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Dear Responsible Officer

June 2016 update to the General Conditions of Recognition

This letter explains the changes we made to the *General Conditions of Recognition* (www.gov.uk/government/publications/general-conditions-of-recognition/) on 8 June 2016, when we:

- introduced the new General Condition D9, and
- made changes to reflect the move to a single regulator (CCEA) in Northern Ireland.

General Condition D9

This Condition currently only applies to legacy GCSEs, AS and A levels.

It allows us to enforce any transitional rules we have set¹ when ending a qualification's accreditation.

Changes to reflect the move to a single regulator in Northern Ireland

We have made the following three changes to the General Conditions to reflect the move to a single regulator in Northern Ireland:

- removed references to the language of assessments in Northern Ireland in Condition G2 – as in all other territories outside England, our rules now place no restrictions on the language of assessments in Northern Ireland;
- removed the associated requirement to report the language of assessment on certificates where assessments in Northern Ireland were not delivered in English or Irish (Condition I3.4); and
- removed the definition of 'Characteristic' used in Northern Ireland (Condition J1.8).

¹ using our powers under section [140\(10\) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009](#)

If you have any questions about the changes to the conditions please contact our Regulatory Implementation team at: regulatory.implementation@ofqual.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Garrett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Garrett

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