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Dear Colleague

Following recent discussions, I am writing to notify you that we will be implementing a change to the period of student registration to QAA-recognised Access to HE Diplomas. From 01 September 2018 there will be a reduction in student registration period from 12 weeks to 6 weeks (42 days from student start date on programme). The regulations relating to student registration on units is unchanged.

We therefore expect each AVA to ensure that providers are notified of the change and are informed of the current practices adopted by the AVA with regards to unit registration.

The reduction in student registration period has been introduced to facilitate a change to the national benchmark currently observed by AVAs, and providers, as part of QAA's AVA monitoring methods. It is suggested that moving to a National Achievement Rate data set may provide greater opportunities to support Access to HE provision. By aligning the AVA student registration period, to that used by the funding bodies, it should be possible to reduce variations in data sets thereby helping QAA, local, and national statistics converge.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Mizon'.

Julie Mizon
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