

Preparing for changes in Apprenticeships: What you need to know



Introductions



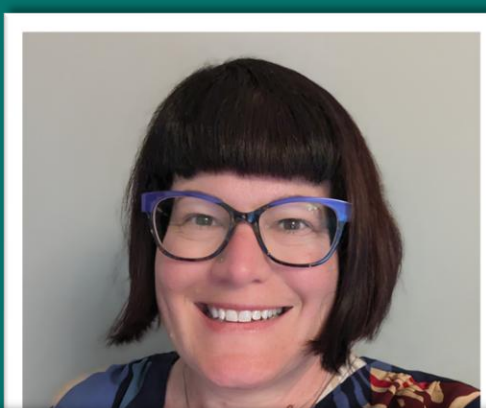
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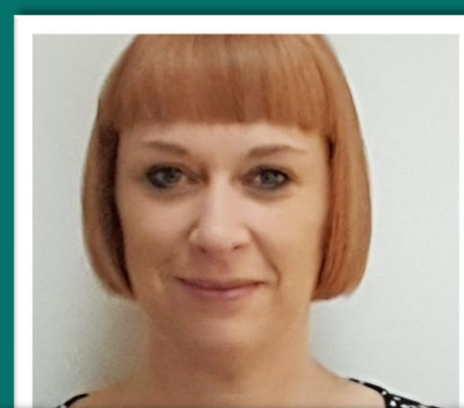
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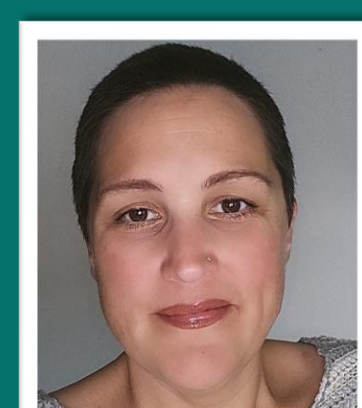
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What are your thoughts on the proposed changes to End-point Assessment/Apprenticeship Assessment?

Agenda

- The landscape
- DfE's apprenticeship offer
- Ofqual's Regulatory Framework
- Indicative Timelines
- Potential risks and opportunities ahead Poll
- Q&A

The Landscape

- Improving Apprenticeship Quality
- Evolution to Growth and Skills Levy
- Introduction of Short Courses and a Different Product Mix
- Very Tight Fiscal Position
- New and Emerging Priorities: Young People and Industrial Strategy (IS-8) Focus
- Post-16 Education & Skills Strategy and Recent Government Reshuffle

DfE Apprenticeship assessment Principles

Proportionate

No unnecessary duplication

Allow on-programme assessment

Allow centre-assessment

Shorter plans with minimal level prescription

Employer-verified behaviours

Minimum number of assessment methods

Make best use of technology

Assessment at the right time, in the right place

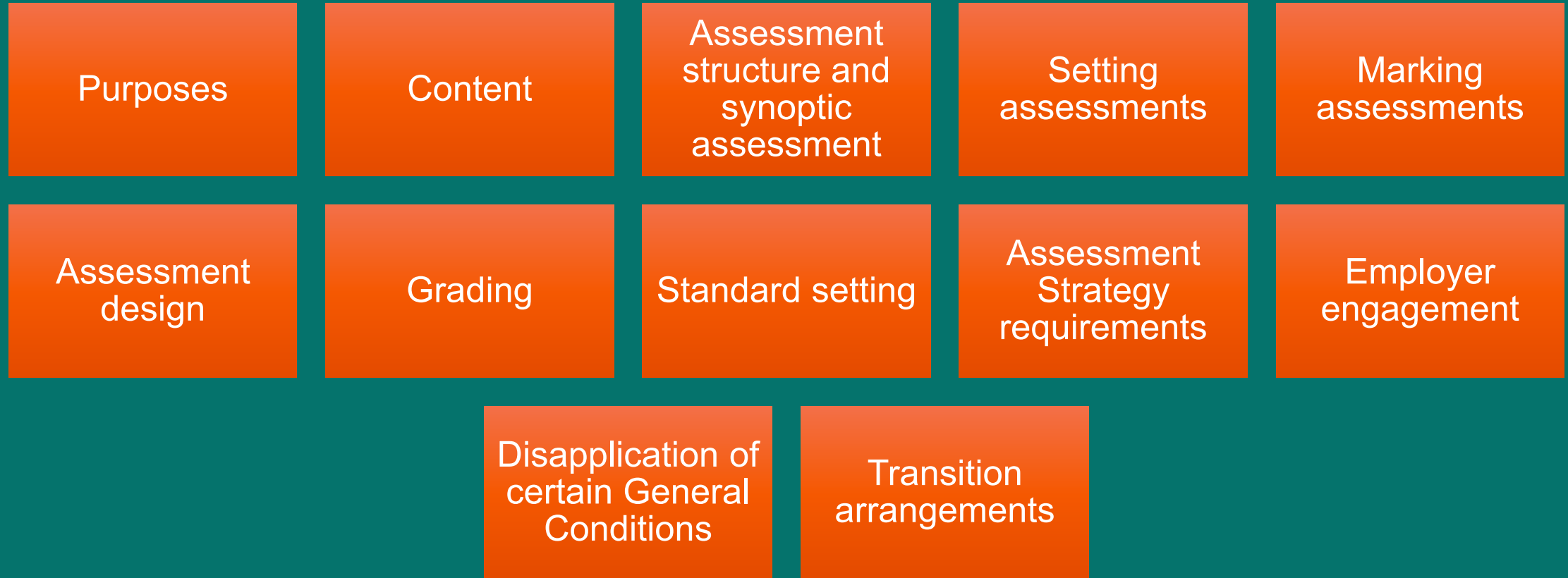
DfE widening the apprenticeship offer

Shorter duration and Foundation apprenticeships (now in effect) in targeted sectors.

Levy funded growth and skills offer meets employer and learner needs.

Making changes that will make things easier for employers and learners.

Ofqual framework proposals



Indicative Timelines

Feb 25

NAW Announcements regarding the new Apprenticeship Assessment Principles

Aug 25

Foundation Apprenticeships, Shorter duration Apprenticeships and Minimum length of stay from 12 to 8 months go live

Aug 25

Ofqual's public consultation on the proposed new regulatory framework closed

Sep 25

Expected feedback on the new assessment plans following the review of 5 standards with key stakeholders

Autumn

Ofqual feedback on the Regulatory Framework

Autumn

Curriculum and Assessment Review (CAR)

Autumn

Post 16 White Paper



What risks and/or opportunities to your organisation/role can you see for the proposed changes?

Question Time



Key Takeaways

Speak with your
Awarding
Assessment
Organisations
(EPAO's),

Staffing
requirements

Costs

Cashflow

Payments – when,
what etc

Systems

Quality Assurance



Now you know more, what are your thoughts on the proposed changes to End-point Assessment/Apprenticeship Assessment?

Date: 22nd October 2025

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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