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Dear Colleagues

I am writing to you all as Awarding Bodies currently offering initial teacher education qualifications in the Further Education and Skills sector: The Award, Certificate and/or Diploma in Education and Training. We propose the extension by all Awarding Bodies of these qualifications to 31 July 2020.

Whilst this is the second such extension we are mindful that the context for these qualifications is still emerging and it is possibly premature to review them at this point. Additionally our enquiries have indicated that there is not a level of concern about these qualifications currently within the sector and they are regarded as generally remaining fit for purpose.

We are aware however that some areas have developed since the qualifications were first developed and we are inclined to address this by means of offering additional option units: we would look to develop these and then make them generally available. More information will follow about this in due course.

We will issue information about any future review process in advance of the review date to enable a reasonable consultation.

Best Wishes

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