



To: WJEC Responsible Officer

19 August 2020

Dear Elaine

Special Condition of Recognition

On 17 August 2020, the Minister for Education announced that learners in Wales should be awarded the centre assessment grades, and provided us with a Direction to that effect. A copy of the Direction can be found on our [website](#).

In response to, and in accordance with the Direction we have received, we are requiring WJEC-CBAC to issue centre assessment grades to learners in Wales for GCSEs, AS and A levels and the Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate qualifications, except where grades already issued or calculated are higher than their centre assessment grade or in the case of A levels, their AS level grade is higher than their centre assessment grade and their issued grade. To this end we are issuing WJEC-CBAC with a special condition of recognition which is set out below.

The special condition of recognition takes effect immediately and will remain in force until a date specified by Qualifications Wales. The special condition applies to all results issued by WJEC-CBAC this summer for qualifications which are within scope of our [Extraordinary Regulatory Framework: General Qualifications – Covid-19 Conditions and Requirements](#).

In pursuance of Schedule 3, paragraph 4 of the Qualifications Wales Act 2015, Qualifications Wales is issuing the following special condition of recognition.

SPCR3

SPCR3.1 In respect of each result WJEC-CBAC issues, or previously issued, under Condition GQCov3.1, and where a centre assessment grade has been submitted by a Relevant Centre for a Learner for a GQ Qualification, it must ensure that the result reflects the centre assessment grade submitted by the Relevant Centre, except in the circumstances described in Special Condition SPCR3.2, SPCR3.3 and SPCR3.4.

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- SPCR3.2 In circumstances where –
- (a) a grade has been issued, or calculated in advance of issuing, to a Learner for a GQ Qualification in accordance with Condition GQCov3.1, and
 - (b) the grade issued, or calculated in advance of issuing, to that Learner is higher than the centre assessment grade submitted by a Relevant Centre for that Learner,
- WJEC-CBAC must ensure that the Learner is awarded the issued or calculated grade.
- SPCR3.3 In circumstances where a grade to be issued in compliance with [Special Condition SPCR2](#) is higher than the centre assessment grade, WJEC-CBAC must issue the higher grade in accordance with that Special Condition.
- SPCR3.4 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between –
- (a) a requirement included as part of this Special Condition;
 - (b) a requirement of any other Special Condition;
 - (c) a requirement of a GQCov Condition;
 - (d) a requirement of the Standard Conditions of Recognition;
 - (e) a requirement of an Additional Standard Conditions of Recognition for GCSE/GCE Qualifications, and
 - (f) a requirement of an Additional Standard Conditions of Recognition for Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate Qualifications
- such that WJEC-CBAC could not comply with both such requirements, WJEC-CBAC must comply with the requirement of the Special Condition and is not obliged to comply with the requirement of the other Condition.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss the contents of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive