

To:

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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 **£175,000** (one hundred and seventy five thousand pounds) (**the Monetary Penalty**).

1. On 18 May 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. OCR was given the opportunity to make representations.
2. On 14 June 2018, OCR confirmed that it did not intend to make representations in respect of Ofqual's intention to impose the Monetary Penalty.
3. Ofqual published Notice of Intention to impose the Monetary Penalty on its website on 2 July 2018 to allow interested parties the opportunity to make representations.
4. No representations have been received from interested parties.

Final Decision

5. For the reasons set out in the Notice of Intention dated 18 May 2018, Ofqual has decided to impose the Monetary Penalty on OCR.

Payment

6. 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.
7. 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

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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:

H Jones

Hywel Jones

Chair of the Enforcement Committee

Date: 25 July 2018

Enforcement Committee:

Hywel Jones;
Christine Ryan;
Frances Wadsworth.

NOTE:

Ofqual will publish this Notice on its website.