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Dear Simon,

On behalf of the Secretary of State, I am writing to confirm the removal of the designation of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) as the body designated under Schedule 4 to the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 to perform the assessment functions. This letter constitutes notice for the purposes of paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 4 to that Act.

The designation will be removed on 1 April 2023. The reason for the removal of the designation is that QAA has notified the Secretary of State that it will no longer consent to being designated after 31 March 2023.

I would like to thank you for the work QAA has completed as the designated quality body since 2018, and wish you all the best with your future endeavours.

Yours Sincerely,

The Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP
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