## Consultation on regulating Advanced Extension Awards

## How to respond to this consultation

The closing date for responses is **17:00 on** **7 March 2018**.

Please respond to this consultation in one of three ways:

* complete the online response (click ‘Respond online’) on our [consultation homepage](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/regulating-advanced-extension-awards)
* complete this response form and either:
* email your response to consultations@ofqual.gov.uk – please include *Regulating AEAs* in the subject line of the email and make clear who you are and in what capacity you are responding
* post your response to: Regulating AEAs, Ofqual, Spring Place, Herald Avenue, Coventry, CV5 6UB, making clear who you are and in what capacity you are responding
* **We can only consider your response if you fill in the ‘About you’ section at the end of the document.**

## How we will use your response

1. Your response will be used to help us shape our policies and regulatory activity.
2. After the consultation ends, we will publish a summary of responses received.
3. We will not include your personal details in any published list of respondents, although we may quote from your response anonymously.

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation and you are happy for Ofqual to attribute your response in our publications to your organisation, please provide the name of your organisation below.

**Organisation name:**

## Sharing your response

We may share your anonymised response with the Department for Education.

## The information you provide in response to our consultations, including personal information, may need to be disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998.

## Confidentiality and contacting you

To maintain your confidentiality, you are not required to provide your name or any information that will identify you. However, Ofqual may sometimes follow-up responses received. If you are happy to be contacted with regard to your response please complete the details below.

**Name:**

**Position (if applicable):**

**Telephone number:**

**Email:**

# Consultation questions

## Maintaining comparability with previous qualifications

**Question 1:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that we should continue to require AEAs to be accessible to students who have taken an A level in the corresponding subject, without requiring further study or learning?

[ ] Strongly agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Neither agree nor disagree
[ ] Disagree
[ ] Strongly disagree

Please explain your reasons

**Question 2:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that we should continue to require AEAs to be more demanding than the corresponding A level, requiring students to demonstrate a greater depth of understanding?

[ ] Strongly agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Neither agree nor disagree
[ ] Disagree
[ ] Strongly disagree

Please explain your reasons

**Question 3:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that we should continue to require AEAs to have two passing grades – Merit and Distinction?

[ ] Strongly agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Neither agree nor disagree
[ ] Disagree
[ ] Strongly disagree

Please explain your reasons

## Reflecting A level reform

**Question 4:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that we should only permit AEAs in subjects where there is at least one A level offered in England?

[ ] Strongly agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Neither agree nor disagree
[ ] Disagree
[ ] Strongly disagree

Please explain your reasons

**Question 5:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that future AEAs should be based on the DfE’s subject content for the corresponding A level?

[ ] Strongly agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Neither agree nor disagree
[ ] Disagree
[ ] Strongly disagree

Please explain your reasons

**Question 6:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that future AEAs should reflect the assessment objectives we have set for the corresponding A level, but with a greater emphasis on the skills of analysis and evaluation?

[ ] Strongly agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Neither agree nor disagree
[ ] Disagree
[ ] Strongly disagree

Please explain your reasons

**Question 7:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that – in line with reformed A levels – future AEAs should use exam assessment, with non-exam assessment only used in subjects where we have expressly permitted it?

[ ] Strongly agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Neither agree nor disagree
[ ] Disagree
[ ] Strongly disagree

Please explain your reasons

## Securing standards

**Question 8:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that we should set rules for setting grade boundaries in AEAs that require exam boards to use the same high-level approach we have adopted for reformed A levels?

[ ] Strongly agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Neither agree nor disagree
[ ] Disagree
[ ] Strongly disagree

Please explain your reasons

## Our proposed rules and guidance

**Question 9:** Do you have any comments on our proposed Conditions and requirements for AEAs?

**Question 10:** Do you have any comments on our proposed guidance for AEAs?

## Impact of our proposals

**Question 11:** We have not identified any material impacts (either on persons who share a protected characteristic, or more widely) which would result from our proposed changes. Are there any potential impacts we have not identified?

[ ] Yes
[ ] No

**Question 12:** Are there any costs or benefits associated with our proposals which we have not identified?

[ ] Yes
[ ] No

**Question 13:** Are there any additional steps we could take to mitigate any negative impacts resulting from these proposals?

[ ] Yes
[ ] No

**Question 14:** Do you have any further comments on the impacts of the proposals?

[ ] Yes
[ ] No

If ‘Yes’, please provide further details:

# About you

To evaluate responses properly, we need to know in what capacity you are responding to the consultation. We will only consider your response if you complete the following section. Questions marked with a **\*** are required.

**Organisation (if applicable): \***

**Is this a personal response or an official response on behalf of your organisation? \***

[ ] Personal response (please answer the question ‘If you ticked ‘Personal response’’)

[ ] Official response (please answer the question ‘If you ticked ‘Official response’’)

**If you ticked ‘Personal response’, which of the following are you? \***

[ ] Student

[ ] Parent or carer

[ ] Teacher (but responding in a personal capacity)

[ ] Other, including general public (please state below)

**If you ticked ‘Official response’, which of the following are you? \***

[ ] Awarding organisation

[ ] Local authority

[ ] School or college (please answer the question ‘School or college type‘ below)

[ ] Academy chain

[ ] Private training provider

[ ] University or other higher education institution

[ ] Employer

[ ] Other representative or interest group (please answer the question ‘Type of representative group or interest group’below)

**School or college type**

[ ] Comprehensive or non-selective academy

[ ] State selective or selective academy

[ ] Independent

[ ] Special school

[ ] Further education college

[ ] Sixth form college

[ ] Other (please state below)

**Type of representative group or interest group**

[ ] Group of awarding organisations

[ ] Union

[ ] Employer or business representative group

[ ] Subject association or learned society

[ ] Equality organisation or group

[ ] School, college or teacher representative group

[ ] Other (please state below)

**Nation\***

[ ] England

[ ] Wales

[ ] Northern Ireland

[ ] Scotland

[ ] Other EU country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Non-EU country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How did you find out about this consultation?**

[ ] Ofqual’s newsletter

[ ] Ofqual’s social media channels

[ ] Other social media channels

[ ] Ofqual’s website

[ ] Internet search

[ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_