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## Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update – Grading of Exams Summer 2020

Gavin Williamson MP, Secretary of State for Education, announced today that whilst exam paper sittings will not take place this summer, the DfE are ensuring that all candidates will receive a grade this August.

It is unclear how this will be implemented; therefore, we are assuming that grades will be based on ongoing assessments, mock exams and any coursework completed.

We have passed on this advice to our Distance Learning Provider partners. Anyone that is with a Distance Learning Provider should contact them directly to ensure that your learning has satisfied their criteria to provide us with any predicted grade.

We are currently seeking further clarification; however, we strongly suggest that all our candidates that are working with tutors, DLP's or any other learning professional are collating their learning plans and ongoing assessments for the candidate.

If you have been self-teaching and not using an outside provider, again we may require you to pull together any evidence you have to support your claim for a grade within the subject entered for.

The Government are due to make a further announcement on exams and assessments arrangements tomorrow – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. We will hopefully have a clearer picture then.

Thank you for your understanding during these unprecedented times.

Chris

Chief Executive