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Dear Colleague

I am writing to you all as Awarding Bodies currently offering assessor and quality assurance qualifications in the Further Education and Skills sector. This letter follows on from a previous one of 22 August 2016.

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 do however propose to issue a note of guidance shortly which clarifies how we feel the qualifications can be best utilised at the moment: this will follow presently and be published on the FE Advice website, [www.feadvice.org.uk](http://www.feadvice.org.uk)

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

Best Wishes

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