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Dear Responsible Officer

### **New General Condition of Recognition covering endorsement of resources**

In March 2014 we consulted on introducing a new General Condition of Recognition, Condition C3, in order to minimise the risk that endorsement of resources by awarding organisations could have a detrimental effect on standards and public confidence.

As well as introducing guidance to support this new condition we proposed new statutory guidance for three existing conditions, A4: Conflicts of interest, G4: Maintaining confidentiality of the assessment materials, including training events, and F2: Packaging qualifications with other products or services.

Following our consultation we have carefully considered the results and have decided to implement the draft Condition and Guidance in full. The results were generally supportive of the measures proposed, and indicated an overall majority in favour ("agreed" or "strongly agreed") of the main proposals. The consultation analysis is being published shortly to coincide with this letter.

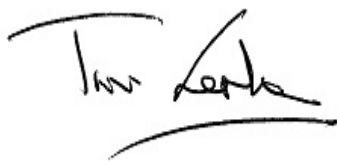
The consultation offered a large number of comments and suggestions, as well as identifying a number of implementation risks. Although we do not believe they indicated a need for us to change our proposals, we will be considering how to make effective use of them in our implementation management and monitoring.

I attach at annex 1 the amendments to our General Conditions of Recognition. The new Condition and Statutory Guidance will come into effect from 1st September 2014 and in line with the rest of Ofqual's General Conditions of Recognition will apply to all recognised awarding organisations and all regulated qualifications. Annex 1 also includes changes we have made to Statutory Guidance relating to existing Conditions A4, G4 and F2.

I am copying this letter to Roger McCune, CCEA and Kate Crabtree, Welsh Government.

If you have any questions about the new condition or the guidance notice please contact [regulatory.relationships@ofqual.gov.uk](mailto:regulatory.relationships@ofqual.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Leslie', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

**Tim Leslie**  
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