

Undertaking given by FDQ to the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) in accordance with Condition B8 of the General Conditions of Recognition, June 2016 (The Conditions).

Undertaking:

In the context of:

The Ofqual “Central Controls Audit 2018” of FDQ and;

1. an admission that FDQ failed to comply with C1.1 (a) and (b); C2.2; and C2.3 (e), (k) and (l) in that FDQ failed to:
 - i. Ensure that its agreements with centres were enforceable;
 - ii. Include in its centre agreements provisions which:
 - a. established a sanctions policy to be applied in the event that the Centre fails to comply with the requirements of the Conditions of Recognition;
 - b. specified a process to be followed in any withdrawal of the Centre (whether voluntary or not) from its role in delivering a qualification; and
 - c. required the Centre to take all reasonable steps to protect the interests of Learners in the case of such a withdrawal;
 - iii. Ensure that the arrangements which it established with third parties enabled it to develop, deliver and award qualifications in accordance with its Conditions of Recognition, and
 - iv. monitor and, where appropriate, enforce arrangements so as to ensure that it is able to develop, deliver and award qualifications in accordance with its Conditions of Recognition.

With a view to securing compliance with with C1.1 (a) and (b); C2.2; and C2.3 (e) (k) (l) FDQ undertakes to:

- a. Include in all centre agreements provisions compliant with C2.3 (e) (k) and (l) by 30 September 2018.
- b. Ensure all centre agreements are enforceable by 30 September 2018.

With a view to securing compliance with the Conditions on an ongoing basis, FDQ undertakes to:

1. Implement the additional proposals suggested in the document “Action plan to address issues raised by Ofqual centre controls audit (April 2018) and internal self-evaluation”.

With a view to assuring Ofqual that it has complied with this Undertaking, FDQ will:

2. On or before 30 September 2018, provide to Ofqual a Statement of Assurance signed by the Chair of its Governing Body and the Responsible Officer, confirming that it has completed the actions set out in this Undertaking.

In giving this Undertaking, I acknowledge on behalf of FDQ that:

- 1) Ofqual may publish this Undertaking; and
- 2) Ofqual may take enforcement action in respect of any failure to comply with an Undertaking given to it which may include the issue of a Direction, the imposition of a fine, costs or other such action as it deems appropriate.

Dated: 06 August 2018