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To: Responsible Officers

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## **Review of Standard Conditions of Recognition**

Dear Responsible Officer

As you are aware we are proposing to undertake a review of our Conditions of Recognition, with the aim of making the Conditions as accessible as possible to awarding bodies while ensuring they enable us as the regulator to execute our regulatory functions. This review was supported by awarding bodies who participated in our Regulatory Strategy Project.

The project also highlighted awarding bodies' desire for qualifications regulators across the UK to work collaboratively to avoid unnecessary divergence of regulatory requirements. With this in mind, we are pleased to confirm that both Ofqual and CCEA (the regulator of qualifications, examinations and assessments in England and Northern Ireland respectively) will be represented at the meetings with awarding bodies that commence in October. Whilst recognising that this will not be possible in all circumstances, we will aim to ensure that any revisions to Conditions are aligned as much as possible.

The review will focus on areas such as clarity and levels of prescriptiveness of the Conditions. Our work will divide the sections of the Conditions into the following groups: ABC, DEF and GHI. We do not consider it necessary to carry out a specific review of section J as this is the section holding the definitions of terms used throughout the Conditions. However, this section will be updated at the end of the review process, prior to consulting on any changes identified. Each group will form a tranche of the review with a timeframe of three to four months, and we will ensure that any links between the tranches are addressed throughout the review.



The review is intended to take place between autumn 2017 and autumn 2018. Subsequently, we plan to hold a twelve-week public consultation on any possible changes to the Conditions with a view to publishing a revised version of the Conditions in Spring 2019, to be effective from September 2019.

As part of the review, we are seeking your views on what Conditions or groups of Conditions that are of particular interest to you or that you believe we should prioritise, and your reasons for this. To facilitate this, we have provided a simple online questionnaire on Conditions A, B and C for you to complete. The online questionnaire can be found on our website [here](#). A similar questionnaire will be circulated when we review Conditions DEF and GHI in 2018.

Please could you respond to this questionnaire using the online form by 31 September 2017. If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me via [policy@qualificationswales.org](mailto:policy@qualificationswales.org)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Crabtree". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

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