

QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE – 28 SEPTEMBER 2022 For approval

Minutes of the meeting of the Qualifications Committee held at 12pm on Wednesday
9 March 2022 by Microsoft Teams.

Members

- * Dr K Thomson (Convenor)
- * Mr S Hagney
- * Mrs J Handley
- * Dr W Mayne
- * Mr D Middleton
- * Professor J-A Baird
- * Mr D Swinney
- * Mr J Reid
- Ms C Turnbull

Officers

- * Ms F Robertson
- * Ms J Blair
- Mr J McMorris
- * Dr G Stewart
- * Mr M Ware
- Ms B Black
- Mr J Booth

In Attendance

- * N Crowley, SQA
- * [REDACTED], SQA
- * A Ogg, SQA
- * I Morrison, SQA
- * S McLaren, SQA
- * [REDACTED], SQA
- * [REDACTED], SQA
- * [REDACTED], SQA
- * [REDACTED], Scottish Government
- * [REDACTED], Scottish Government

* indicates present

110/1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convenor welcomed members to the meeting, including:

- Alan Ogg, Head of Technology, Engineering and Construction, SQA
- Iain Morrison, Head of Humanities, Care and Services, SQA

- Stuart McLaren, Head of Marketing, SQA
- [REDACTED], SQA
- [REDACTED] SQA
- [REDACTED] (observer)
- [REDACTED], Scottish Government (observer)
- [REDACTED], Scottish Government (observer)

Apologies were noted from Carol Turbull.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

110/2 **PREVIOUS MEETING**

i **Approval of minutes from previous meetings:**

The minutes of the meetings held on 15 September and 10 November 2021 were approved.

ii **Action Grid**

Noted the update in the action grid.

iii **Workplan 2022**

The Committee noted the contents of the workplan, accepting that it was subject to change in response to the ongoing dynamic situation.

110/3 **MATTERS ARISING**

Dr Stewart reported on work being undertaken around the approach to the next academic session for both NQ and HNVQ noting that, one a position had been agreed with the working and strategic groups, this would put to the Board of Management for approval.

Update: Final proposal for approach to NQ and HNVQ sent to the Board by email on 13 April and approval received.

There were no other matters raised that would not be covered in the course of the agenda.

110/4 **EVALUATION OF 2021 ACM**

The Committee received a presentation delivered by Mr Ware, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], highlighting key points of work undertaken to evaluate the 2021 alternative certification model (ACM).

The presentation provided an overview of the approach taken to evaluation, and the findings of the different strands of work. Ms McIntosh noted that as well as individual

reporting on each strand, a summary report would be developed and published which would provide a holistic view across the whole piece.

██████████ reported on the emerging themes from the surveys completed by both learners and practitioners and the in-depth interviews that had been undertaken to better understand the general results garnered from the surveys. Responses showed that understanding standards events had been especially welcomed by practitioners welcomed, in particular those that made use of technology and interaction. Key points, including comparative analysis across RoUK would be detailed within the final summary report.

The Committee welcomed the presentation, commenting on the quality of work. Members noted that the final report would be published on the SQA website and discussed additional ideas to disseminate the work, suggesting workshops for stakeholders based on the findings to properly interrogate the information.

The Committee endorsed the engagement with the issues within the work that would serve to improve future systems.

110/5 APPROACH TO STANDARDS AND OUTCOMES NQ 2022

Mr Morrison delivered a presentation to the Committee reporting on the extensive engagement that had been undertaken with the system to reach an agreed position for National Qualifications in 2022 as an intermediary position between 2021 and awarding.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting was closed at 1.30pm. It was agreed that a further meeting would be called in March for the Committee to consider the time-bound items on the agenda.

110/6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business raised.

110/7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Update following the meeting: A further meeting of the Qualifications Committee was agreed for 31 March 2022 at 1.30pm.