Risk Level Descriptors

Very High	Serious concern needs to be addressed as soon as possible and/or risk sector	Serious impact on the reliability of the qualification	The learner and/or Qualifications Scotland Accreditation will be affected negatively	Effect is large scale and systemic and/or a recurring issue	The Awarding Body is failing to deliver effective services
High	Needs to be addressed quickly and/or risk sector	High impact upon the integrity of the qualification	High probability that the learner and/or SQA Accreditation will be negatively affected	Disruption could be systemic and/or is a recurring issue	High impact on the Awarding Body functioning effectively
Medium	Merits intervention and/or risk sector	Potential to damage the integrity of the qualification	Potential detriment to the learner and/or Qualifications Scotland Accreditation	Effects having minor impact upon other areas/processes	Possible impact upon Awarding Body operational delivery
Low	Merits intervention	Low threat to integrity of qualification	Low impact on the learner and/or Qualifications Scotland Accreditation	Disruption localized	Possible residual damage but could be easily resolved
Very Low	Minimal concern	Does not threaten integrity of qualification	No adverse effect on learner and/or Qualifications Scotland Accreditation reputation	Effect small-scale	No lasting damage once resolved

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