

# Ofqual Board

## Paper 38(ii)/16

**Date:**  
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**Title:**  
Matters arising from past Board meetings

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### 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
27/15 29 July 2015	<u>Reasonable adjustments &amp; Ofqual's specifications under Section 96 Equality Act 2010</u> Ofqual should consult in Sept 2015 on the retention of existing specifications made under s96 Equality Act 2010.	Matter is on the Agenda for this Board Meeting at item 45/16
80/15 23 March 2016	<u>Managing Enforcement Issues</u> Further work to be done to develop the alternative approach to enforcement.	Matter now to be brought to Board in November

<b>Date/Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>
8/16 18 May 2016	<u>Vocational Qualifications Update</u> The Board agreed that Ofqual should enter into a Memorandum of Association with CCEA.	Due to be signed in November
9/16 18 May 2016	<u>General Qualifications Update</u> The Board agree that the decision on whether the proposed content for low take-up languages can be effectively regulated should be taken by electronic business.	<i>This paragraph has been redacted as its publication would be prejudicial to the effective conduct of public affairs</i>
24/16 27 July 2016	<u>National Reference Test</u> Board approved introduction of NRT for next 4 years & confirmed the Chief Operating Officer has authority approve variations to agreement with NFER provided any charges can be met by Ofqual and there is no exposure to greater risk.	Announcement in respect of NRT was made on 02 Sept 16.
26/16 27 July 2016	<u>Decisions following consultation on 'Setting the grade Standards of new GCSE's pt 2</u> It was noted that further technical work will be carried out with the exam boards to confirm the detailed implementation of the proposals prior to confirming Ofqual's position in regulatory documents	Consultation response and decisions published on 7 September
29/16 27 July 2016	<u>Regulatory Strategy</u> The Board agreed that a board member workshop would be arranged to consider potential scenarios and options to inform further discussions on this matter.	Workshop took place on 09 September 2016

Paper to be published	YES – after the meeting
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**ANNEXES:** NONE