



To: Alex Scharaschkin, Responsible Officer, AQA Education

Notice of Monetary Penalty

In accordance with its powers under Section 151A(2) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, and pursuant to its obligations under Section 151A(4) and 151A(5) of that Act, the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation ("Ofqual") gives notice that it has imposed a Monetary Penalty in the sum of **£50,000** on AQA Education ("AQA") for the reasons set out below.

1. On 15 October 2019, a Notice of Intention to impose a Monetary Penalty was issued to AQA.
2. The Notice stated that the amount of the Monetary Penalty shall be **£50,000**.
3. Interested parties were given the opportunity to make representations in respect of Ofqual's proposal. No representations were received.

Final Decision

4. For the reasons set out in the Notice of Intention to impose a Monetary Penalty dated 15 October 2019, the Enforcement Committee has decided that AQA will be required to pay a Monetary Penalty in the sum of **£50,000**.

Payment

5. AQA must pay the Monetary Penalty within 28 days of the date of this Notice, in accordance with the Payment Instructions provided with this Notice.
6. In the event of non-payment, interest may be charged and the outstanding amount may be recovered as a debt, in accordance with section 151D of the 2009 Act.

Appeals

7. AQA may appeal to the First Tier Tribunal in respect of Ofqual's decision to impose the Monetary Penalty and / or in respect of the amount of that penalty, in accordance with section 151C of the 2009 Act.
8. 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.

9. 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/guidance/exam-boards-appeal-to-a-tribunal-against-a-monetary-penalty>.

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.