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# **Regulating vocational and technical qualifications**

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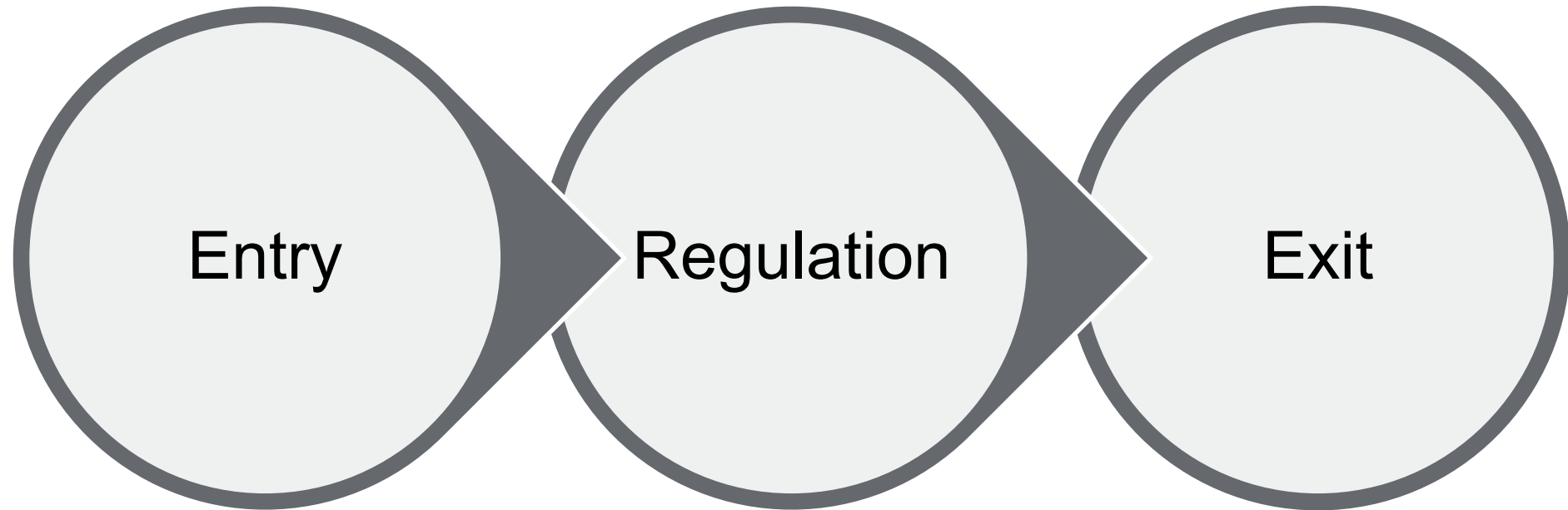
# Agenda

- Our aims
- Our plans to monitor the delivery and performance of VTQs in 2018/19
- Our interaction with you

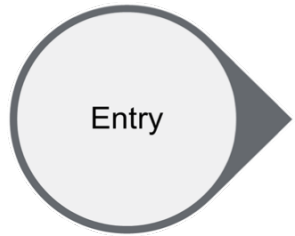
# Our aims

- For all vocational qualifications:
  - regulate for validity and safe delivery
  - proactively address the greatest entity and systemic threats
  
- For national technical and vocational qualifications:
  - regulate and reform to ensure validity and safe delivery
  - play our part in achieving a coherent market
  
- Make the best use of all our regulatory tools:
  - strike the right balance between prevention and mitigation; and between improvement and enforcement

# Our programme of work in 2018

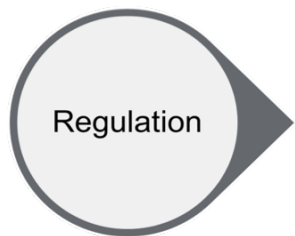


# Recognition



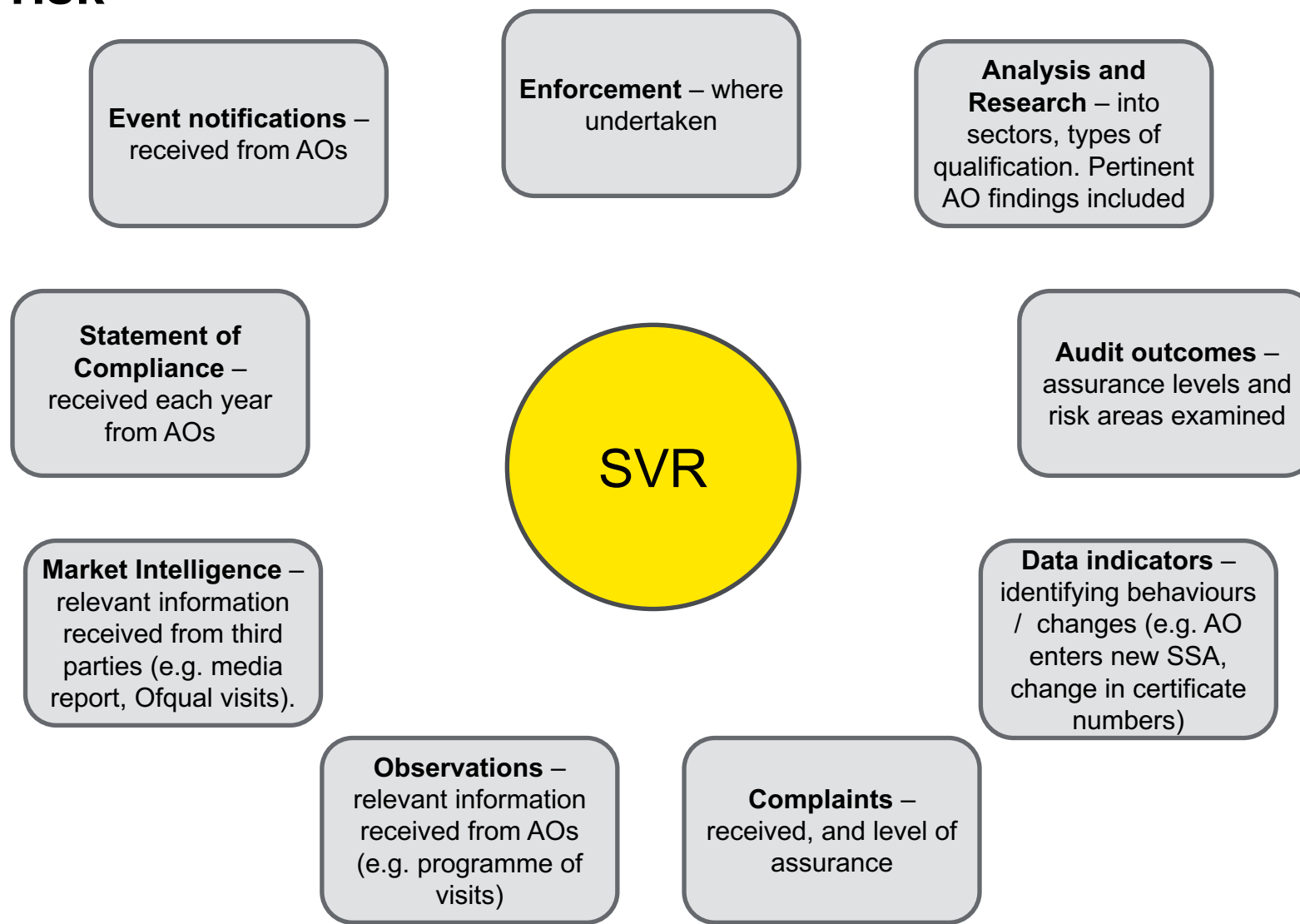
- We are reviewing the process for new organisations to apply for recognition. We aim to provide clearer information before organisations apply, so applicants know whether regulation is right for them. Our recognition criteria are not changing.
  
- For those of you offering EPAs, where we are the approved EQA you need to:
  - Be approved by ESFA against the relevant apprenticeship standard
  - Request and be approved to expand your Ofqual scope of recognition to cover EPAs and the relevant standard
  - Place your EPA on the register, indicating when it will be ready to use
  
- When you ask to expand your scope of recognition we will take account of your approval status with ESFA and the similarity of existing vocational qualifications that you offer.

# Proactive and reactive regulation

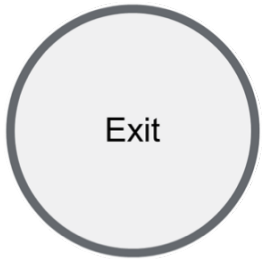


- Centre controls and moderation
- Design, delivery and award of performance table qualifications
- Regulation of EPAs and risks in assessor capacity & capability
- Malpractice
- Compliance with RQF
- Engagement visits
- Reactive, risk-based regulation e.g. event notifications, Statements of Compliance etc.

# Single view of risk



## Monitoring of (potential) exit at AO and qualification levels



- We conduct financial and market analyses to identify risks to current or future instability at AO level
- We will seek assurance from you if we believe it is necessary
- We will work with you to manage the risks whether or not you are about to exit the regulatory space
- We also conduct analysis to review inactivity in certification and qualification proliferation



## Our interaction with you

- More face to face engagement
- Sharing of lessons from audit findings, technical evaluations and research etc.
- More targeted and topical communication
- Clearer and more aligned processes