

Fees and Invoicing Policy

Introduction

This document is provided for our centres and sets out the fees we will charge for our various qualifications and services, as well as our invoicing arrangements.

Our aim is to have a pricing structure and associated invoice arrangements that are:

- Fair and appropriate and provide value for money for centres.
- Clear and transparent, with no hidden costs or details.
- Appropriate to the level of qualification they are purchasing

TQUK Internal Responsibility

The Operations Manager is responsible for the maintenance of and compliance with this policy. If they are absent, the Managing Director would appoint another member of the SMT to ensure all TQUK actions and activities are in line with the content of this policy.

Review arrangements

We will review this document and its associated procedures annually as part of our self-evaluation arrangements and/or in response to customer, or regulatory feedback and any trends that may emerge in the types of queries we may have received.

The annual review of this policy will be undertaken by the Quality Assurance Department approximately four weeks prior to the submission of TQUK's Statement of Compliance to Ofqual. Any amendments or updates to this policy will be approved by TQUK's SMT.

If you would like to raise any points, or have a query in relation to any aspect of our fees or invoicing arrangements, please contact us via the details provided at the end of this document.

Regulated Qualification Fees

TQUK is committed to ensuring all our fee details are updated every time a new qualification is offered. TQUK produce a price list for all our qualifications that is available on request. Approved centres will be notified at the earliest opportunity if any of our fees are amended or changed to help with any planning arrangements. These fees will be available to TQUK centres awaiting recognition and TQUK Approved Centres upon request.

Details of the qualifications TQUK offer (e.g. the qualifications specifications) can be obtained from the website at www.tquk.org.uk along with centre guidance materials and full details of current pricing.

Details of additional service fees can be obtained in the latest TQUK Centre Agreement which is made available online.

Invoicing Procedures

Qualification Licences

TQUK approved centres must purchase qualification licences prior to the qualifications being delivered by the centre. Purchases of licences can be made online, by telephone or by e-mail communication and TQUK accepts the following methods of payment: BACS, SagePay on-line payment, cheques made payable to TQUK or over the phone with a valid debit or credit card.

Qualification licences will be deducted at the point where learners are confirmed as passed by the centre. Licences are not associated with a specific learner and can be utilised for future learners.

TQUK reserves the right to generate an invoice when the amount of registered and active learners per qualification is greater than the amount of licences available or pending for the qualification. Active learners refers to registered learners who are yet to be confirmed as completed, failed or withdrawn.

Quality Assurance

Centres wishing to undertake centre recognition will be invoiced upon returning a centre recognition form to TQUK. Payment for centre recognition is due immediately and work will begin upon confirmation of payment.

Centres who are unsuccessful in their application having paid their original centre recognition fee will be entitled to a 50% refund of the original amount at its request.

Centres applying for additional qualifications will be invoiced on a per qualification basis for qualifications that have been approved by the Quality Assurance department as part of the qualification approval process. Qualifications will be made available upon successful payment.

Centres subject to annual EQA activities and are ineligible for a free visit will be invoiced on confirmation of the EQA activity and will be due prior to the date of the arranged activity. The invoice will include the visit date and fee.

TQUK reserves the right to generate an invoice for any reasonably incurred expenses associated with the EQA activity. The invoice will be generated within 30 days of the conclusion of the EQA activity and will include itemised expenses.

All other Quality Assurance activities will be subject to standard invoicing procedures.

General

All purchases or requests for Quality Assurance activities will be invoiced on the same or next working day as appropriate. The invoice will be sent to the designated person/department nominated by the centre.

It is the responsibility of the centre to ensure that invoices meet its own needs in invoicing procedures and TQUK will not accept responsibility for incorrect address details or omitted purchase numbers.

Each invoice will contain details:

- Of the product/service being provided
- Of the registered address
- Of the invoice date
- The payment method and where required our bank account details

- Of the VAT amount (unless you have informed us that you are VAT exempt OR are based outside of the U.K)
- Of our payment terms

Payment

Upon receipt of the invoice, payment should be received by TQUK within 30 days of the invoice date or within alternative, previously agreed terms. On receiving payment, we will update our records to show full payment has been received and make good or services available for processing within 24 hours.

Failure to pay due invoices may result in services and/or products being phased out and/or withdrawn from a centre.

Payment for invoices 45 days or older are recovered through our debtors' management process. Failure to receive payment within a period of 60 days of the issue of the invoice will result in the account being suspended. Invoices over 90 days will result in further action being taken

If you have any queries about any aspect of an invoice please contact us on the details below.

Records

In accordance with HMRC guidelines TQUK will keep records of all invoices issued and received should an approved centre or other relevant parties (such as the regulators) need to be provided with an auditable trail of transactions.

Contact us

If you have any queries about any aspect of our fees or invoice arrangements or the content of this policy, please contact us on 03333 583344, email account.managers@tquk.org or visit our website www.tquk.org