

Qualification Review update statement

Dear colleagues,

As members are aware, CTSI has undertaken a review of its CPCF to ensure that it meets the profession's ever-evolving requirements whilst simultaneously recognising the rising needs of businesses and apprentices entering the qualification framework. The qualification is an important element of CTSI's new Vision and its successful delivery will reflect our future ambitions for the profession.

An Extraordinary Council Meeting (ECM) was held last week, where the Qualification Review (QR) was discussed and Council representatives voted on a number of recommendations in the report.

After the extensive discussions over the past few months, we are pleased to provide some clarity on the outcomes and next steps of the QR:

- the CPCF framework will remain in its current form and provide the future framework for the qualification although a wide range of improvements have been identified and are supported by Council
- Weights and Measures will remain as a compulsory module in Stage 2 of the CPCF for the foreseeable future and this will remain consistent across the four nations
- opportunities to improve the delivery of the qualification will be taken forward, prioritised and costed for implementation
- work will be undertaken to assess the future structure of Weights and Measures in the CPCF and discussions will be held with OPSS and other key stakeholders to progress this
- work will be undertaken to review and, where necessary, improve the governance of the qualification
- the time limit covering how long a student can take to complete the qualification will be reviewed
- all materials used within the framework are to be assessed to ensure they support equality, diversity and inclusion.
- work will be done to assess the viability of a preparatory mathematics module (this will not be a module within the qualification, but to assist with the metrology studies)
- work will be done to align the proposed Level 6 Apprenticeship with the CPCF (decision from previous ECM)

In terms of its immediate delivery, the above means that the outcomes of the review focus on improvements with the current model rather than a more fundamental change and this very much reflects the feedback from members during the review process.

The important factor to highlight, particularly for employers and students, is that there will be no immediate changes with regard to the delivery of training, its content, or the examination process, and any future action which may be proposed to improve the CPCF will not change the overall structure. Work will be done by Council, CTSI and the QAB to look at the areas highlighted by the Qualification Review and the QAB, and costings and priorities will be assessed fully before further action is taken. Timelines for this will be published once initial scoping has been completed.

Thank you for your continued patience and support; we want to make sure that any potential improvements to the CPCF are in the best interests of students and the profession which is why this process has taken some time to reach this point. Thank you to all members, students, employers, Council representatives and the QAB for providing their input to the review and subsequent discussions.

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