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Last week the Department for Education received confirmation from the Department of Health and Social Care that the full education and training exemption for Out-of-Schools Settings is only attached to library premises, community centres, theatres and concert halls from 8 March 2021.

The exemption has no age limit placed on it and covers activities with which students/candidates are engaged that meet the definition of education and training as laid out in the legislation summarised below. It also assumes that the premises can legally open for that purpose.

(h) activities provided by a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution or a public body for the purposes of—

(i) obtaining a regulated qualification, within the meaning of section 130 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009(54), or

(ii) meeting all or part of the entry requirements for an educational institution;

The Department for Education has confirmed that delivery of regulated qualifications is therefore permissible in the above settings as well as efforts to obtain a regulated qualification. We understand efforts to obtain a regulated qualification to mean indoor preparation for a regulated examination in the period preceding assessment. (Before returning to face-to-face examination preparation, please contact your local authority / trading standards to confirm whether this is permitted in your setting).

From 8 March 2021, indoor dance studios and sports facilities are only able to open for supervised activities for:

- **vulnerable children and young people**
- **other children, where the provision is reasonably necessary to enable their parents and carers to work, search for work, undertake education or training, or attend a medical appointment or address a medical need, or attend a support group.**

More information is available [here](#) on gov.uk.

Note that it is the Government's intention for Out-Of-School Settings and wraparound childcare providers to be able to offer provision as normal, to all children, from the start of the school summer term. This will be no earlier than 12 April and will be confirmed as part of Step 2 of the Covid-19 Response - Spring 2021.