



September 2016

Dear Responsible Officer

Programme of monitoring: vocational qualifications and awarding bodies

I write to inform you of our planned monitoring of vocational qualifications and awarding bodies over the next 24 months. This letter does not outline our monitoring of general qualifications (GCSEs, GCEs and the Welsh Baccalaureate) which has been covered in previous correspondence.

The timeline within this letter outlines the areas that we intend to focus on and the timescales for implementing our monitoring work. We will aim, where appropriate, to coordinate our monitoring activities in a way that minimises the burden on awarding bodies.

We will write to the individual awarding bodies who will be the focus of the specific monitoring activities providing sufficient notice of our intentions. We will outline our approach to conducting the monitoring activity, including our methodology and the evidence that we will require awarding bodies to provide.

Our programme of monitoring outlined in this letter is not exhaustive and we will continue to respond to intelligence, incidents and risks that will inform our monitoring.

This programme of monitoring will form part of our Vocational Qualifications Strategy which we will be publishing later this year.

If you require any information relating to vocational qualification monitoring and/or awarding body monitoring, please contact us at enquiries@qualificationswales.org.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Denver Davies'.

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Timeline

September 2016 - February 2017		September 2017 - February 2018	
Review Statements of Compliance 2016		Review Statements of Compliance 2017	
September 2016 - August 2017		September 2017 - August 2018	
Monitoring Statement of Compliance 2016 action plans		Monitoring Statement of Compliance 2017 action plans	
September 2016 - August 2018			
Awarding body monitoring and audits			
September 2016 - August 2018			
Monitoring Essential Skills qualifications			
	January - June 2017		
	Monitoring First Aid qualifications		
		August 2017 - January 2018	
		Monitoring Food Safety qualifications	
			March - August 2018
			Monitoring Health and Safety qualifications