

Ofqual Board

Paper 24/17

Date:
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Title:
Matters arising from past Board meetings

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Paper for information

Open paper

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
76/16 17 May 2017	<u>Functional Skills Reform</u> It was agreed that a Committee would be established to consider recommendations	The formation of a sub-committee on Functional Skills was proposed between the July and September Board meetings however an update regarding the content and approach will be brought to the September Board.
88/16 17 May 2017	<u>VTQ/ Functional Skills</u> The Board commented that as there are many qualifications it would be helpful to map out qualifications and provide how they fit in to the system, which level they	An updated qualifications diagram describing the qualification landscape will be provided at the July Board.

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	are, and who/which career path they are targeted to.	
88/16 17 May 2017	<u>NRT</u> The Board asked if a Report on the National Reference Test (NRT) could be provided by NFER.	A report updating the Board on the National Reference Test Project will be submitted to the July Board.
90/16 17 May 2017	<u>Regulating Apprenticeships</u> The Board agreed to review the recognition process to become an awarding organisation specifically in relation to those wishing to provide Apprenticeship End Point Assessments. This might result in a narrower, proportionate process although the bar would remain as high.	A paper updating the Board on the work that the VTQ Directorate has conducted on Apprenticeships will be submitted to the July Board.
05/17 17 May 2017	<u>National Assessments</u> It was agreed that a detailed briefing on National Assessments would be provided to the July Board.	An update will be provided in the Strategy Risk and Research paper and a paper on Ofqual's Regulatory Framework for National Assessments will also be provide to the July Board.
06/17 17 May 2017	<u>Applied Generals</u> It was recommended that it would be useful to provide a chronology of events relating to the Applied Generals to new members of the Board and it was agreed that this would be revisited at the July Board <small>This section has been redacted, as its publication would be prejudicial to the effective conduct of public affairs.</small>	A report on the history and current position on Applied Generals will be provided to the July Board.

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08/17 17 May 2017	<u>Summer 2017 Exam Series</u> The Board was advised that the exam boards handling of any issues arising relating to the summer exams was being closely monitored.	An update on the monitoring that is currently taking place will be provided in the General Qualifications update paper to the July Board.
08/17 17 May 2017	<u>Piloting of different approaches to assessment</u> The Board welcomed the work that was underway to develop a framework within which pilots could be run and it was agreed that an update on this would be provided at the July Board.	An initial proposal for a framework for piloting in Generals Qualifications is provided to the July Board in the General Qualifications update paper for discussion.
10/17 20 June 2017	<u>Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Annual Report</u> It was agreed that the Annual Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Annual Report would be brought to the June Board for sign off.	It was agreed at the Joint Audit and Risk Assurance Committee and Finance Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2017 that this would now be brought to the July Board for sign off.

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