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To: The Principals of Post-primary Schools and Directors of Further and Higher Education - International Centres

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CCEA Regulation logo to be replaced with CCEA Awarding Organisation logo on certificates issued to candidates outside Northern Ireland

In December 2023 CCEA Awarding Organisation received legal advice that CCEA Regulation does not have the express power to regulate qualifications for persons outside Northern Ireland.

In order to comply with this advice, the awarding organisation will be required to remove the CCEA Regulation logo from those certificates issued to learners outside of Northern Ireland and replace with the CCEA Awarding Organisation logo.

A regulatory logo serves as a means of authentication and authorisation of the legitimacy of a qualification and its currency, and of compliance to the standards established for the delivery of the qualifications. In these circumstances, the absence of a regulatory logo on a certificate would not detract from CCEA, as an awarding organisation, delivering a qualification to the standards established for the jurisdiction of regulation which is registered and legitimate for GCE and GCSE qualifications.

This change will be introduced for those candidates who commence the study of a CCEA qualification from September 2024 onwards.

For those candidates who are currently studying CCEA qualifications, certificates will continue to be awarded with the CCEA Regulation logo.

See table below for information relating to the awarding of certificates.

	Logo to appear on certificate
First teaching September 2022 - Awarding in August 2024	CCEA Regulation
First teaching September 2023 - Awarding in August 2024	CCEA Regulation
First teaching September 2023 - Awarding in August 2025	CCEA Regulation
First teaching September 2023 – Awarding in August 2026 (Resits only)	CCEA Regulation
First teaching September 2024 onwards	CCEA Awarding Organisation

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