

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Head of Department

Date: July 2015

Subject: Vocational and Educational Skills

Skills Funding Agency Update

Dear Colleague

We're delighted to be able to let you know that the Skills Funding Agency (SfA) is due to update the 2015/16 Simplified Funding Rates Catalogue on 1 July and we have received confirmation that even more of our qualifications will be available for funding in 2015-16.

The Skills Funding Agency (SfA) continues to review all currently funded qualifications to ensure that government expectations are met. These criteria include minimum size, take-up by learners, recognition by centres and employers and a clearly written purpose statement.

OCR is working with the SfA on a regular basis to submit our qualifications against these new criteria to ensure that they remain fundable in 2015/16. The list of SfA funded qualifications can be located on the <u>SfA website</u> and is updated quarterly.

Please note that for 2014/2015 there are no changes.

If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 024 76 851509.