

Agenda

Ofqual Board – 62nd Meeting

Date and Time:

Wednesday 27 July 2016 – 09:30 – 15:45

Venue:

Room 4, Spring Place, Herald Avenue, Coventry, CV5 6UB



19/16 09:30 – **Welcome and apologies for absence**

20/16 **Declarations of Interest**

21/16 09:35 – **Minutes** of the meetings held on 18 May 2016 and 22 June
(*open*) (**attached**)

- **matters arising** from past meetings of the Board (**attached**)
(*open*)

Reporting

22/16 09:45 – **Chief Regulator’s Update**

Paper by the Chief Executive (**attached**) (*open paper*)

To note the paper and consider any issues arising from it.

23/16 10:05 – **Chief Operating Officer’s Report**

Paper by the Chief Operating Officer (**attached**) (*open paper – closed annex*)

To note the paper and consider any issues arising from it.

10:30 - 10:40 - break

24/16 10:40 – National Reference Test

Paper by the Director, National Reference Test Project and the Standards Chair **(attached)** *(open paper)*

To consider whether to proceed with the National Reference Test.

Strategy Risk and Research

25/16 11:25 – Strategy, Risk and Research Update

Paper by the Executive Director for Strategy Risk and Research **(attached)** *(open paper)*

To receive an update on strategy risk and research matters.

26/16 11:45 – Decisions following consultation on ‘Setting the grade standards of new GCSEs in England – part 2’

Joint paper **(attached)** *(closed paper)*

To consider the outcome of the consultation on GCSE grading and take decisions on this matter.

Vocational Qualifications and Regulatory Policy

27/16 12:15 – Vocational Qualifications Update

Paper by the Executive Director for Vocational Qualifications **(attached)** *(open paper with parts closed)*

To receive an update on vocational qualifications matters.

12:35 – 13:20 - lunch

28/16 13:20 – The Government’s Post-16 Skills Plan

Paper by the Executive Director for Vocational Qualifications **(attached)** *(closed paper)*

To receive an update on issues around technical education policy.

Strategic Regulatory Decisions

29/16 14:05 – Regulatory Strategy

Paper by the Executive Director for Strategy Risk and Research
(attached) *(closed paper)*

To consider Ofqual's regulatory strategy.

General Qualifications

30/16 15:05 – General Qualifications Update

Paper by the Executive Director for General Qualifications **(attached)**
(open paper)

To receive an update on general qualification matters.

Governance

31/16 15:25 – Report on the work of board committees

Paper by the Board Secretary **(attached)** *(closed paper)*

To receive an update on the work of Board Committees.

32/16 15:35 – Changes to Board Committee appointments

Paper by the Board Secretary **(attached)** *(open paper)*

To make changes to appointments to Board Committees.

33/16 Publication of Papers

To agree that the open papers for this board meeting should be published.

34/16 15:40 – Other Business

To consider any items of other business.

35/16 Date of Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday 28 September 2016.

Attendees

Ofqual Board

Tim Balcon

Sally Collier

Mike Cresswell

Maggie Galliers

Anne Heal

Barnaby Lenon

Dana Ross-Wawrzynski

Terri Scott

Amanda Spielman Chair

Roger Taylor

Tom Taylor

Neil Watts

Julius Weinberg

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Marc Baker Chief Operating Officer

Jeremy Benson Executive Director for Vocational Qualifications

Michelle Meadows Executive Director for Strategy, Risk & Research

Natalie Prosser Director of Legal

Chris Shadforth Associate Director, Communications

Julie Swan Executive Director for General Qualifications

Alison Townsend Board Secretary