

# REF2021 Survey: Proposed modifications to REF2021

**Introduction**

The purpose of this short survey is to gather views on proposed modifications to the REF 2021 exercise. Responses are invited from any organisation, group or individual with an interest in the conduct, quality, funding or use of research. The REF webinar held on 24 June outlined the proposed modifications; information about this webinar, and a brief overview of the proposals, can be found here: <https://www.ref.ac.uk/events/consultation-webinar-on-proposed-modifications-to-the-2021-research-excellence-framework/>.

The deadline for responses to the survey is noon, 8 July 2020.

The REF team will copy responses to the Department for the Economy, Northern Ireland, the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, Research England and the Scottish Funding Council.

We will publish a summary of responses. We may publish individual responses to the survey in the summary. Additionally, all responses may be disclosed on request, under the terms of the relevant Freedom of Information Acts across the UK. The Acts give a public right of access to any information held by a public authority, in this case the four UK funding bodies. We have a responsibility to decide whether any responses should be made public or treated as confidential. We can refuse to disclose information only in exceptional circumstances. This means that responses are unlikely to be treated as confidential except in very particular circumstances. For further information about the Acts see the Information Commissioner’s Office website, www.ico.gov.uk or, in Scotland, the website of the Scottish Information Commissioner www.itspublicknowledge.info/home/

Any personal data will be processed according to the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and UK Research and Innovation’s Privacy notice. If you provide personal data about other people in your response you should ensure that you have a lawful basis for doing so.

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**Respondent details**

**Please indicate who you are responding on behalf of: \***

*If you are providing the official response of your institution, organisation or group, please indicate that you are responding on behalf of that institution, organisation or group. If you are responding in a personal capacity, please indicate that you are responding “As an individual.”*

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|  | As an individual |
|  | Business |
|  | Charity |
|  | Department or research group |
|  | Higher Education Institution |
|  | Public sector organisation |
|  | Representative body |
|  | Subject association or learned society |
|  | Other (please specify):   |  | | --- | |  | |

**Please provide the name of your organisation. \***

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**If you would be happy to be contacted in the event of any follow-up questions, please provide a contact email address.**

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**Outputs**

**Q1: Taken as a whole, the proposed modifications for outputs are appropriate.**

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|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Neither agree nor disagree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Strongly agree |

Please provide any comments on your answer, including where applicable any considerations in relation to interdisciplinary research and/or equality and diversity (500 words):

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**Impact (REF 3)**

**Q2. The additional statement proposed for affected impact case studies is appropriate.**

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|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Neither agree nor disagree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Strongly agree |

Please provide any comments on your response (300 words):

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**Environment (REF4a/b/c, REF5a/b)**

**Q3. The proposed modifications for the environment are appropriate.**

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|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Neither agree nor disagree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Strongly agree |

Please provide any comments on your response (300 words):

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