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Dear Elin,

### **The Apprenticeships (Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales) (Modification) (Revocation) Order 2023**

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that this statutory instrument will come into force on 09 December 2023, less than 21 days after it has been laid. A copy of the instrument and the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies it are attached for your information.

On 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 the Minister for the Economy made the Apprenticeships (Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales) (Modification) Order 2023 ("the Modification Order"). The purpose of the Order was to make changes to the *Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales* ("the SASW") to support the Welsh Government's policy goals in respect of apprenticeships. The Order was laid at the Senedd on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The SASW specifies the requirements that must be met for recognised Welsh apprenticeship frameworks to be issued under section 19(1) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 ("the 2009 Act"). All apprentice frameworks must meet the requirements specified in the modified SASW to be a recognised Welsh framework issued under section 19(1) of the 2009 Act.

Upon receipt of a report from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee it became apparent that there were technical defects in the Order that would prevent it from working as intended. It is therefore necessary to revoke the Modification Order before it comes into force on the 11 December.

If the 21 day convention is adhered to, the Apprenticeships (Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales) (Modification) Order 2023 would come into force on 11 December with technical defects in SASW that would prevent the modifications working as intended.

Not adhering to the 21 day convention allows the Apprenticeships (Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales) (Modification) Order 2023 to be revoked and a new Order will be produced in the new year to implement the Welsh Government's policy intentions in respect of the SASW.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business, Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Vaughan Gething AS/MS**  
Gweinidog yr Economi  
Minister for Economy