



Dear Learner/Parent/Guardian

I am writing to update you on the latest information from the Department for Education and Ofqual, with regards to grading vocational qualifications. As you may have seen in the media, colleges are still awaiting the guidance on vocational and technical qualifications. I can assure you that as soon as we have this guidance we will communicate with you immediately. We would like to thank you for your patience at this uncertain time and can assure you we are doing everything we can to move this forward as quickly as we can.

Ofqual are working with awarding organisations to finalise a list of qualifications that should be in scope, for learners to receive a calculated result. Further information can be found at; <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-this-summer>

Where this is not possible, Ofqual are encouraging awarding organisations to adapt assessments or delivery models (for example, changing invigilation requirements or moving to remote moderation) as long as this does not undermine the reliability of the result and only where assessments can take place within the current social distancing rules.

Some qualifications are primarily designed to support progression to or through employment, rather than to further education, higher education or to an apprenticeship. Where qualifications directly signal occupational competence or function as a licence to practise, it may not be safe or meet employers' requirements, there may be no option but to wait until normal assessments can take place again.

Ofqual are determining with awarding organisations those in scope for each category of grading, mainly:

- Calculated results
- Adaptation of assessments
- Rescheduling

This is still under review and awarding organisations were asked to submit this information to Ofqual by 17th April 2020. We hope that colleges will be communicated to within the coming weeks, to confirm which qualifications will be in which category. We can then move swiftly to ensure that all learners are clear as to how their grades will be awarded.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

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