

27 June 2017

Office of Qualifications
and Examinations Regulation
Spring Place
Coventry Business Park
Herald Avenue
Coventry CV5 6UB

Telephone 0300 303 3344
Textphone 0300 303 3345
public.enquiries@ofqual.gov.uk
www.gov.uk/ofqual

Our Ref: RO54/2017

Dear Responsible Officer

Regulation of end-point-assessments

I am writing to you regarding Ofqual's regulation of the end-point assessments (EPAs) for reformed ('standards') apprenticeships. We have decided to treat EPAs as a specific 'description of a qualification'. The effect of this decision is that no regulated awarding organisation will currently have any EPAs within its scope of recognition and should not put them on the Register. We have made EPA a distinct 'qualification type' on the Register.

We have confirmed previously that where we are part of the external quality assurance (EQA) for the EPAs in a given apprenticeship standard, we will regulate those EPAs as qualifications¹. To implement this, any awarding organisation seeking to offer EPAs against these standards must now apply to bring those EPAs within its scope of recognition. The purpose of this letter is to explain what you should now do in those cases where you wish to bring a particular EPA into your scope of recognition.

The schedule attached as an annex to this letter indicates those standards where our EQA role is confirmed. You should request your extension on a standard by standard basis rather than requesting blanket extension to cover all EPAs. Where we subsequently take on an EQA role against additional standards, you will need to expand your recognition further as necessary.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/regulation-of-new-apprenticeship-end-point-assessments>.

For standards where we are not involved in the EQA, you may still want us to regulate your EPA. However, this regulation would be in addition to the assurance activity of the nominated EQA. Consequently, this would likely cause duplicative burden for you as oversight would be required from two bodies; you may therefore not wish to pursue this option.

The process for applying to extend your recognition is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-to-have-your-qualifications-regulated#apply-to-offer-more-qualifications>.

We would ask that when you apply to expand your scope of recognition, you provide us with information, for each of the EPAs that would be in your scope of recognition, regarding:

- i) anticipated/confirmed registrations/entries for these EPAs, together with details of how these relate to your annual certifications overall; and
- ii) an indication of how advanced each EPA is in terms of its development.

This additional information will allow us to take into account your existing scope of recognition, streamlining the process to minimise burden and completing the process as swiftly as possible. We hope to make a decision on your submissions within 15 working days.

When you have completed the process and developed your assessments, you should then add those EPAs for which you are recognised to the Register. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us at apprenticeships@ofqual.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Beach'.

Phil Beach

Executive Director for Vocational and Technical Qualifications

Annex

List of Apprenticeship standards where Ofqual is the EQA provider

As of 22 June 2017, these standards are as follows:

Land-based Service Engineering Technician	Level 3
Land-based Service Engineer	Level 2
Mineral Processing Mobile and Static Plant Operator	Level 2
Probate Technician	Level 4
Creative Venue Technician	Level 3
Hair Professional	Level 2
Beauty Professional	Level 2
Children Young People and Families - Manager	Level 5
Children Young People and Families - Practitioner	Level 4
Arborist	Level 2
Forest Operative	Level 2
Horticulture Landscape Operative	Level 2
Licensed Conveyancer	Level 6
Conveyancing Technician	Level 4
Golf Greenkeeper	Level 2
Healthcare Support Worker	Level 2
Healthcare Assistant Practitioner	Level 5
Senior Healthcare Support Worker	Level 3
Heavy Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician	Level 3
Bus and Coach Engineering Technician	Level 3
Bus and Coach Engineering Manager	Level 4
Customer Service Practitioner	Level 2