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Dear Responsible Officer

Revised notice: New conditions on Total Qualification Time (TQT) and publication of revised specifications

We wrote to responsible officers on 29 September 2015 setting out our proposed approach to the application of new General Conditions of Recognition on how awarding organisations must describe the size of their qualifications and on the information to be included in qualification specifications (see letter RO39 available on the [Ofqual website](http://www.gov.uk/ofqual)). We invited you to let us know your views on our proposed approach and, in particular, whether the approach would be disproportionately burdensome for you.

We received a small number of responses and have considered these. We set out in Annex 1 of this letter a summary of the views that were expressed to us, our response to those views and the decisions we have now taken.

A copy of the notice stating when Conditions E3.2(l), E3.2(m), E3.4, E3.5 and E7.1 to E7.5 come into force, in line with the decisions outlined in Annex 1, is attached to RO43 as Annex 2. We will publish this notice on our website.

As we said in our letter of 29 September 2015, we will seek assurance next year that awarding organisations are on course to comply with the new Conditions, including where none of an awarding organisation's qualifications are subject to the 30 June 2016 implementation requirement. If we find evidence that GLH values for qualifications not yet subject to the new requirements are giving misleading information about the size of a qualification, on which people are acting, we may consider varying the terms of the notice.

If you have any questions about the information set out in this letter, please contact regulatory.relationships@ofqual.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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