



To: All Awarding Bodies

May 2016

Dear Responsible Officer

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

We wrote to you on 18 November 2015 setting out our proposed approach to how awarding bodies must describe the size of their qualifications in respect to the revised Interim Conditions of Recognition (see letter available on our website at: <http://qualificationswales.org/media/1620/20151118-letter-to-awarding-bodies-qcf.pdf>).

We recognise that an Awarding Body with a large number of qualifications will need time to collect and review evidence to enable it to confirm or amend current Guided Learning (GL) values and to determine a TQT value and to publish a revised specification showing the GL and TQT values. This is why we have decided to stagger the introduction of these revised conditions as follows:

- By 30 June 2016 Awarding Bodies must assign a TQT and GL value to approved and designated qualifications specified in KS4 and KS5 Welsh Government school performance measures on QiW.
- By 31 December 2017 Awarding Bodies must assign a TQT and GL value to those qualifications that are approved or designated on QiW.

As you are aware Awarding Bodies are unable to edit QiW at this time. For all amendments to QiW Awarding Bodies must request an amendment using the following process:

<http://qualificationswales.org/qualifications/qualifications-in-wales/?lang=en>

If you have any questions about the information set out in this letter please contact enquiries@qualificationswales.org

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From 1 June 2016 all new qualifications submitted to QiW for approval or designation in Wales must adhere to these revised conditions, that is, have a TQT and GL value.

Yours sincerely

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