

Media Release

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Committee *for* ESC responds to UK Government decision to halt exams

The Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture will provide clarity for students and parents in the Bailiwick as soon as further information is available, following yesterday's decision by the UK Government not to hold exams this summer.

It is not yet clear how the UK Government plans to manage and coordinate this situation but it will undoubtedly have an impact upon the Bailiwick. The Committee acknowledges that it is possible that other international awarding bodies may be affected by the impact of Covid-19 and is seeking further information which will also be shared as soon as it is available.

Ofqual (The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) regulates qualifications, examinations and assessments in England and released the following in response to the UK decision:

'We welcome the certainty that the Secretary of State's decision not to hold exams this summer provides in these challenging circumstances. We will now work urgently with the Department for Education to work through the detail of this decision and to provide more information as soon as possible.'

Deputy Matt Fallaize, President of the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture, said

'We note the decision of the UK Government that exams for this academic year will not go ahead, as part of its decision to indefinitely close schools. The Committee intends to provide clarity for students and parents in the Bailiwick as soon as further information is available and accepts that it is inevitable that there will be an impact on summertime exams due to be held in the Bailiwick this year. This is because our students sit many of the same exams as their UK contemporaries. While this clarity is sought, our focus locally must remain on adhering to the advice from Public Health Services and managing the current situation in relation to coronavirus.'

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