

Title: Advanced notification of publication date of arrangements for the award and assessment of Access to HE Diplomas in 2021-22 for Access to HE course providers

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Dear Colleague

We are writing to let you know that we are finalising arrangements for the award and assessment of the Access to HE Diploma in 2021-22 and are consulting with a range of organisations about this, including a number of providers. We have drawn on the lessons learned from 2020-21 and are pleased to be taking many elements into 2021-22.

The experiences of 2020-21 have demonstrated the continued importance of ensuring that:

- every student studying an Access to HE Diploma during the pandemic has every opportunity to learn and be assessed and to achieve the award of the Diploma to facilitate progression into higher education
- all Access to HE Diploma students are dealt with consistently through a national approach.
- with guidance from QAA, provider, local and regional issues should be addressed within and between Access Validating Agencies (AVAs) in a consistent way to ensure students continue to receive fair and robust results and that you have the necessary support tools to manage the particular circumstances of 2021-22.

Collaboration with AVAs, DfE, Ofqual, Qualification Wales, UCAS and other organisations such as the Association of Colleges (AOC), ColegauCymru and the Black Further Education and Leadership Group (BFELG) has supported the development and application of the Access to HE Extraordinary Regulatory Framework since March 2020. We have valued this collaboration and will continue to collaborate and consult when managing the circumstances of 2021-22 and what they may bring.

QAA will be publishing the arrangements on 3 September.

We shall also be running a series of webinars for providers and students from the week commencing 6 September. The arrangements and booking details will be available from our [website](#). Please contact us on ahe@qaa.ac.uk if it would be helpful for QAA to run a bespoke session for your organisation

Yours faithfully

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