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Dear Responsible Officer

Amendments to our Designation rules and guidance

We have recently amended our Designation rules and guidance to clarify our ongoing requirements for qualifications on Welsh apprenticeship frameworks and those in Sector Subject Area (SSA) 6, ICT.

Following our Engineering, Advanced Manufacturing and Energy Sector Review, the additional requirements for the designation of qualifications in this sector (SSA 4) have also now been detailed in the Designation [rules](#) and [guidance](#). The rules regarding these additional requirements will apply to qualifications in SSA 4 submitted for designation from **31st May 2021**.

The guidance includes templates to complete and upload to QiW when you submit a request for the designation of qualifications in SSA 6 or, from **31st May 2021**, SSA 4.

If you wish to request further designation of qualifications in SSA 6, or qualifications in SSA 4 with an **operational end date (OED) of 31st May 2021 onwards**, please also complete and upload the relevant template to submit with your request.

If you have any further queries regarding the designation rules or process, please contact recognitionandapproval@qualificationswales.org

Yours sincerely

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