

Action Plan

This Action Plan must be completed electronically and submitted in Microsoft Word format to regulation@sqa.org.uk by 21 April 2023.



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1. Principles 2,7,10,11	The awarding body must provide strategic and operational documentation detailing their decision-making process, including timescales for determining their continuation as an approved awarding body with SQA Accreditation.	High	<p>Proposed action:</p> <p>As noted in the audit report, SQA Accreditation Auditors together with Pearson representatives discussed the business plan for its SQA Accredited provision.</p> <p>With regards to Core Skills provision, Pearson representatives confirmed during the audit that a decision regarding extending or withdrawing this provision would be made by 8 March 2023. Following the audit, Pearson's decision to withdraw these qualifications was submitted to SQA and we</p>	Completed	04/05/23

¹ If the awarding body believes it has completed the action prior to approval of the Action Plan by ACG, insert the considered date of completion. The date will be subject to review depending on the quality of the evidence supplied.

² Issues can only be closed out once the evidence to complete the action has been quality reviewed and the Action Plan has been approved by ACG. The period of time between ACG approval and the date the Issue is closed out is not necessarily reflective of any quality issues.

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			<p>received confirmation that the 22 March SQA Accreditation Co-ordination Group (ACG) had agreed to approve the withdrawal of the qualifications, with a final registration date of 31 July 2023.</p> <p>Pearson representatives confirmed during the audit that a decision had been taken to request an extension for the SVQ Retail provision for a further six months and then to withdraw the courses after this period. Pearson has now made the decision to request an extension to these qualifications by 12 months, we will now be formally confirming this intention to SQA Accreditation for approval via the SQA Accreditation Co-ordination Group (ACG) by the end of April 2023.</p> <p>The remaining qualification, Pearson BTEC Certificate in Teamwork and Personal Skills for</p>		

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			<p>Uniformed Youth Organisations at SCQF level 4 has a lapsing date of 30 September 2023. Pearson has now made the decision not to extend the qualification for new learner registrations beyond 30 September 2023. The relevant AC2 form was submitted to SQA Accreditation on 19 April 2023 for approval via the SQA Accreditation Co-ordination Group (ACG).</p> <p>Pearson can confirm all learners registered on these qualifications by the lapsing date will continue to be supported through to completion (unless learners choose to withdraw from the course before then).</p> <p>Continuation as an approved awarding body with SQA Accreditation. As discussed at the audit, Pearson will remain regulated by SQA Accreditation until all learners registered on these qualifications have either successfully completed the qualifications or been withdrawn, or at the latest certification end-date</p>		

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			<p>for these qualifications (whichever comes sooner). Our understanding therefore is that Pearson is likely to remain an approved awarding body with SQA Accreditation until 2026 while we continue to deliver accredited qualifications with active learner registrations.</p> <p>At present Pearson has no plans to submit any new qualifications to SQA for accreditation but would make contact with SQA Accreditation to discuss such a plan if it appeared likely this would be our intention.</p> <p>Evidence provided:</p> <p>Product council documents confirming business strategic decisions made for SVQ Retail, Core Skills and Teamwork and Personal Skills for Uniformed Youth Organisations at SCQF Level 4.</p>		

Action Plan approved by ACG on Tuesday 02 May 2023