

Agenda

Ofqual Board – 49th Meeting

Date and Time:

Wednesday 28 January 2015 – 10:00 – 16:00

Venue:

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



85/14 10:00 – **Welcome and apologies for absence**

86/14 **Declarations of Interest**

87/14 10:05 – **Minutes** of the meeting held on 3 December 2014 (*published in part*) **(attached)**

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

Reporting

88/14 10:15 – **Chief Executive’s Report**

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

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

11:15 – 11:30 – break

89/14 11:30 – Chief Operating Officer’s Report

Paper by the Chief Operating Officer **(attached)** *(open)*

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

Vocational Qualifications and Regulatory Policy

90/14 12:00 – Vocational Qualifications Update

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

To receive an update on general qualifications matters.

12:20 – 13:20 – lunch

91/14 13:20 – Consultation on proposals for a new qualifications framework and post-QCF conditions and guidance

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

To consider proposals for a new framework for all (Ofqual) regulated qualifications and a consultation on this.

92/14 13:45 – Guided Learning Hours: decisions following the consultation

Paper by the Regulatory Development Manager (Regulatory Development) **(attached)** *(open)*

To take decisions on guided learning hours in the light of Ofqual’s consultation on this matter.

General Qualifications

93/14 14:10 – General Qualifications Update

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

To receive an update on general qualification matters.

14:30 – 14:45 – break

94/14 14:45 – National Reference Tests

Paper by the National Reference Test Project Director (**attached**)
(*closed*)

To agree if Ofqual should introduce National Reference Tests.

95/14 15:30 – Content and assessment arrangements for GCSE, AS and A level qualifications to be first taught in 2016 – part two

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

To take decisions on the subject content and assessment arrangements in the light of consultations by Ofqual and DfE.

Governance

96/14 15:55 – Report on the Work of Board Committees

Paper by the Board Secretariat Manager (**attached**) (*closed*)

To receive an update on the work of Board Committees.

97/14 Publication of Papers

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

98/14 16:00 – Other Business

To consider any items of other business.

99/14 Date of Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday 25 March 2015.
There will be a Board strategy day on Friday 27 February 2015.

Attendees

Ofqual Board

Tim Balcon

Ray Coughlin (apologies)

Mike Cresswell

Philip Fletcher

Maggie Galliers

Anne Heal

Barnaby Lenon

Dana Ross-Wawrzynski

Amanda Spielman Chair

Glenys Stacey

Roger Taylor

Tom Taylor

Neil Watts

Julius Weinberg

Ofqual

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

Alison Townsend Board Secretariat Manager