

Assessment of non-UK qualifications and outcomes

Year of assessment	Total applications	Total assessment requests withdrawn	Qualifications accepted for registration	Qualification assessed as requiring compensatory measure
2018	18	12	2	4
2019	2	1	0	1
2020	5	3	1	1
Total			3	6

The number of non-UK qualification assessments is small and has been reducing over the years; however, the time and resource commitments are significant. The above data shows the outcomes of applications for assessment for function-based parts of the register over the past three years.

A number of applicants decide to withdraw their request for assessment at an early stage in their registration application once they understand the volume of information they are required to provide, the timescales and cost involved in the assessment.

Although we only carry out a small number of assessments each year, dealing with queries and screening applications uses a high staffing resource from Registration and Learning and Development and the resource required to carry out an assessment is significant.

Costs and resourcing implications

Assessment of a qualification costs the individual £320, as well as their registration fee. If a compensatory measure is required, the applicant will then have the additional cost of the price of a benchmark qualification or an aptitude test which is £790.

In terms of staffing resource, initial screening of a qualification takes on average a day for a Learning and Development Adviser. A full qualification assessment can take up to six months to complete. Each assessment requires a significant time commitment from both the applicant and the SSSC. In order to undertake an assessment the individual is required to submit a significant volume of

information to support the assessment. Each qualification assessment is completed by two internal Learning and Development Advisers, which on average takes two to three weeks to complete. The outcome, as shown in the table above, is often that they are required to complete a compensatory measure, which is a benchmark qualification.