

Ofqual Board

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Title:
Matters arising from past Board meetings

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Paper for information

open paper (*items in italic closed*)



Issue

1. To update the Board on progress with actions/matters arising from past Board meetings.

Recommendation

2. The Board is recommended to note the position on past actions.

Background

3. The table below sets out actions agreed at past meetings of the Ofqual Board and progress/plans to achieve these:-

Date/Minute	Action	Update
11/12 16 May 2012	<u>Annual Reports to Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly</u> Clarification on the position on the report to the Northern Ireland Assembly now that the report to Parliament for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 December 2014 had been laid.	The report to the Northern Ireland Assembly had been published on Friday 3 July 2015.

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91/14 28 Jan 2015	<p><u>Consultation on proposals for a new qualifications framework and post-QCF conditions and guidance</u></p> <p>The proposals for a new qualifications framework should be subject to a 12-week public consultation. Approval of the form and content of that consultation was delegated to the Chief Regulator, in consultation with the Chair.</p>	<p>The consultation had closed on 17 June 2015 and recommendations on decisions arising from it are included in the paper at item 26/15.</p>
92/14 28 Jan 2015	<p><u>Guided Learning Hours: decisions following the consultation</u></p> <p>The introduction of the new RPA Criteria, changes to proposed new Condition E7, TQT Criteria and the existing Condition E3 are consulted on in the context of the proposals for a qualifications framework and changes arising from withdrawal of the QCF. Authority delegated to the Chief Executive to sign-off the proposals for consultation.</p>	<p>The consultation had closed on 17 June 2015 and recommendations on decisions arising from it are included in the paper at item 26/15.</p>
115/14 25 March 2015	<p><u>General Qualifications Update: resit arrangements for outgoing GCSE, AS and A level specifications</u></p> <p>Proposals were agreed for consultation in May 2015.</p>	<p>Drafting of the consultation document is nearing completion and the consultation will start soon.</p>
116/14 25 March 2015	<p><u>New approach to the regulation of National Assessments</u></p> <p>The proposed changes were agreed for public consultation</p>	<p>The approach to the regulation of National Assessments was being reconsidered in light of the review of decision making at Ofqual. The next steps would be determined when this work was complete.</p>

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4/15 20 May 2015	<u>Chief Executive's Report – GCSE Maths Research</u> The report on the findings of the GCSE maths research project would be published the following day.	The research findings had been published on 21 May 2015. Revised GCSE maths sample assessment materials had been published by the exam boards on 30 June 2015.
5/15 20 May 2015	<u>Chief Operating Officer's Report</u> Work was under way to prepare Ofqual's CSR submission. If decision on this was needed before the next Board meeting a teleconference would be called.	An update is included in the Chief Operating Officer's report at item 24/15. The Finance Committee received an update on this at its meeting on 24 July.
6/15 20 May 2015	<u>Vocational Qualifications Update</u> Ofqual should enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education.	Ofqual has met with the Office of the Independent Adjudicator and work is now under way to agree the detail of the agreement.
7/15 20 May 2015	This item has been redacted as its publication could be prejudicial to the effective conduct of public affairs	
7/15 20 May 2015	<u>General Qualifications Update – post accreditation adjudication process</u> The Board agreed to take its decision on this process by electronic business.	An alternative approach was now proposed. An update on this is included as part of item 28/15.
7/15 20 May 2015	<u>General Qualifications Update – subject content for reformed subjects for first teaching in 2017</u>	

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	Final decisions on the appropriateness of the proposed subject content for regulation would be taken by electronic business.	The Board had taken a decision on the subject content for Design and Technology on 30 June 2015. The decision on the remaining subjects was taken on 15 July 2015.
7/15 20 May 2015	<u>General Qualifications Update – assessment arrangements for reformed subjects for first teaching in 2017</u> The Board delegated the authority to take decisions on the assessment arrangements for subjects to be reformed for first teaching in 2017 for consultation to the Chief Regulator in consultation with the Chair.	Our consultation on assessment arrangements was published on 16 July 2015. There is an update on issues around this in paper 28/15.
7/15 20 May 2015	<u>General Qualifications Update – Investigation into OCR summer 2014 awarding</u> It was proposed to publish the final report of the investigation and consideration was being given to the timing of this.	Discussions with OCR are still under way in relation to the publication of the investigation report.
17/15 18 June 2015	<u>2014/15 Annual Report and Accounts</u> The 2014/15 Annual Report and Accounts was approved for signature by the Accounting Officer, subject to the finalisation of the outstanding items.	The annual report and accounts had been signed by the Accounting Officer on 1 July 2015 and were laid before Parliament on 15 July 2015.

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Paper to be published	YES – after the meeting (item in italics to be redacted before publication as its publication could be prejudicial to the effective conduct of public affairs).
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ANNEXES: NONE