



Sent by email

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Dear Responsible Officer,

**RE: End date changes**

I'm writing to let you know that the end date titles on the QiW database will be changed by the end of March 2022 to align with the changes made to end date definitions in the revised [Designation Policy](#).

The current Operational End Date and Certification End Dates have proven to be unclear in their purpose and this has led to inconsistency in their use by both awarding bodies and centres.

Operational End Date will therefore be replaced by **Typical Designation/Approval Final Start Date**. This is defined in our Designation policy as 'The final date that a learner can start a course leading to a qualification that is eligible for use on publicly funded programmes of learning for learners under the age of 19, based on a typical delivery model'.

This date is a notional rather than an absolute final start date to accommodate different delivery models. Awarding bodies must set this date based on what it considers to be the **typical** delivery model for the qualification.

We will populate the field with the current Operational End Date data on QiW but ask that you review whether the data remains correct in line with the definition in our Designation policy.

Any amendments can be made through the usual process on QiW.

Certification End Date will be replaced by **Designation/Approval Certification End Date**. This is defined in our Designation policy as 'The end of the designation/approval period and

the final date a learner can be certificated for a qualification that is eligible for use on publicly funded programmes of learning for learners under 19; this includes resits’.

We will populate this field with the current Certification End Date data on QiW but again ask that you review whether this data is correct in line with the definition in our Designation policy. Any amendments can be made through the usual process on QiW.

When a designated or approved qualification passes the Designation/Approval Certification End Date, it will become an Other Regulated qualification until it reaches the new Regulation End Date, at which point it will be archived and effectively withdrawn.

**Regulation End Date** is a new field on QiW and will appear on every live qualification, whether it is designated, approved or other regulated. This is the final date Qualifications Wales will regulate a qualification.

We will populate the field with a default date of 30/09/2034 but over the next 12 -18 months, we will contact awarding bodies to amend the dates so that they are correct for each qualification.

When the Regulation End Date passes on QiW, the qualification will be archived but any relevant performance information will remain viewable.

We have created new guidance for awarding bodies regarding these changes and will also amend existing guidance around Condition D6 regarding end date titles and change of status/withdrawal processes on QiW.

We will be in touch again soon regarding the Regulation End Dates for your qualifications but in the meantime, if you have any questions at all, please do contact us at [recognitionandapproval@qualificationswales.org](mailto:recognitionandapproval@qualificationswales.org)

We are also happy to provide any training or briefings you may wish for your staff regarding these changes or QiW more generally.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delyth Jones', written in a cursive style.

Delyth Jones

Head of Approval and Designation