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Dear Responsible Officer

RITS permissions

On 30 September 2015 we will withdraw the Regulatory Arrangements for the Qualifications and Credit Framework (the QCF rules).

At the present time our IT system (RITS) is structured to enable awarding organisations to use one of two pathways for vocational qualifications, the QCF Type or VRQ, to create qualifications, depending on their recognition. We define 'Type' as a qualification which must meet additional regulatory requirements. You are not recognised to award qualifications which meet the QCF rules which means you do not have access to the QCF Type and your recognition enables you to use the VRQ pathway alone for your vocational qualifications.

When we withdraw the QCF rules, QCF will cease to be a Type. We will make consequential changes to RITS functionality so that instead of having a QCF Type and a VRQ pathway on RITS, we will have pathways for qualifications which are credit bearing and non-credit bearing. There will no longer be a reason to restrict access to these pathways as neither of them will be associated with a Type of qualification which is subject to an additional set of rules. All qualifications which come onto the system will be subject to our General Conditions of Recognition alone.

We will therefore regularise the position to enable you, with effect from 1 October 2015 to use both pathways in RITS and place either credit-bearing or non-credit bearing qualifications onto the Register. We will make this change on your behalf. You need take no further action in relation to this but if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Regulatory Relationships team on regulatory.relationships@ofqual.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully



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