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To: ISPO Recognized and Accredited Education Programmes

In response to recent requests to review and endorse individual programme modification required by COVID-19, ISPO is unable to individually vet each proposed temporary programme change.

ISPO evaluates programmes on the basis of their normal operations and recognizes that all programmes are being forced to modify their curriculum/teaching plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Programs should use all means at their disposal to mitigate the effects and be prepared to provide ISPO with explanation and/or rationale for modifications in this extraordinary circumstance during their next annual report or scheduled audit.

The need for appropriately trained personnel to provide safe effective services has not changed, ISPO will continue to adhere to established standards but acknowledges that temporary changes may be necessary during these uncertain times.

ISPO cannot make specific recommendations as to how each programme can or should modify its curriculum or teaching plan. Generally programs should use a range of teaching methods and learning activities that have been shown to be effective when delivered online or other available means, until their normal programme plan can be restored.

All programmes should continue with scheduled submission of applications, fees and self-studies as the administrative process will continue throughout the restriction to onsite visits.

Sincerely,

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