the telecoms and postal sectors, and electricity in Guernsey, and is also responsible for administering and enforcing the competition law in Jersey.

Miss Gaskell added: "I'm really excited to have been chosen for the bursary as the work experience will not only be very interesting but it will also help with my studies at university. I'm really looking forward to starting work with CICRA."

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About CICRA:

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA) is the name given to the two Channel Islands regulatory authorities, the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) and the Guernsey Office of Utility Regulation (OUR). A memorandum of understanding was signed in December 2010 to facilitate closer working between the two authorities. Both regulatory bodies were established in 2001. The JCRA was established under the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law, 2001 and the OUR was established under the Regulation of Utilities (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2001. In Jersey the telecoms and postal sector are regulated by the JCRA, which is also responsible for administering and enforcing the Competition Law (Jersey) 2005. In Guernsey the telecoms, postal and electricity sector are regulated by the OUR. The aim of both authorities is to ensure that consumers receive the best value, choice and access to high quality services while Jersey has the added responsibility of promoting competition and consumer interests.