



## **Decision to accept an undertaking from British Wheel of Yoga Qualifications**

### **Background**

On 7 August 2018, Ofqual gave a direction to British Wheel of Yoga Qualifications (BWYQ) after we identified concerns about BWYQ's compliance with the General Conditions of Recognition (the Conditions). The direction prevented BWYQ from registering any new learners on its regulated qualifications until it demonstrated that it had the capacity and capability to ensure compliance with the Conditions. BWYQ was required to produce an action plan addressing the concerns we had raised.

Following the imposition of the direction, BWYQ produced an action plan and took steps to address a number of the issues raised by Ofqual. On 19 December 2018, BWYQ gave an undertaking setting out how it would resolve the rest of our concerns and we agreed to remove the direction.

### **The Undertaking**

In its undertaking, BWYQ committed to take a number of further steps, in particular:

1. With a view to securing compliance with Conditions A1, A4, A5 and A6, BWYQ will:
  - a. Before 8 April 2019, complete a comprehensive review of its governance arrangements, and where necessary revise those arrangements to secure ongoing compliance with the General Conditions of Recognition;
  - b. In particular, before 8 April 2019, ensure that its arrangements, policies and procedures secure that it will:
    - i. Identify and monitor any Conflict of Interest which exists in relation to it;
    - ii. Manage any Conflict of Interest which relates to it, to ensure that the Conflict of Interest does not have any Adverse Effect;
    - iii. Ensure the suitability of Senior Officers of BWYQ; and
    - iv. Ensure that malpractice and maladministration investigations are carried out rigorously, effectively and by persons of appropriate competence who have no personal interest in the outcome.
2. With a view to securing compliance with Conditions A5, A6, G1, G8, H5, H6 and I4, BWYQ will before 8 April 2019, complete the actions set out in Row 1 of the action plan dated 20 September 2018.



3. With a view to securing compliance with Condition A5.2(a), (d) and (e) and A8, BWYQ will:
  - a. By 1 February 2019, complete a comprehensive evaluation of its systems, processes and resources in respect of the prevention, detection and investigation of malpractice and maladministration; and
  - b. By 8 April 2019, implement any steps necessary to ensure that malpractice and maladministration investigations are carried out rigorously, effectively and by persons of appropriate competence who have no personal interest in the outcome.
  - c. Promptly report to Ofqual each incident of malpractice and/or maladministration it suspects or alleged by any other person, including the steps BWYQ proposes to take to investigate the suspicion or allegation.

In line with Condition B8, BWYQ must now take all the steps in the undertaking. With a view to assuring us that it has complied with the undertaking, BWYQ will submit a written report by 22 April 2019 demonstrating that it has followed through on its commitments. We will keep the situation under review and we may take further action if BWYQ doesn't follow through on its commitments.

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