



The information authority

Paper 07: Harmonising Ofsted and LSC
Qualification Success Reporting

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1. What are we asking the board to do?

The board is asked to endorse the recommendations of the report into 'Harmonising Ofsted and Qualification Success Reporting'. The LSC and Ofsted board members are being asked to commit their organisations to work with *the information authority* on resolving the remaining issues.

2. Introduction

The information authority had commissioned a piece of work looking at how Ofsted and LSC qualification success rate reporting could be aligned. The outcome of this study is attached.

3. Findings

Differences in success rate reporting have been causing confusion and additional work for providers. The attached report from David Mason outlines:

- why these differences have occurred
- current work between the LSC and Ofsted which will align success rates this year
- a number of recommendations to put in place robust governance and to remove outstanding differences

The board is asked to acknowledge the findings and to commit *the information authority* to working with the LSC and Ofsted on the recommendations.

4. FE Sector Implications

Differences in qualification success rate reporting cause confusion in the sector and drives inefficiency and additional cost in the FE system. The progress made so far by the LSC and Ofsted in aligning success rates this year will be welcomed by providers. There is a need, however, to protect this achievement with robust, enduring processes and further work will be required to resolve remaining issues.

5. Next Steps

The LSC and Ofsted board members are being asked to commit their organisations to implementing the recommendations with the support of *the information authority*.

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