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Dear Responsible Officer

We are writing to all Responsible Officers to remind you of the importance of maintaining accurate end date data on the QiW database, in line with Conditions D6 and E6.2. This letter contains actions for you to take to support compliance with these conditions.

The Typical Designation Approval Final Start Date (TDAFSD) and Designation Approval Certification End Date (DACED) on QiW are directly linked to the eligibility for public funding in Wales and will, in many cases, differ from the operational and certification end dates on your awarding body websites or Ofqual's Register. We regularly communicate this message to Centres and emphasise the requirement for them to use QiW data when curriculum planning and registering learners.

Condition D6.6 states:

Where an awarding body intends to, otherwise believes it to be likely that it will, or is obliged to, change the status or withdraw a qualification, it must take all reasonable steps to protect the interests of Learners in relation to that qualification.

Ensuring that the TDAFSD and DACED are accurate on QiW, and that any amendments requested are timely and well communicated, are some of the reasonable steps you can take to protect the interests of learners in relation to that qualification.

Please be aware that there is currently a maximum TDAFSD of 30th September 2026 for pre 16 designations. Designation for other age ranges is not affected by this maximum date.

Six months prior to the TDAFSD of an Approved or Designated qualification, QiW will email an automated warning alert of the approaching date. This email will go to the address provided on the individual qualification. Whilst our guidance has been to provide a generic mailbox email address for this purpose, we are aware that there are

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many incidences where this is not the case and the alerts are not being received due to staff changes.

We have also introduced another automated email for **all** qualifications on QiW, including those 'Other regulated' qualifications which are not eligible for use on publicly funded programmes of learning for learners under the age of 19.

This alert will be sent six months before the Regulation End Date (RED) which is the final date that we will regulate that qualification. It is a date linked to withdrawal of regulation rather than eligibility for public funding.

In order to ensure the automated alerts are going to the right address and to aide awarding bodies in managing their data on QiW, please send the correct email address for these alerts to approvalanddesignation@qualifications.wales by **15th December 2023**. **The email address you provide must be one that is regularly monitored.**

We will amend all your qualifications on the database with this email address. This information will not be publicly viewable on QiW.

If you have any queries regarding the dates on QiW or the database more generally, please get in touch.

Yours faithfully



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Annex A

Definitions of TDAFSD, DACED and RED

Typical Designation/Approval Final Start Date	The final date that a Learner can start a course leading to a qualification that is eligible for use on publicly funded programmes of learning for Learners under the age of 19, based on a typical delivery model.
Designation/Approval Certification End Date	The final date a Learner can be certificated for a qualification that is eligible for use on publicly funded programmes of learning for Learners under 19; this includes resits.
Regulation End Date	The final date Qualifications Wales would regulate the qualification.