

Agenda

Ofqual Board – 54th Meeting

Date and Time:

Wednesday 29 July – 10:00 – 15:30

Venue:

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



NOTES: (i) There will be a 20 minute Board only session between 10:00 and 10:20

(ii) Lorna Unwin, Institute of Education, will join the Board at 10:20 to discuss the history and context around apprenticeships (1 hour)

(iii) The agenda timings below allow for a short comfort break after the discussion at (ii) and the start of the formal meeting

20/15 11:30 – Welcome and apologies for absence

21/15 Declarations of Interest

22/15 11:35 – Minutes of the meetings held on 20 May and 18 June 2015
(*published in part*) (**attached**)

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

Reporting

23/15 11:45 – Chief Executive’s Report

Paper by the Chief Executive (**attached**) (*open – appendices 1-4 closed*)

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

12:30 – 13:15 – lunch

24/15 13:15 – 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

25/15 13:35 – Vocational Qualifications Update

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

To receive an update on vocational qualifications matters.

26/15 13:55 – After the QCF: a new qualifications framework and post QCF conditions and guidance

Paper by the Associate Director Regulatory and Vocational Qualifications Policy (**attached**) (*closed*)

To agree the rules and guidance to be put in place after the QCF is withdrawn.

27/15 14:15 – Reasonable adjustments and Ofqual’s specifications under Section 96 of the Equality Act 2010

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

To agree proposals for consultation

General Qualifications

28/15 14:35 – General Qualifications Update

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

To receive an update on general qualification matters.

29/15 14:55 – National Reference Tests

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

To consider the design of the tests and an update on discussions with stakeholders.

Governance

30/15 15:15 – 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.

31/15 Publication of Papers

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

32/15 15:25 – Other Business

To consider any items of other business.

33/15 Date of Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday 23 September 2015.

Looking forward there will be a Board strategy day on Friday 9 October 2015.

Attendees

Ofqual Board

Tim Balcon

Mike Cresswell

Philip Fletcher

Maggie Galliers

Anne Heal

Barnaby Lenon

Dana Ross-Wawrzynski

Terri Scott

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

Ian Stockford

Executive Director for General Qualifications

Alison Townsend

Board Secretary