

Agenda

Ofqual Board – 80th Meeting

Date and Time:

Wednesday 28 November 2018 11:00 – 16:50

Venue:

Floor 6, Meeting room 6018 Earlsdon Park, 53-55 Butts Road, Coventry, CV1 3BH

74/18 11:00 - **Closed Board Session**

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75/18 11:25 - **Welcome and Apologies for absence**

76/18 11:30 - **Declarations of interest**

- (i) Ofqual Board Register of Interests

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77/18 11:40 - **Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2018 (attached)**
(open)

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78/18 11:50 - **Chairman's Update**

Update by the Chair of Ofqual (**verbal update**)

79/18 12:00 - **Chief Regulator's Report**

Paper by the Chief Regulator (**attached**) (open)

The Board is asked to note the matters reported and to:

- a. Agree the 6 goals and strategic focus as the basis for business planning and the Corporate Plan to be published in March 2019 (para 32).**
- b. Agree that Ofqual should take up the option in our contract with NFER to develop and deliver the National Reference Test to extend the agreement by two years (to August 2022) (para 55).**

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13:20 – 13:50 Lunch

80/18 13:50 - GCSE Combined Science

Paper by the Director of Standards and Comparability (**attached**) (closed)

The Board is asked to agree that we adopt option 2b as follows:

- a. Develop communications and stakeholder engagement strategy to encourage schools to reflect on their tier entry ahead of 2019.**
- b. Not make any changes to our rules but to agree with the exam boards a set of principles to guide decisions about when they might move away from the default half-width grade 4-3**
- c. Review the position in August when awarding is taking place, with a view to making sure all boards act consistently.**

81/18 14:20 - Considering a 'safety net' in Level 2 Technical Awards

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82/18 14:50 – Technical Qualification Technical Consultation Outcomes

Paper by the Senior Manager, Vocational and Technical Qualifications (**attached**) (closed)

The Board is asked to agree that:

- a. **We make amendments to our draft Conditions, requirements and Guidance for TQs in line with the approach set out in the paper. Specifically, these relate to:**
 - i. **Guidance on marking assessments (paragraphs 11-14);**
 - ii. **Amending our proposed prior learning and TQT requirements and providing additional guidance in these areas (paragraphs 16-19);**
- b. **Other than the changes set out in the paper, we implement our consultation proposals unchanged (subject to legal approval including any final drafting changes);**
- c. **Final approval of the Conditions, requirements and Guidance for TQs, and associated consultation outcomes documents, is delegated to the Chief Regulator in consultation with the Chair**

15:10 – 15:20 Break

83/18 15:20 - Strategic Dashboard and Strategic Risk Register

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84/18 15:35 - Risk Appetite

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85/18 15:50 –

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86/18 16:10 – Financial Update

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87/18 16:25 - Report on the work of the Board committees

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88/18 16:35 - Publication of Papers

To agree that the open papers for this Board meeting should be published.

89/18 16:40 - **Other Business**

2019/20 Ofqual Board and Committee dates

Paper by the Board Secretary (**attached**) (open)

The Board is recommended to approve the 2019/20 proposed meeting dates for the Ofqual Board and its Committees.

90/18 16:45 - **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday 30 January 2019.

Attendees

Ofqual Board

Ian Bauckham

Delroy Beverley
Sally Collier
Mike Cresswell - Tentative
Lesley Davies
Hywel Jones
Christine Ryan
Jo Saxton
Roger Taylor – Chair
Frances Wadsworth
David Wakefield

Ofqual

Salma Ahmed	Board Secretary
Phil Beach	Executive Director for Vocational and Technical Qualifications
Daniel Gutteridge	Acting Director of Legal
Katy Harding	Acting Associate Director for Finance and Commercial
Michael Hanton	Associate Director for Strategic Policy and Risk
Steve Hickmott	Senior Manager – Vocational and Technical Qualifications Policy
Matthew Humphrey	Director of Legal Moderation and Enforcement
Cath Jadhav	Director of Standards and Comparability
Andy Lester	Senior Manager Strategic Policy
Stephen Park	Interim Chief Operating Officer
Julie Swan	Executive Director for General Qualifications

Apologies

Michelle Meadows	Executive Director for Strategy, Risk and Research
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Observers

Catherine Large	Director of Vocational Qualifications
Chris Shadforth	Director of Communications
Lucy Sydney	Director of Strategic Relationships for VTQ
Anona White	Private Secretary to the Chief Regulator