



To: Responsible Officers

12 February 2020

Dear Colleague,

Changes to our Standard Conditions of Recognition and Additional Standard Conditions of Recognition for GCSE / GCE Qualifications – Accountability for Awards

As a result of the recent work carried out by Ofqual on the controls awarding bodies have in place over centre-assessment judgements, today we are announcing our [decisions](#) on changes we will make to our Standard Conditions of Recognition

Consistent with the approach taken in our recent [three-country consultation on Changes to Conditions of Recognition](#), we agreed to work together with our fellow regulators, wherever possible aligning our Conditions. To that end, we have been in continued dialogue with Ofqual, discussing the findings of their review, the feedback received from awarding bodies and their proposed changes to Conditions, requirements and guidance.

Our changes are summarised as follows:

- require awarding bodies to put in place arrangements to scrutinise the standards of assessment judgements made by centres offering their qualifications;
- require awarding bodies to explain their approach in a strategy document (Centre Assessment Standards Scrutiny strategy);
- remove all requirements in respect of Moderation from our Standard Conditions of Recognition, and place these in our qualification-specific Conditions for GCSE and GCE qualifications.

These new Conditions will come into force from 00:01 on 13 February 2020. Following publication, we expect awarding bodies to be fully compliant by September 2021. The changes made to our Additional Standard Conditions of Recognition for GCSE / GCE Qualifications will come into force immediately.

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Yours sincerely,

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At: Swyddogion Cyfrifol

12 Chwefror 2020

Annwyl Gydweithiwr,

Newidiadau i'n Amodau Cydnabod Safonol ac Amodau Cydnabod Safonol Ychwanegol ar gyfer Cymwysterau TGAU / TAG - Atebolrwydd am Ddyfarniadau

O ganlyniad i'r gwaith diweddar a wnaed gan Ofqual ar y rheolaethau sydd gan gyrff dyfarnu mewn lle dros ddyfarniadau asesu canolfannau, rydym yn cyhoeddi heddiw ein [penderfyniadau](#) ar newidiadau y byddwn yn eu gwneud i'n Amodau Cydnabod Safonol ac Amodau Cydnabod Safonol Ychwanegol ar gyfer Cymwysterau TGAU / TAG.

Yn gyson â'r dull a gymerwyd yn ein [hymgyngoriad tair gwlad diweddar ar Newidiadau i Amodau Cydnabod](#), cytunwyd i weithio gyda'n cyd-reoleiddwyr, gan alinio ein hamodau lle bynnag y bo hynny'n bosibl. I'r perwyl hwnnw, rydym wedi bod mewn deialog barhaus gydag Ofqual, gan drafod canfyddiadau eu hadolygiad, yr adborth a gafwyd gan gyrff dyfarnu a'u newidiadau arfaethedig i Amodau, gofynion a chanllawiau.

Crynhair ein newidiadau fel a ganlyn:

- ei gwneud yn ofynnol i gyrff dyfarnu roi trefniadau ar waith i graffu ar safonau dyfarniadau asesu a wneir gan ganolfannau sy'n cynnig eu cymwysterau;
- ei gwneud yn ofynnol i gyrff dyfarnu egluro eu dull mewn dogfen strategaeth (strategaeth Craffu ar Safonau Asesu Canolfannau);
- dileu'r holl ofynion mewn perthynas â Chymedroli o'n Amodau Cydnabod Safonol, a'u rhoi yn ein Amodau Cymhwyster-benodol ar gyfer cymwysterau TGAU a TAG.

Bydd yr Amodau newydd hyn yn dod i rym o 00:01 ar 13 Chwefror 2020. Yn dilyn eu cyhoeddi, rydym yn disgwyl i gyrff dyfarnu gydymffurfio'n llawn erbyn Medi 2021. Bydd y newidiadau a wneir i'n Amodau Cydnabod Safonol Ychwanegol ar gyfer Cymwysterau TGAU / TAG yn dod i rym ar unwaith.

Os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau ynglŷn â'r uchod, cysylltwch â polisi@cymwysteraucymru.org.

Yr Eiddoch yn gywir

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