



# Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009

## 2009 CHAPTER 22

### PART 7

#### THE OFFICE OF QUALIFICATIONS AND EXAMINATIONS REGULATION

### CHAPTER 1

#### ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL DUTIES

#### *Objectives and general duties*

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- (1) Ofqual's objectives are—
  - (a) the qualifications standards objective,
  - (b) the assessments standards objective,
  - (c) the public confidence objective,
  - (d) the awareness objective, and
  - (e) the efficiency objective.
- (2) The qualifications standards objective is to secure that regulated qualifications—
  - (a) give a reliable indication of knowledge, skills and understanding, and
  - (b) indicate a consistent level of attainment (including over time) between comparable regulated qualifications.
- (3) The assessments standards objective is to promote the development and implementation of regulated assessment arrangements which—
  - (a) give a reliable indication of achievement, and

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (b) indicate a consistent level of attainment (including over time) between comparable assessments.
- (4) The public confidence objective is to promote public confidence in regulated qualifications and regulated assessment arrangements.
- (5) The awareness objective is to promote awareness and understanding of—
- (a) the range of regulated qualifications available,
  - (b) the benefits of regulated qualifications to learners, employers and institutions within the higher education sector, and
  - (c) the benefits of recognition under section 132 to bodies awarding or authenticating qualifications to which this Part applies.
- (6) The efficiency objective is to secure that regulated qualifications are provided efficiently and in particular that any relevant sums payable to a body awarding or authenticating a qualification in respect of which the body is recognised under section 132 represent value for money.
- (7) For the purposes of subsection (6) a sum is relevant if it is payable in respect of the award or authentication of the qualification in question.