**Extension of the England Netball INTO Officiating Award due to COVID-19**

Attended an INTO course and not applied for INTO practical assessment

Learners have 2 years from the date that they attended an INTO course in which to take their practical assessment. This is being extended by 12 months from the recommencement of competition following the end of lockdown (date to be confirmed).

Application for INTO practical assessment

All applications for practical assessments that have already been submitted to a county organiser will remain valid. When competition recommences following the end of lock down (date to be confirmed), organisers will be required to arrange the INTO assessment within 3 months (currently 1 month).

Validity of the INTO award

The INTO award is currently valid for 4 years. This is being extended by 12 months from the recommencement of competition following the end of lockdown (date to be confirmed)

These timeframes have been extended to allow the candidates sufficient time to undertake relevant match umpiring in preparation for their practical assessment and to allow organisers sufficient time for the organisation of the assessment.

The County Umpiring Secretary will be maintaining a log of all amended timeframes and will contact individual learners with their new expiry dates once England Netball confirm restart date.