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Decision under section 140(7) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009

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Background

On 3 November 2014, in accordance with sections 140(3)-(5) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (the '2009 Act'), we varied the criteria for accreditation for all GCE qualifications accredited prior

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to 19 June 2014.

At the same time, in accordance with section 140(6) of the 2009 Act, we specified that:

- GCE qualifications accredited prior to 19 June 2014 in Art and Design, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English Language, English Literature, English Language and Literature, History, Physics, Psychology, and Sociology would cease to be accredited on 31 August 2016
- all other GCE qualifications accredited prior to 19 June 2014 would cease to be accredited on 31st August 2017

Section 140(7) of the 2009 Act allows us to vary a date specified under section 140(6) at any time before the date.

Decision

We have, in accordance with section 140(7) of the 2009 Act, decided to vary the date on which accreditation ceases to have effect for all GCE qualifications in:

- Business Studies
- Computing

Accreditation for these qualifications will now cease to have effect on 31 August 2016.

Reasons for our decision

Our 3 November 2014 decision incorrectly specifies a date on which GCE qualifications accredited prior to 19 June 2014 in Business and Computer Science will cease to be accredited. There are no such qualifications - our decision should instead have referred to GCE qualifications accredited prior to 19 June 2014 in Business Studies and Computing.

This decision corrects our earlier error.

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