

To: Responsible Officers

Sent via email



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Dear colleague,

**Update to the Priority Qualifications List and Restricted Priority Qualifications Policy and associated Schemes and the introduction of a new Scheme for the approval of non-priority qualifications**

Following a scheduled policy review, I am writing to inform you that we have now published a revised Priority Qualifications List and Restricted Priority Qualifications Policy and associated Schemes for commissioning and selection. In addition, and as required under section 19 of the Qualifications Wales Act (2015), we have developed a new Scheme which sets out, amongst other things, the factors we are likely to take into account in determining whether to consider a non-priority qualification for approval.

An overview of the changes we have made to these regulatory documents are outlined below. These changes are not considered substantive, and do not change our regulatory requirements:

- The policy includes additional detail on Approved qualifications and how we prioritise their approval through the Priority Qualifications List (PQL) (paragraphs 5-9 of the policy);
- The policy includes detail on the approval of non-priority qualifications (paragraphs 59-62) with cross-references to newly published Scheme;
- The revised Schemes now include a new introduction section which provides additional detail on restricted priority qualifications, which is an important prerequisite for both the commissioning and selection routes. We have also set out the processes we will follow in broad terms, building in flexibility and acknowledging that commissioning and selection exercises can vary in size and scope.

The revised policy and associated Schemes have been published on our website and included in our Regulatory Documents List, and will come into effect immediately.

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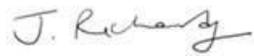
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If you would like any further information regarding the above, or wish to provide any feedback, please contact Osian Llywelyn, Head of Regulatory Policy at [policy@qualificationswales.org](mailto:policy@qualificationswales.org).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Richards', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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**Executive Director, Regulation**