

MHHS Qualification Advisory Group (QAG) Headline Report

Issue date: 27/08/2024

Meeting number	QAG 007	Venue	Virtual – MS Teams
Date and time	22 August 2024 10:00-12:00	Classification	Public

Actions

Area	Action Ref	Action	Owner	Due Date	Update
Qualification Approach and Plan	QAG07-01	Programme and Code Bodies to update any dates in Qualification Artefacts and other relevant documentation on the MHHS website and Qualification area of the Collaboration Base.	Programme/Code Bodies	ONGOING	NEW
Previous Meeting(s)	QAG06-01	Code Bodies to clarify QAD submission process and timelines	Code bodies	22/08/2024	ONGOING: Update was provided at QWG 13 August 2024. Further update will be provided at QAG once timelines are confirmed.

Decisions

Area	Decision Ref	Description	Rationale
Headline Report and Actions	QAG-DEC26	The headline report of the previous meeting on 18 July 2024 was approved.	The Programme invited objections to the approval of the document, to which none were received.

Qualification Approach and Plan	QAG-DEC27	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the Qualification Approach and Plan.	The document had been recommended for approval by QWG. The Chair invited objections to the approval of the document, to which none were received.
Annex 1 of Qualification Approach and Plan	QAG-DEC28	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved Annex 1 of Qualification Approach and Plan.	The document had been recommended for approval by QWG. The Chair invited objections to the approval of the document, to which none were received.
Annex 2 of Qualification Approach and Plan	QAG-DEC29	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved Annex 2 of Qualification Approach and Plan.	The document had been recommended for approval by QWG. The Chair invited objections to the approval of the document, to which none were received.
Qualification Assessment Document	QAG-DEC30	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the Qualification Assessment Document.	The document had been recommended for approval by QWG. The Chair invited objections to the approval of the document, to which none were received.
Non-SIT LDSO Test Data Plan	QAG-DEC31	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the Non-SIT LDSO Test Data Plan.	The document had been recommended for approval by QWG. The Chair invited objections to the approval of the document, to which none were received.
Non-SIT LDSO Test Scenarios and Test Cases	QAG-DEC32	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the Non-SIT LDSO Test Scenarios and Test Cases.	The document had been recommended for approval by QWG. The Chair invited objections to the approval of the document, to which none were received.

Key Discussion Items

Area	Discussion
Headline Report and Actions	The headline report of the previous meeting on 18 July 2024 was approved (QAG-DEC26).
SIT Progress and Programme Scenario Planning	The Programme provided an update on SIT progress and Scenario planning and the impact this will have on Qualification. Programme advised that SIT is not on track to meet its completion targets. Despite recent acceleration, progress is not quick enough and completion dates will be delayed. The programme is undergoing a recalibration of the programme plan to address these delays which will impact other workstreams beyond SIT. There are up to three months contingency built into the Programme Plan on the path to M10. Any change beyond these three months would require Ofgem Governance approval. In response to a PP query, Programme confirmed planning

	<p>will not be constrained to the contingency period and will extend beyond if required. Programme noted that current assumptions are that the contingency period will be sufficient.</p> <p>Programme advised that engagement is now taking place with PPs, Code Bodies and Central Parties to understand SIT timelines and the impacts on other workstreams. Programme will provide signposting as early as possible on planning proposals.</p> <p>Programme provided update on current proposals and timelines, with a visual outline in the meeting slides. To protect the timeline between the IR8.x maintenance window and Non-SIT LDSO Qualification testing, Non-SIT LDSO Qualification testing has been pushed back to start no earlier than 01-Nov-24.</p> <p>Programme outlined plans for the Change Request process which will begin in September and a proposal to be provided to September PSG. The Standard Change Process will then be followed with a view to it, then be tabled for approval at the October PSG. Programme outlined plans to signpost changes as early as possible, primarily on an interactive basis through Governance Groups and on an individual basis.</p> <p>Following a PP question, Programme highlighted the importance of involving Ofgem in the planning process regardless of whether the delays would extend beyond the contingency period.</p> <p>Following a PP question, Programme confirmed that risks related to the proposed plan would be assessed and follow the standard RAID process.</p> <p>The Medium Supplier Representative noted their support for the risks raised by the Large Suppliers which were submitted in a letter separate to this meeting.</p> <p>A PP asked for more specific dates in the Process and Timetable Slide. Programme noted the following specific dates (to be read along with slide):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Ofgem Reporting: Monday of each week block 1.2 Change Board: Tuesday 03 September 2024. 1.3 PSG: Dates are set in stone – Upcoming PSG’s are Wednesday 04 September 2024 / 02 October 2024
<p>Qualification Approach and Plan</p>	<p>Code Bodies provided an update on Qualification Approach and Plan (QA&P) consultation. A decision was taken to approve after endorsement from QWG 13 August 2024 (QAG-DEC27).</p> <p>A PP asked whether the dates included in the QA&P would be subject to change given the recalibration of the plan and what would that Change Process look like. Programme advised that the dates in Appendix C would need to be updated which would likely be a separate activity to the Programme Plan Change Request and is targeting October.</p> <p>Programme and Code Bodies took an action to update any dates in Qualification Artefacts and other relevant documentation on the MHHS website and Qualification area of the Collaboration Base (ACTION QAG07-01).</p>
<p>Annex 1 of Qualification Approach and Plan</p>	<p>Programme provided an update on Annex 1 of the Qualification Approach and Plan consultation. A decision was taken to approve after endorsement from QWG 13 August 2024 (QAG-DEC28).</p> <p>Programme noted there are some dates in the document that will need to be updated.</p>

Annex 2 of Qualification Approach and Plan	Code Bodies provided an update on Annex 2 of the Qualification Approach and Plan consultation. A decision was taken to approve after endorsement from QWG 13 August 2024 (QAG-DEC29).
Qualification Assessment Document	<p>Code Bodies provided an update on the Qualification Assessment Document consultation. Code Bodies noted that an endorsement was received from QWG 13 August dependent on a confirmation that the QAD has been updated to reflect the ISMS requirements. This was confirmed and a decision was taken to approve (QAG-DEC30).</p> <p>Code Bodies also noted that the QAD document has been updated to reflect the changes to the DIP rules and to allow for cases where a LDSO can place reliance on their DCP.</p> <p>A PP asked where a summary of the amendments could be found. Codes Bodes advised that the QAD redlined and clean version have been added to the Qualification area of the MHHS website or alternatively the Comments Consultation Log would be a useful resource.</p>
Non-SIT LDSO Test Data Plan	Programme provided an update on Non-SIT LDSO Test Data Plan consultation. A decision was taken to approve after endorsement from QWG 13 August 2024 (QAG-DEC31).
Non-SIT LDSO Test Scenarios and Test Cases	Programme provided an update on Non-SIT LDSO Test Scenarios and Test Cases consultation. A decision was taken to approve after endorsement from QWG 13 August 2024 (QAG-DEC32).
P476 Exemption from MHHS Requirements for Smart Market Segment Qualification	Code Bodies provided an update on the Modification for the Exemption for the Smart Market Segment for Supplier Qualification. It currently sits with Ofgem to make a Decision by 02 November 2024, and if it passes will target an implementation date of 02 December 2024. Code Bodies noted that guidance is for PPs to proceed with submissions as if there is no market segment exemption approved other than UMS.
Programme Milestones related to QAG	<p>Programme provided an update on milestones related to QAG, giving PPs some direction on the dates they should be working towards in light of the Programme Planning Recalibration, highlighting the move from 02 September 2024 to 01 October 2024 for the Initial QAD submission window. See meeting slides for more information.</p> <p>A PP sought clarity around the dates related to QAD, beyond the initial submission window, also moving by a month. Programme confirmed those dates will be moving but cannot confirm finalised dates yet. Programme will issue a communication with timelines once confirmed.</p> <p>A PP queried whether Programme was leaving flexibility to allow for future changes to the plan to be made. Programme confirmed this is not the case and the changes to the plan are intended to be final.</p> <p>A PP asked for clarity on whether PPs would remain in the same Qualification Waves despite the date changes. Code Bodies advised the starting position is for Qualification Waves to remain the same, though there may be some flexibility depending on the Plan changes and capacity. Code Bodies also encouraged PPs to start work on the QAD, which will be published the week starting Monday 26 August 2024 subject to PAB approval, in September to get a head start prior to the QAD Portal opening on 01 October 2024.</p> <p>Programme confirmed the removal of the proposed Milestones, following no objections. See slide for more detail.</p>

Top Programme Risks Related to QAG	<p>PP queried whether Programme has a risk logged around LDSO Qualification Delays and the Impact on Supplier Migration. Programme advised that in light of the changes to the plan, and M10 and M11 being pushed back, this is going to be delayed and thus there is not sufficient cause to capture it as a risk or an issue at this point.</p> <p>PP asked whether there is a risk around the Additional Interim Releases and their impact on SIT parties and subsequent Qualification timelines and whether the 8.3 Maintenance Window will be moved. Programme advised that provisions are being made for a Maintenance Window between Cycle 3 and Regression Testing, which will be needed for data loading. This means there is a maintenance window open if necessary but at this point the intention is it will not be needed. The intention s for 8.3 to be the preproduction release but it is dependent on Testing Progress.</p>
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Date of next meeting: 19 September 2024

Attendees

Chair

Chris Welby (Chair)

MHHS SRO

Industry Representatives

Clare Hannah
Gareth Evans
Graham Wood
Helen Clarke
Laura Kennedy
Sarah Ross
David Yeoman
Nigel Roberts
Andrew Wallace

Supplier Agent Representative
I&C Supplier Representative
Large Supplier Representative
Supplier Agent Representative (Independent)
Elexon Qualification Team
Elexon Qualification Team
DNO Representative
Medium Supplier Representative
RECCo

MHHS IM

Ben Wickens
Jason Brogden
Nicola Farley
Philip McCann
Nicola Farley
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Non-SIT LDSO Qualification Team
Programme Industry SME
Non-SIT LDSO Qualification Lead
Governance Lead
Qualification Test Manager
PMO

Other Attendees

Jordan Smith
Chris Wood
Jenny Boothe
Sinead Quinn
Fahreen Japp
Matt Cogram
Devon Leslie
Sinead Quinn
Tom Jenkins
Liam Evans

Elexon
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Apologies

Seat vacant

Small Supplier Representative