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To All Responsible Officers

25/10/2017

Dear Responsible Officer

Qualifications on Apprenticeship Frameworks in Wales

I wrote to you on 16th August 2017, setting out our revised requirements for designating qualifications that are listed within Welsh apprenticeship frameworks. These requirements were designed to facilitate the process of extending the designation of such qualifications (or of designating, for the first time, qualifications that are already listed on the frameworks).

Some stakeholders have subsequently raised concerns about qualifications in these frameworks reaching their end date on QiW, where Awarding Bodies have not requested an extension. In some cases centres have registered candidates for a qualification and have only later realised that they are unable to draw down funding for this qualification because it has passed its end date on QiW.

We want to support centres and Awarding Bodies in continuing to provide the qualifications that are required in apprenticeships in Wales. We are therefore temporarily relaxing our requirements for designated qualifications where these are listed in apprenticeship frameworks in Wales.



From today, until the end of October 2018, upon application by the Awarding Body, where qualifications are listed within a Welsh apprenticeship framework we will:

- designate a qualification for the first time
- extend the operational end date for an existing designated qualification

In both cases we:

- no longer require evidence of centre demand or employer support
- require that the Awarding Body provides the number of the relevant apprenticeship framework. This should be entered either as a comment on QiW or on the amendment form when submitted.

We will review this temporary approach in due course and will let Awarding Bodies know about any future changes beyond October 2018.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact us at recognitionandapproval@qualificationswales.org and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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