



To: Responsible Officers of Recognised Awarding Bodies

19 May 2020

Dear Responsible Officer,

Changes to Condition A2 and Criteria for Recognition – Establishment in the EU or the EFTA

We are writing to inform you that we have today published our revised Criteria for Recognition ("Criteria") and Condition A2 of our Standard Conditions of Recognition ("Conditions").

As we explained in our letter dated 31 January 2020, these changes are intended to cover the transition period following the UK's departure from the European Union and the introduction of any new agreements.

The changes will mean that recognised awarding bodies will be required to ensure that they are at all times ordinarily resident, or have a substantial presence in the UK, Gibraltar or are a member state of the European Union or the European Free Trade Association. Similarly, any awarding body seeking recognition, will need to demonstrate that they are able to meet these Criteria.

We engaged with you on our proposed changes during February, seeking your views and any feedback on impacts. We received three responses – all of which were supportive of the proposed changes, with one requesting additional clarification on two matters. [Information on these matters is provided in the decisions report, which is being published today, together with the revised Criteria and Conditions.](#)

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A copy of the Criteria and Conditions can be found on our website, and these will become effective from the date of publication. We will continue to keep this under review until any future agreements develop. If you have any comments, please contact policy@qualificationswales.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Richards', written in a cursive style.

Jo Richards

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