



To: Alex Scharaschkin, Responsible Officer, AQA Education

Notice of Costs Recovery

In accordance with its powers under section 152A(1) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (the 2009 Act), and pursuant to its obligations under section 152A(4) of the 2009 Act, the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation ("Ofqual") gives notice that having imposed a Monetary Penalty on the AQA Education ("AQA") it has decided to require AQA to pay Ofqual's costs in relation to imposing that penalty, in the sum of **£19,083** (the Costs).

Background

1. Ofqual may require a recognised body (an awarding organisation) on which a sanction has been imposed to pay the costs incurred by Ofqual in relation to imposing the sanction.
2. AQA is an awarding organisation regulated by Ofqual. On 29 January 2020, Ofqual imposed a sanction on AQA as defined at Section 152A(2) of the 2009 Act, in relation its reviews of marking and moderation 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Decision

3. The Ofqual Enforcement Committee has considered the costs incurred by Ofqual in relation to imposing a monetary penalty on AQA, and has decided that AQA should be required to pay the Costs.

Payment

4. AQA must pay the Costs within 28 days of the date of this Notice, in accordance with the Payment Instructions provided with this Notice.
5. In the event of non-payment, interest may be charged and the outstanding amount may be recovered as a debt, in accordance with Section 152C of the 2009 Act.

Appeals

6. AQA may appeal to the First Tier Tribunal in respect of Ofqual's decision to require it to pay Ofqual's costs and / or in respect of the amount of the Costs, in accordance with Section 152B of the 2009 Act.

7. An appeal may be made on the grounds:
 - a) That the decision was based on an error of fact;
 - b) That the decision was wrong in law;
 - c) That the decision was unreasonable.

8. Any appeal must be made within 28 days of the date of this Notice. Further information is available from HM Courts and Tribunals Service at:
<https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals/first-tier-tribunal-general-regulatory-chamber>.

Signed: F Wadsworth

Name: Frances Wadsworth
Chair of the Enforcement Committee
Date: 29 January 2020

Enforcement Committee:
Frances Wadsworth
Christine Ryan
David Wakefield

NOTE: Ofqual will publish this Notice on its website.