

To: All Responsible Officers of recognised awarding bodies



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## **Qualifications Wales Vocational Qualifications Contingency Regulatory Framework**

Dear Responsible Officer

We have today published our [Vocational Qualifications Contingency Regulatory Framework](#) (Conditions, Requirements and Guidance).

We have also published notices to disapply the requirements of the Extraordinary Regulatory Framework for Vocational Qualifications and the Extended Extraordinary Regulatory Framework for Vocational Qualifications, save for transitional and saving provisions.

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 as the Covid-19 pandemic continues. As a result, the framework we have put in place mirrors Ofqual's and CCEA Regulation's, with the following exception:

- Condition VCR3.7 included within Ofqual's Vocational Qualifications Contingency Regulatory 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.

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- Condition VCR7.1 included within Ofqual's Vocational Qualifications Contingency Regulatory Framework has been omitted from our framework because Technical Qualifications are not available in Wales.
- References to the Qualifications Wales General Qualifications Alternative Awarding Framework for Wales (GQAAFW) alongside the Ofqual General Qualifications Alternative Awarding Framework included in the Conditions and Guidance. The QW GQAAFW will be published in early May.

This version of the Vocational Qualifications Contingency Regulatory Framework contains a placeholder for Condition VCR8: assessment opportunities in autumn 2021. We will update the framework when this Condition has been finalised following further consultation by Ofqual.

As in summer 2020, we have also worked with Ofqual to enable Wales-only vocational qualifications to appear on the [qualification explainer tool](#) they have developed to support learners and centres.

If you have any questions regarding the matter above, please contact [enquiries@qualificationswales.org](mailto:enquiries@qualificationswales.org).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Richards', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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