## Consultation on Conditions, guidance and requirements for Ofqual-regulated Apprenticeship End Point Assessments

## How to respond to this consultation

The closing date for responses is **Friday 4 May 2018 at 17:00**.

Please respond to this consultation in one of three ways:

* [complete the online response](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/regulating-apprenticeship-end-point-assessments) (click ‘Respond online’) on our consultation homepage
* complete this response form and either:
* email your response to [consultations@ofqual.gov.uk](mailto:consultations@ofqual.gov.uk) – please include *Regulating Apprenticeship End Point Assessments* 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 Apprenticeship End Point Assessments*, 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

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| Q1: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to provide end-point assessment specific guidance in relation to conflicts of interest covering the areas set out?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| Q2: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to apply an end-point assessment specific version of Condition B3, covering the areas set out?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |

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| Q3: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to put in place end-point assessment specific guidance setting out when Condition C2 will, and will not, apply to end-point assessments?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| Q4: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to put in place end-point assessment specific guidance setting out the need, as part of keeping its qualifications under review, to have regard to the Institute’s reviews and feedback?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |

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| Q5: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to disapply Condition E1 in respect of end-point assessments?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| Q6: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to set a Condition requiring compliance with assessment plans?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| Q7: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to put in place an end-point assessment specific Condition on the completion of gateway requirements?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |

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| Q8: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to disapply Condition E7 in respect of end-point assessments?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| Q9: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to disapply Condition E8 in respect of end-point assessments?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| Q10: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to put in place end-point assessment specific guidance about the titling of end-point assessments?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |

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| Q11: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to continue to require end-point assessment organisations to publish specifications for end-point assessments?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| Q12: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to produce end-point assessment specific guidance setting out how Condition E3 applies in respect of end-point assessments?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| Q13: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to no longer suspend Conditions E3.2(l), E3.4(a) and E3.4(c)?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |

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| Q14: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to put in place an end-point assessment specific Condition to require the level of the end-point assessment to match that of the apprenticeship standard?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| Q15: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to put in place end-point assessment specific guidance setting out how an end-point assessment organisation should comply with Conditions D1, E4 and G1 relating to ensuring assessments that are set are fit for purpose and can be delivered?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| Q16: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to put in place an end-point assessment specific Condition to require end-point assessment organisations to provide materials for the purposes of Ofqual’s evaluation and to take any actions specified by Ofqual as a result?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| Q17: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to put in place end-point assessment specific guidance setting out how an end-point assessment organisation should comply with Conditions H1 and H2 in relation to marking and moderation?  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| **Q18: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to put in place end-point assessment specific guidance for Condition H6 on issuing results for end-point assessments?**  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| **Q19: To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to disapply Conditions I3 and I4 in respect of end-point assessments?**  [ ] Strongly agree [ ] Agree [ ] Neither agree nor disagree [ ] Disagree [ ] Strongly disagree  Please provide any comments: |
| **Q20: We have set out the ways in which our proposals could impact (positively or negatively) on learners who share a protected characteristic. Are there any potential impacts that we have not identified?** |
| **Q21: Are there any additional steps we could take to mitigate any negative impact, resulting from our proposals, on learners who share a protected characteristic?** |
| **Q22: Do you have any other comments on the impacts of our proposals on learners who share a protected characteristic?** |
| **Q23: We have not identified any ways in which our proposals will unduly increase the regulatory impact on end-point assessment organisations. Do you have any comments on this assessment?** |
| **Q24: Are there any additional steps we could take to reduce the regulatory impact of our proposals?** |
| **Q25: Are there any costs or benefits associated with our proposals which we have not identified?** |
| **Q26: We have not identified any ways in which our proposals will prevent innovation by end-point assessment organisations. Do you have any comments on this assessment?** |
| **Q27: Do you have any comments on our proposed End-point assessment Qualification Level Conditions?** |
| **Q28: Do you have any comments on our proposed End-point assessment Qualification Level Guidance?** |

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_