

To: All Responsible Officers of recognised awarding bodies



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## **Qualifications Wales Extraordinary Regulatory Framework for Vocational Qualifications**

Dear Responsible Officer

We have today published our Extraordinary Regulatory Framework for Vocational Qualifications (Conditions, Requirements and Guidance) which will remain in place during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have worked closely with our colleagues in Ofqual and CCEA Regulation to ensure as much consistency in approach as possible to minimise burden on awarding bodies during these unprecedented times. As a result, the framework we have put in place mirrors Ofqual's and CCEA Regulation's, with the following exception:

- Condition VTQCov2.3 included within Ofqual's extraordinary framework has been omitted from our framework because our Conditions apply only in respect of, or for the purposes of, the award in Wales by an awarding body. All references to this Condition have also been removed from our associated guidance.

We have applied similar criteria across the three countries to identifying which qualifications fall within the scope of our framework. The majority of the qualifications within our scope are also regulated by Ofqual and have been included within the scoping exercise led by Ofqual. Where we have qualifications available in Wales that are not regulated in England, we have contacted the awarding bodies offering those qualifications to clarify the category and mitigations.

We will be publishing a list of the qualifications in scope in Wales on our website. We have also worked with Ofqual to enable those Wales only qualifications to appear on the [qualification explainer tool](#) they have developed to support learners and centres.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Richards', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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