

Q&A

Will qualifications continue to be funded?

Funding has not been impacted by the extension of qualifications, nor by the availability of new qualifications to replace their EDI equivalents. Qualifications will continue to be eligible for funding for the same age groups, as will the Pearson-equivalent qualifications being introduced from 1 August 2014.

However, the exception to this is where qualifications do not meet the revised eligibility criteria being introduced by the Skills Funding Agency. Where this is the case, qualifications may lose their funding for 19+ learners for the 2014-15 year.

Why are you replacing some EDI qualifications with Pearson qualifications?

EDI centres have had access to qualifications in subjects which were not previously part of the Pearson portfolio. Therefore, to ensure continuity of service, we have developed and accredited replacement versions under the Pearson BTEC or Pearson Edexcel brands.

Since accreditation of these programmes is now complete and they are open for registrations on 1 August 2014, we have decided to make them available through the Campus administration system.

How will the extension or replacement of Pearson EDI qualifications affect Apprenticeships?

We will ensure continuity of provision and that no learners are disadvantaged.

- Where Pearson EDI programmes within apprenticeships frameworks are being replaced, we are already working with Sector Skills Councils to ensure the replacement qualification is included.
- Where learners are unable to complete all assessments on a Pearson EDI qualification prior to the last certification date, they will be certificated on an equivalent Pearson programme.

What are the QAN codes for the replacement Pearson qualifications?

We've published these on our [website](#).

How do I pay for registrations and certifications?

For all qualifications administered through Campus, you can continue to use EDI credits. This will be the case for Pearson BTEC qualifications introduced to replace Pearson EDI qualifications that have reached their end date.

What are the prices for Pearson replacement qualifications?

Prices for these qualifications will be included in the 2014/15 Pearson vocational qualifications price list. Details will be published via the Customer Services newsletter shortly.

Will I be automatically approved for Pearson replacement qualifications?

Yes. We've pre-approved all centres who were approved for an EDI qualification that is being withdrawn. Any sanctions that had been applied to your centre on the old qualification, will have been carried across to the new.

How will I access assessments for these replacement qualifications?

To minimise disruption to you, we've made the replacement qualifications available through Campus. This means that you can login to Campus to arrange assessments as you would for an EDI qualification. When learners take onscreen tests, the process to follow, and the appearance of the tests, is also unchanged.

When the learner is registered for a Pearson Edexcel or BTEC qualification, the content of the both Onscreen and paper-based assessments would be content developed for that qualification, and all score reports and certificates would be Pearson branded.

Why are you withdrawing some qualifications without replacing them?

In most cases, this is because the qualifications do not meet the minimum annual learner numbers required by Ofqual and funding agencies. These programmes will close to new registrations on 31 July 2014.

Will non-regulated EDI qualifications continue to be available?

We have indicated that we intend to withdraw EDI's non-regulated portfolio from 31 July 2014, and that is still the case.