



Ein cyf/Our ref VH/00055/26

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25 March 2026

Dear Elin,

The Higher Education (Qualifying Courses and Qualifying Persons) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

In accordance with section 37E of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019 I am notifying you that the Higher Education (Qualifying Courses and Qualifying Persons) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 ('the Regulations') will come into force on 31 March 2026, less than 21 days after it has been laid. A copy of the instrument and the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies it are attached for your information.

The Higher Education (Qualifying Courses and Qualifying Persons) (Wales) Regulations 2026 ('the QCP Regulations'), specify qualifying courses and qualifying persons in connection with the regulation of tuition fee under the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022.

Whilst the Welsh language text of the QCP Regulations is accurate, an error has been identified in regulation 3 of the English language text, which sets out a list of courses that could be a qualifying course.

The error consists of a duplication of "a course for the Diploma of Higher Education" and as a consequence of this duplicate entry, the English language text of the QCP Regulations does not include a reference to 'a course for the Higher National Diploma or Higher National Certificate of the Business & Technician Education Council, or the Diploma in Management Studies'

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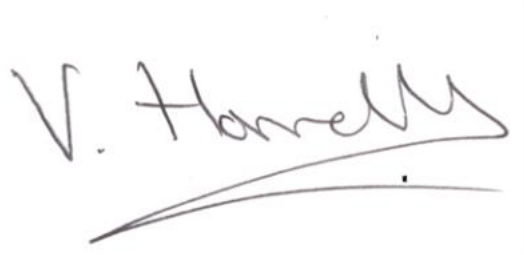
Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The Regulations will come into force before 21 days have elapsed. The Regulations are being brought into force before 1 April 2016 (the date on which the QCP Regulations come into force) to ensure there the error is corrected before the QCP Regulations come into force.

I am copying this letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip, Mike Hedges MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Julian Luke, Director of Senedd Business, Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Services, and Marc Wyn Jones, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Howells', with a long, sweeping underline stroke.

Vikki Howells AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Addysg Bellach ac Uwch
Minister for Further and Higher Education