

Agenda.



Meeting: Qualifications Board

Location: Virtual – Zoom

Date: 16 October 2026

09:00 – 09:15 (BST) (Qualifications Board pre-meet)

09:15 – 09:30 (BST) (Chair of Qualifications Board pre-meet with ACCA)

09.30 – 13:25 (BST) Qualifications Board

WELCOME

A welcome to Sian Burgess of the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) and the Regulatory Board, Chair, Lucy Winskell, as observers of the meeting.

1. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2026.

To note the actions log.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note any apologies for absence.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

To receive information regarding any potential conflicts of interest and/or duty which have been notified to ACCA since the distribution of the meeting papers.

4. CHAIR'S UPDATE (10 minutes @ 09.35am)

To receive an oral update from the Chair on matters discussed at the last Regulatory Board meeting, as appropriate to Qualifications Board (including a discussion about matters to be included in the Regulatory Board's Annual Report).

5. ACCA'S REGULATORY BOARD (15 minutes @ 09.45am)

To receive for information, a presentation on the work of ACCA's Regulatory Board from the Regulatory Board, Chair (Lucy Winskell).

6. EXAMINATIONS RESULTS GOVERNANCE REVIEW (60 minutes @ 10.00am)

To ratify the September 2026 examination results, with a presentation from the Director of Professional Qualifications (Ann Lamb) and the Qualification Data Science Lead (Tom Laycock).

BREAK @ 11.00am – 15 minutes

7. INNOVATION IN LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT (ILA) (60 minutes @ 11.15am)

To receive a presentation and update on the future of learning and assessment from the ILA Qualification Lead (Rachel Norman), the ILA Programme Lead (Tony Peguinho), and the Head of Qualification Production (Helen Verity).

8. CPD/PER COMPLIANCE UPDATE (30 minutes @ 12.15pm)

To receive an update on ACCA's CPD/PER Compliance from the Head of ACCA Qualifications (Jacky Bateman), Head of Quality and Recognition (Julie Hepburn) and the Head of Continuous Learning and Members' Support (Clare Hodgson).

9. LEAD REGULATOR UPDATE (20 minutes @ 12.45pm)

To receive for discussion and information, an update on ACCA's interactions with its lead regulators from the Head of Education Recognition (Katrina Smyth).

10. EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW (10 minutes @ 13.05pm)

To note the proposals for the Qualifications Board effectiveness review.

11. BOARD ARRANGEMENTS (5 minutes @ 13.15pm)

To consider a report on the Board's terms of reference, work plan for the 2025-26 Council year from the Head of Education Recognition (Katrina Smyth).

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS (5 minutes @ 13.20pm)

To note the Qualifications Board meeting dates for the 2026-27 Council year:

- Friday 15 January 2027 – Virtual
- Friday 9 April 2027 – Virtual
- Friday 16 July 2027 – Virtual
- Friday 15 October 2027 - Virtual