

University of Hertfordshire (UOH)

From: The Bar Standards Board
To: Programme Lead - Hertfordshire Law School
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I am writing to updating you on our work relating to the "5-Year Rule". As you may know, our Head of Professional Standards, who was leading on this work, left the organisation in early October. Following his departure, we are continuing to review the position and will be in contact with you in due course pertaining to any next steps.

In the interim, both [REDACTED] and I are your 'points of contact' relating to queries on the "5-Year Rule". We are happy to be contacted directly our e-mail addresses (please also copy in authorisations@barstandardsboard.org.uk).

We recognise that some students may already have reached, or be close to reaching, this time limit and be anxious about next steps. Our advice remains that any students who can undertake assessment or re-sits should do so at their next available opportunity and follow their provider's internal guidance and policies where relevant (e.g. on mitigating or extenuating circumstances).

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation, and please do let me know if you have any queries.