



The Ofqual recognition process for EPAOs

What you should know before applying

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Hello and introductions



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Coming up...

- Introductions
- In conversation with Claire Gill, Ofqual
- In conversation with Emily Hughes, Awarding UK (*and SDN Associate*)
- Key points for consideration
- Final Q&A

Use Q&A in your toolbar to submit questions

We will try to get to as many questions as possible in the time available



Ofqual and EPAOs

- What is Ofqual's current role in apprenticeships?
- What support and guidance is available with the recognition process?
- How long does the process of recognition take?
- What might the future look like?

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In conversation with...

The logo for Ofqual, the UK's regulatory body for education, training, and skills. It consists of the word "ofqual" in a lowercase, grey, sans-serif font, with a thick green horizontal bar underneath the letters "o" and "a".

Claire Gill
Director, Ofqual

In conversation with...



Emily Hughes
*Responsible Officer,
Awarding UK*

Application process - top tips

- Know all the Ofqual documentation, where to find it and how it works together
- Make sure you consider the application from an external perspective – don't assume the reviewers understand how your organisation works
- Give yourself enough time to complete the summary statements, collate the evidence and present it effectively
- If you are already an operating EPAO – take this opportunity to review your practices and ensure they are compliant (*don't assume, because you have met RoEPAO requirements, that you meet Ofqual's recognition criteria*)
- Make sure you know where your areas for development and rigour are, as well as your strengths



Questions?

After today's session

We'll send you:

- A copy of the slides
- A recording of the session
- An evaluation survey





**For support with the
application process:**

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Links to Ofqual resources

Guidance (Aug 20)

Updated [guidance for the recognition criteria](#)

Updated [EPAO Recognition briefing pack](#)

[Case study](#) summarising the experiences of three organisations who have achieved recognition
Ofqual's [approach to EQA](#)

Video resources (published Sept 20 – Feb 21)

[Video of the recognition process](#) as part of EQA transition

[Webinar with Autoexel](#) on their experience of the recognition process

[Webinar with EMPI](#) on their experience of the recognition process

[Webinar: Understanding the financial requirements for Ofqual recognition](#)

Two-part series explaining the recognition panel meeting:

[Ofqual Explains: The recognition panel meeting - Part 1](#)

[Ofqual Explains: The recognition panel meeting - Part 2](#)

Ofqual webinar – assessment competence



Ofqual Webinar: Understanding Criteria D (assessment competence)

When: 26 February from 2.00 - 3.00.

With: assessment expert Paul Newton who will cover Ofqual's requirements in terms of assessment competence.

Register for this event here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-criteria-d-tickets-141431325903>

In advance:

watch [7 top tips](#) video ahead of attending the webinar

Send questions for inclusion at the webinar to strategic.relationships@ofqual.gov.uk