Dear Responsible Officer,

**Designation – temporary measures**

We hope that you and members of your organisation are well in this difficult period.

In light of the current situation, we understand it may be difficult to obtain the evidence of support and/or demand from third parties that is required to support any application for initial designation or further designation. We appreciate that awarding bodies may have reallocated internal resources to deal with COVID-19 and we’re also aware that disruption to centres and learners could lead to some learners needing more time to complete qualifications that are set to expire soon.

If you wish to submit a qualification for initial designation in the forthcoming months and are experiencing such difficulty, please contact us at recognitionandapproval@qualificationswales.org and we can discuss this with you with a view to taking a pragmatic and proportionate approach.

In order to avoid potential gaps in provision for centres, we are introducing the following temporary measures in relation to further designation until further notice:
For qualifications with OEDs between now and December 2020, we will extend OEDs and CEDs of the qualification for up to a year from the current OED and CED without evidence of demand or support.

For qualifications with CEDs between now and December 2020, we will extend CEDs of the qualification for up to a year from current CED without evidence of demand or support.

Please submit your requests to us via QiW, – instead of uploading evidence of demand and support, please provide a brief rationale to support the extension you’re requesting.

For any extensions beyond these deadlines, we still require evidence of support.

If you have any queries regarding the designation process or requirements, please do contact us at recognitionansapproval@qualificationswales.org and we will be very happy to help you.

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