

Westminster Education Forum policy conference
Reforming post 16 technical and academic qualifications at level 3

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Johnson, former Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation
- 9.05 **Post-16 qualifications at level 3 and below following the review**
Lucy Andrew, Deputy Director, Technical Education & Qualifications Reform Division, Department for Education
Angela Fairchild, Deputy Director, Technical Education & Qualifications Reform Division, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Implementing the new qualification system - supporting providers and learners in the transition, impact on quality and choice, improving awareness of T Levels and vocational pathways, and delivering for labour market and sector needs**
Catherine Sezen, Senior Policy Manager - FE, Association of Colleges
Julie Hyde, Director of External and Regulatory Affairs, NCFE
Gerry McDonald, Group Principal and CEO, New City College
Senior representative, awarding body
Senior representative, employer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Johnson, former Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **Assessing the impact of reform on the qualification market and learner accessibility**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Ofqual**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **The future for Applied General Qualifications**
Senior speaker confirmed from **OCR**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Progression routes under the new system - providing clarity for students and employers, access to HE, transition to employment, and catering for the needs of disadvantaged students**
Bill Watkin, Chief Executive, Sixth Form Colleges Association
John Callaghan, Principal and Chief Executive, Solihull College and University Centre
Ben Jordan, Senior Policy Unit Manager, UCAS
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, employer
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **The outlook for the qualification system going forward**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum