

To: WJEC Responsible Officer



14 August 2020

Dear Elaine

Special Condition of Recognition

Qualifications Wales has received a Direction by the Minister for Education to take action in relation to this summer's A level qualification results. A copy of the Direction can be found on our [website](#).

In response to, and in accordance with, the Direction we have received, we are requiring WJEC-CBAC to make changes to the results issued for A level qualifications in Wales this summer where a learner's A level grade is lower than their best AS level grade. To this end we are issuing WJEC-CBAC with a special condition of recognition which is set out below.

The special condition of recognition takes effect immediately and will remain in force until a date specified by Qualifications Wales. The special condition applies to all results issued by WJEC-CBAC this summer for A level qualifications which are within scope of our [Extraordinary Regulatory Framework: General Qualifications – Covid-19. Conditions and Requirements](#).

In pursuance of Schedule 3, paragraph 4 of the Qualifications Wales Act 2015, Qualifications Wales is issuing the following special condition of recognition.

SPCR2

SPCR2.1 WJEC-CBAC must issue a revised A level qualification grade to Learners issued with results on 13 August 2020 where the A level grade awarded to a Learner is lower than that Learner's best AS level grade for that qualification.

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- SPCR2.2 For the purposes of Condition SPCR2.1, the AS level grade for that qualification may have been achieved by the Learner in a previous examination series or in summer 2020.
- SPCR2.3 WJEC-CBAC must identify those Learners affected and promptly issue revised A level qualification grade(s) to all such Learners.
- SPCR2.4 Where a revised grade is issued to a Learner in accordance with Condition SPCR2.3, this must be the same grade awarded to the Learner at AS level.
- SPCR2.5 WJEC-CBAC must provide for an appeal, to be made on the Learner's behalf by the Centre, on the grounds that WJEC-CBAC have not complied with the requirements set out in SPCR2.1.
- SPCR2.6 This Special Condition shall apply to all GCE qualifications that are within scope of the Extraordinary Regulatory Framework: General Qualifications – Covid-19 Conditions and Requirements.
- SPCR2.7 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between –
- (a) a requirement included as part of this Special Condition;
 - (b) a GQCov Condition;
 - (c) a requirement of a Standard Condition of Recognition, and
 - (d) a requirement of an Additional Standard Condition of Recognition for GCSE/GCE Qualifications,
- such that WJEC-CBAC could not comply with both such requirements, WJEC-CBAC must comply with the requirement of the Special Condition and is not obliged to comply with the requirement of the other Condition.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss the contents of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Philip Blaker
Chief Executive