

To:

**Mr Mark Bedlow**  
**Responsible Officer**  
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## **Notice of Monetary Penalty**

In accordance with its powers under section 151A(2) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (the 2009 Act), and pursuant to its obligations under section 151A(8) of the 2009 Act, the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) gives notice that it has decided to impose a monetary penalty on OCR in the sum of **£125,000** (one hundred and twenty five thousand pounds) (**the Monetary Penalty**).

1. On 1 March 2018, Ofqual gave notice, in accordance with sections 151A(4) and 151A(5) of the 2009 Act, that it intended to impose the Monetary Penalty on OCR.
2. Ofqual published Notice of Intention to impose the Monetary Penalty on its website and, in accordance with section 151A(6) of the 2009 Act, allowed until 4pm on 29 March 2018 for representations to be made by OCR and by interested parties. No representations have been received.

### **Final Decision**

3. For the reasons set out in the Notice of Intention dated 1 March 2018, Ofqual has decided to impose the Monetary Penalty on OCR.

### **Payment**

4. OCR must pay the Monetary Penalty within 28 days of the date of this Notice, in accordance with the Payment Instructions provided with this Notice.
5. In the event of non-payment, interest may be charged and the outstanding amount may be recovered as a debt, in accordance with section 151D of the 2009 Act.

## **Appeals**

6. OCR may appeal to the First Tier Tribunal in respect of Ofqual's decision to impose the Monetary Penalty and / or in respect of the amount of that penalty, in accordance with section 151C of the 2009 Act.
7. An appeal may be made on the grounds:
  - a. That the decision was based on an error of fact;
  - b. That the decision was wrong in law;
  - c. That the decision was unreasonable.
8. Any appeal must be made within 28 days of the date of this Notice. Further information is available from HM Courts and Tribunals Service at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exam-boards-appeal-to-a-tribunal-against-a-monetary-penalty>.

Signed:

Anne Heal  
**Chair of the Enforcement Committee**

**Date: 18 April 2016**

**Enforcement Committee:**

Anne Heal;  
Thomas Taylor;  
Hywel Jones

NOTE:  
Ofqual will publish this Notice on its website.