

#### The National Flagship Assessors and EPA Conference

13 June 2019,  
Marriott Hotel, Leicester

#### FAB Training Courses

Please click [here](#) to access the full list of training courses and to register.

- [Introduction to the awarding sector](#)  
10:15 – 16:30, 05.03.2019
- [Introduction to malpractice investigation management \(Day 1\)](#)  
10:15 – 16:30, 03.04.2019
- [Handling enquiries, complaints and appeals](#)  
10:15 – 16:30, 30.04.2019
- [Multiple Choice Question Writing](#)  
10:15 – 16:30, 21.05.2019
- [Malpractice investigation interviewing and management \(Day 2\)](#)  
10:15 – 16:30, 12.06.2019

#### FAB Meetings/Events

Please click [here](#) to access the full list of meetings and events and to register.

- [Expressions of interest – Event on Grading of Vocational and Technical Assessments](#)  
Time tbc, 27.02.2019
- [Food Safety AO Forum](#)  
11:00 – 15.30, 14.03.2019

#### External Events

Please click [here](#) to access the full list of external events and to register.

- [WFP: Latest developments in improving educational attainment and social mobility](#)  
09:00 – 13:00, 14.02.2019
- [Implementing the T-Level programme - content, regulation and assessment](#)  
09:00 – 13:00, 29.04.2019

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#### Ofqual – Further information about audits and lessons learned

Ofqual has published information on the Portal regarding its audits and the lessons learned from this activity.

The note explains that audit is an integral part of its regulatory activity. The role of audit within the suite of regulatory tools is to gather evidence and make expert judgements on the efficacy, risks and potential areas of improvements in an AOs' governance and systems of control – in relation to the Conditions set. This evidence has multiple uses:

- Pointing AOs to areas where they need to address risks to their compliance
- Supporting AOs to identify areas where they can make improvements
- Providing evidence to establish areas of non-compliance and then inform enforcement action to bring an AO back into compliance.

Following the audits, Ofqual will share lessons learned which could take the form of thematic summaries published on the Portal. Recent examples include articles highlighting lessons from centre-based malpractice and maladministration audits and centre approvals.

Members are advised to log into the Portal to read the full article.

#### Ofqual - Understanding and interpreting the TQ Conditions

Ofqual has published information on the Portal to invite awarding organisations (AOs) to attend a meeting which will aim to aid understanding and interpretation of its requirements for Technical Qualifications (TQs).

## FAB Webinars

Information/training on topics related to vocational education and training. Free for staff from FAB member organisations and £100 (ex VAT) non-members, unless otherwise indicated.

- *TBC*

## Watch it again

Please click the links below to view recordings of past FAB webinars. Membership login details will be required:

- **Public procurement: the essentials**  
29 August 2018  
(10:15 – 11:00)
- **Safeguarding in AOs**  
27 June 2018  
(10:15 – 11:00)
- **Fake certificates and 'borrowed' qualification content**  
23 May 2018  
(10:15 – 11:00)
- **Qualifications and Copyright**  
17 January 2018  
(10:15 – 11:15)
- **Ensuring a fit for purpose complaints process**  
29 November 2017  
(10:15 – 11:15)

For recordings of more past webinars click [here](#).

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Ofqual recently published its [Qualification Level Conditions, Requirements and guidance for Technical Qualifications \(TQs\)](#). AOs offering TQs must comply with these on an ongoing basis, alongside all relevant [General Conditions](#).

To help AOs understand the requirements, Ofqual is inviting AOs to a meeting to talk through the requirements and answer any questions you may have. The meeting will be about the published Conditions, requirements and guidance, and may be of interest to awarding organisations that are offering TQs in wave 1, or those considering bidding to offer TQs in wave 2.

The meeting will be held on **Friday 8 March** at Ofqual's offices at Earlsdon Park, Coventry. It is expected it to last approximately half a day, timings to be confirmed. If you are interested in attending, please let Ofqual know through the messages area in the Portal.

## External quality assurance of end-point assessments: status

Ofqual has published updated information on the status of apprenticeship end-point assessments (EPAs) where Ofqual has been asked to provide external quality assurance. Further information can be found here: [External quality assurance of end-point assessments: status](#).

## Qualifications Wales – Annual Qualification Market Report

Qualifications Wales has published its annual report which summarises official statistics on the qualifications market in Wales for the academic year 2017-18.

The report shows that:

- total certifications in 2017-18 decreased 56,120 (6.2 %) to 844,690.
- the number of recognised awarding bodies on the 31st August 2018 showed a decrease of 10 (8.5%) to 107. Since Qualifications Wales was established (21 September 2015) there are 26 (19.5%) fewer recognised awarding bodies. Some of this reduction is due to awarding bodies being inactive due to having no learners in Wales.
- The number of available designated or approved qualifications in 2017-18 was 8,593, a decrease of 1,440 (14.4%). Since 2015-16 the number of designated qualifications has decreased 2,089 (19.8%) to 8,437, and the number of approved qualifications has increased 54 (52.9%) to 156.

Further information can be found here [Annual Qualification Market Report](#).

## Independent Commission into Malpractice – Call for Evidence

Since its launch in July 2018, Sir John Dunford's Independent Commission into Malpractice, has considered evidence from a wide range of educational organisations, sector leaders and government bodies.

In order to gather the views of a wider audience, a [Call for Evidence](#) was launched on 01 February 2019. The Commission is encouraging responses on the nature, extent and drivers of malpractice both in the general and the vocational examinations system.

The terms of reference and media release at the time of the Commission's launch in July 2018 can be found here: [Independent Commission into Malpractice](#)

The Commission aims to make recommendations to all stakeholders in the examinations system, including the government, the regulators and awarding bodies on improvements that can be made to reduce and deter malpractice.

The deadline for responses is 18 March 2019.

### Jobs at

[www.awarding.org.uk](http://www.awarding.org.uk)

- **Business Support Assistant**  
OCN London  
Closes 10.02.19
- **Executive Assistant**  
OCN London  
Closes 10.02.19
- **HR Project Officer**  
NOCN  
Closes 11.02.19
- **Quality, Regulation and Professional Development Officer**  
Agored Cymru  
Closes 14.02.19
- **Assignment Assessor**  
Chartered Institute of Credit Management  
Closes 15.02.19
- **Assignment Assessor - Money & Debt Advice Qualifications**  
Chartered Institute of Credit Management  
Closes 15.02.19
- **Principal Examiner - Design and Technology: Design Engineering**  
OCR  
Closes 15.02.19
- **Principal Examiner - Design and Technology: Fashion and Textiles**  
OCR  
Closes 15.02.19
- **Assessment Associates: Writers and Reviewers Level 2 Early Years Education and Childcare**  
CACHE  
Closes 18.02.19
- **Assessment Associates: Writers and Reviewers Level 3 Early Years Education and Childcare**  
CACHE  
Closes 18.02.19
- **Qualifications Executive**  
The Prince's Trust  
Closes 18.02.19
- **Operations Administrator**  
ABE  
Closes 19.02.19

Members may wish to respond individually or, alternatively information can be provided for inclusion in the Federation's response. A conference call will also be held on 19 February, 10.30-12.00 to gather members feedback. To provide information by email or to express your interest in joining the conference call, please email [ailin.ocathain@awarding.org.uk](mailto:ailin.ocathain@awarding.org.uk).

Members may also be interested to read the [TES article](#) on the work of the Commission.

### Event on Grading of vocational and technical assessments

At the end of last year Ofqual published research into the grading of vocational and technical assessments and held a conference in London to share this with awarding organisations.

On 18 January, FAB hosted a webinar which aimed to increase awareness of the research and offer those who were unable to attend the conference an opportunity to hear from the research author, Dr Paul Newton, Ofqual's Research Chair.

During the webinar, Paul gave an overview of the research aims and outcomes. He also signalled the potential for a follow up event, which will be held in London on 27 February. If you would like to attend this event, please express your interest by registering here: [Event on Grading of vocational and technical assessments by 12 February 2019](#).

Allocation of place will be confirmed to you will contact you shortly after 12 February. We will initially allocate one place per AO. If demand for places is high, there may be an opportunity to offer another event in the future.

### EU Exit – no deal preparations

The Department for Education (DfE) has published information for [schools](#), [Higher Education Institutions](#) and [FE Colleges and Apprenticeship Providers](#) in England on how to prepare in the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal. The guidance covers a range of issues including funding, data protection, EU Funding and travel to the EU.

### Government must mitigate the risks of T-levels

Tom Bewick, CEO of FAB, has written a piece for FE Week which outlines the risks associated with a single point of provision and outlines his thoughts on a more systematic approach to introducing T levels by anchoring them in new independent and incorporated bodies called Technical Education Partnerships (TEPs). You can read the article here: [Government must mitigate the risks of T-levels](#).

### Consultation on new T Level for the legal sector

The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education has launched a consultation on a new Legal T Level

This covers draft outline content for the technical qualification, which is part of the legal, finance and accounting occupational route. It sets out in draft form what core and specialist learning will be required for this T Level, which is due to be taught from 2022.

Feedback is being invited to help ensure that the outline content captures the right knowledge, skills and performance outcomes that will enable students to enter employment within their chosen occupational specialisms. The Institute's Route Panels of employer experts will consider the feedback when scrutinising the outline content documents.

The consultation closes on 26 February and further information can be found here: [consultation on outline content](#).

#### Jobs at

[www.awarding.org.uk](http://www.awarding.org.uk)

- [Head of Customer Service and Operations](#)  
NOCN  
Closes 20.02.19
- [Qualifications Product Developer - Science](#)  
Pearson  
Closes 20.02.19
- [Qualifications Officer](#)  
University of the Arts  
London  
Closes 21.02.19
- [Governing Body Non-Executive Directors](#)  
Safety Training Awards  
Closes 22.02.19
- [Appeal Committee Panel Members](#)  
Safety Training Awards  
Closes 22.02.19
- [Managing Director](#)  
SIAS  
Closes 22.02.19
- [Assignment Assessor - High Court Enforcement Qualifications](#)  
CICM  
Closes 22.02.19
- [Accreditation Quality Panellist](#)  
Chartered Institute of Legal Executives  
Closes 22.02.19
- [Digital Marketing Officer](#)  
OCN London  
Closes 10.02.19
- [Qualifications Product Manager - FTC](#)  
Pearson  
Closes 27.02.19
- [Independent End-point Assessor - Investment](#)  
City & Guilds  
Closes 28.02.19
- [Independent End Point Assessors](#)  
BIIAB  
Closes 28.02.19
- [Compliance and Risk Manager](#)  
ABE  
Closes 22.02.19

#### T Level Professional Development (TLPD)

The Department for Education is currently exploring commercial options for a national delivery partner to design and deliver T Level Professional Development (TLPD) from April 2020. TLPD is a continuous professional development (CPD) offer to staff in post-16 T Level delivery organisations.

The Education and Training Foundation (ETF) are designing and delivering an initial TLPD offer targeted primarily at providers delivering T Levels in 2020 and (to a lesser extent) 2021 and this TLPD offer runs to March 2020.

A PIN (prior information notice) was published on Friday 1 February inviting interested organisations to attend a Market Engagement Event on 21 February. The PIN and associated information can be found here: [T Level Professional Development](#).

#### House of Commons – oral answers to questions

On 4 February a number of education related questions were answered by Anne Milton and Damian Hinds in the House of Commons. Areas covered included Post-16 Education: Funding, T levels and Further Education: Economic Sustainability. The Hansard record of the session can be found here: [oral answers to questions: Education](#).

#### Building Quality TVET Provision Globally

British Council have produced a collection of International Skills Partnerships (ISP) case studies featuring recent, awarding winning projects. The purpose of this document is to celebrate and recognise the hard work of all ISP projects as well as to showcase their impact to organisations, individuals and most importantly to international skills development.

Further information can be found here: [Building Quality TVET Provision Globally](#).

#### Devolution of adult education functions: MoUs

The Department for Education (DfE) has published memoranda of understanding between DfE, mayoral combined authorities and the Mayor of London for the devolution/delegation of adult education functions.

From August 2019, some functions which relate to adult education, and the associated adult education budget will be devolved to 6 mayoral combined authorities and delegated to the Mayor of London for the Greater London area. Further information can be found here: [Devolution of adult education functions: MoUs](#).

#### Advanced learner loans qualifications catalogue

The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) has published an updated list of the qualifications available for an advanced learner loan. Further information can be found here: [Advanced learner loans qualifications catalogue](#).

#### Education Committee- Accountability Hearing, Ofsted

Earlier this week, the Education Committee heard from Sean Harford, National Director, Education, and Amanda Spielman, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Ofsted. The session covered questions on areas including:

- The Ebacc and whether it has a narrowing effect on the curriculum
- School exclusions
- The role of the Careers Enterprise Company (CEC) and whether Ofsted should inspect or have oversight of the CEC

#### Jobs at

[www.awarding.org.uk](http://www.awarding.org.uk)

- **Assessment Associate: Writers and Reviewers - Functional Skills Mathematics**  
NCFE  
Closes 01.03.19
- **Consumer Collections Online Exam Reviewer**  
CICM  
Closes 01.03.19
- **Client and Business Support Administrator**  
Portico Consulting Ltd.  
Closes 01.03.19
- **Examination markers and Assessors**  
The Pensions Management Institute  
Closes 04.03.19
- **End Point Assessor - Credit Control Standard**  
NOCN  
Closes 05.03.19
- **Lead External Quality Assurer**  
Safety Training Awards  
Closes 08.03.19
- **Freelance External Quality Assurer (EQA)**  
Safety Training Awards  
Closes 08.03.19
- **Independent End-point Assessor - Commis Chef**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 30.03.19
- **External Quality Assurance Consultants (EQACs)**  
AoFA Qualifications Ltd  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Qualification Developers**  
AoFA Qualifications Ltd  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Independent End-point Assessor - Healthcare**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Independent End-point Assessor - Operational Delivery**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19

- The new inspection framework

The session can be viewed here: [Ofsted accountability hearing](#).

#### OCR Policy Briefing

These updates are provided courtesy of OCR. FAB would like to extend its thanks to OCR for permitting the sharing of these with members.

- [Latest from OCR Policy Briefing](#)

#### Pearson's Policy Watch

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- [Latest from Policy Watch](#)

#### Dysg eNewsletter

These updates are provided courtesy of Dysg, part of the Welsh Assembly Government. FAB would like to extend its thanks to Dysg for permitting the sharing of these ebulletins with members. [Latest from Dysg eNewsletter \(Post-11\)](#)

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- **Independent End-point Assessor - Property Maintenance**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Public Service Operational Delivery Officer End-point Assessor**  
Innovate Awarding  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Independent End-point Assessor - Retailer**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Independent End-point Assessor - Retail Team Leader**  
City and Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Independent End-point Assessor - Customer Service Specialist**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Independent End-point Assessor - Customer Service Practitioner**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Independent End-point Assessor - Team Leader / Supervisor**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Independent End-point Assessor - Insurance**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Independent End point Assessor - Hospitality & Catering**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Freelance Qualification Developer**  
TQUK  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Comis Chef Independent End-point Assessor (Fixed Term)**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19

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- **Health Care Support Worker/Senior - INDEPENDENT END POINT ASSESSOR (Fixed Term Contract)**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Become an Independent End-point Assessor. Roles in over 50+ Apprenticeship Standards**  
City & Guilds  
Closes 31.03.19
- **Access to HE Moderator Gateway Qualifications**  
Closes 30.04.19
- **ESOL Question Paper Writers**  
Gateway Qualifications  
Closes 30.04.19
- **ESOL External Quality Assurer**  
Gateway Qualifications  
Closes 30.04.19
- **Home Based Panel Member**  
Innovate Awarding  
Closes 31.05.19
- **Community Activator Coach End-point Assessor**  
Innovate Awarding  
Closes 31.05.19
- **Community Activator Coach End- point Assessor**  
Innovate Awarding  
Closes 31.05.19
- **Freelance Independent End-Point Assessors**  
Skillsfirst Assess  
Nationwide  
Closes 28.06.19
- **Leisure Duty Manager End-point Assessor**  
Innovate Awarding  
Closes 31.07.19
- **Leisure Duty Manager EPA**  
Innovate Awarding  
Closes 31.07.19