

Indicative sanctions against centres

Compliance with Signature and the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) requirements may be monitored on a planned or unplanned basis. In the event of cause for concern sanctions may be applied. It is not a prescriptive list and Sanctions will be at Signatures discretion

Broad reason for Sanction	Proposed Sanction
The centre has not complied with centre approval or other requirements but there is no actual threat to the integrity of assessment decisions.	Written warning
The centre has not complied with centre approval or other requirements which if left unchecked could lead to a threat to the integrity of assessment decisions, risking invalid claims to certification.	Review and report with possible action plan
A failure of the centre resulting in poor management of the candidates assessment	Additional monitoring or inspection
Loss of confidence in head of centre or senior management of the centre Breakdown in Quality Assurance arrangements for some or all accredited qualifications offered by the centre	Additional monitoring or inspection
Repeated breach of the regulations relating to a specific qualification or a breakdown in the management and quality assurance of a specific qualification	Withdrawal of centre approval for that specific qualification
Threat to the interest of candidates registered on the qualification	Suspension of candidates registrations
Loss of integrity of assessment decisions: danger of invalid claims for certification	Suspension of certification
Failure to co-operate with awarding body requests to investigate thoroughly suspected malpractice A failure to implement a specified action plan	Withdrawal of centre approval for all qualifications offered by Signature