

**Amendments to the UKTAG Guide to Phytobenthos in Rivers
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There are some amendments to the EQR boundaries for rivers (and lakes) in the July 2014 Method Statement. These have been corrected in the revised method statement published December 2014 ISBN: 978-1-906934-58-3. The correct values are shown in the table below.

Status class boundaries

To enable a confidence of class to be calculated for all 5 status classes it is necessary to make an arithmetic adjustment to the intercalibrated EQR boundary values, and the calculated EQRs, so that EQR values are constrained to a scale of 0 – 1. This is achieved by multiplying the intercalibrated boundary values, and the calculated EQR, by 0.8. Thus the operational boundary values are as shown below:

	Intercalibrated boundary	Normalised operational boundary
High/Good	1.00	0.80
Good/Moderate	0.75	0.60
Moderate/Poor	0.50	0.40
Poor/Bad	0.25	0.20