

MHHS Qualification Advisory Group (QAG) Headline Report

Issue date: 30/01/2026

Meeting number	QAG 024	Venue	Virtual – MS Teams
Date and time	28 January 2026 10:00-12:00	Classification	Public

Actions

Area	Action Ref	Action	Owner	Due Date	Update
Previous meeting	QAG22-02	The Code Bodies to carry out risk assessments and outline the impact of PPs that are behind schedule when milestone decisions are presented to QAG for approval.	Code Bodies	18/02/26	ONGOING: To be undertaken when the next milestone decisions are presented.

Decisions

Area	Decision Ref	Description	Rationale
Headline Report and Actions	QAG-DEC102	The headline report of the previous meeting on 17 December 2025 was approved.	The Chair invited objections to the approval of the document, to which none were received.
Programme Milestones Related to QAG	QAG-DEC103	The Chair (with SRO delegated powers) approved the completion of T3-QU-0097 '80% of M14 Critical Qualification Wave 1 Participants have submitted their final QAD'	The Chair invited objections to the approval of the milestone, to which none were received.
Programme Milestones Related to QAG	QAG-DEC104	The Chair (with SRO delegated powers) approved the completion of T3-QU-0054 'Qualification Wave 1 QT Projected Execution End'	The Chair invited objections to the approval of the milestone, to which none were received.
Programme Milestones Related to QAG	QAG-DEC105	The Chair (with SRO delegated powers) approved the completion of T3-QU-0039 'Qualification Wave 3 Execution Start'.	The Chair invited objections to the approval of the milestone, to which none were received.

Key Discussion Items

Area	Discussion
Headline Report and Actions	<p>DECISION: The headline report of the previous meeting on 17 December 2025 was approved with no objections or comments (QAG-DEC102 – recording timestamp 01:16:00).</p> <p>The Chair highlighted that action QAG-22-02 will be reported as 'Ongoing' until all Qualification milestones with an 80% threshold are completed.</p> <p>No questions or objections were raised.</p>
Programme Milestones Related to QAG	<p>Wave 1 Final QAD Submission Code Bodies sought approval of T3-QU-0097 on the basis that as of 16 January 2026 100% of PPs in Wave 1 submitted their final QAD on time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ofgem queried whether this milestone covered both submission and approval of Wave 1 final QADs. Code Bodies clarified that this milestone is only for submissions and there is a separate milestone for approval. <p>DECISION: The Chair (with SRO delegated powers) approved the completion of T3-QU-0097 '80% of M14 Critical Qualification Wave 1 Participants have submitted their final QAD' (QAG-DEC103 – recording timestamp 03:45:00).</p> <p>Wave 1 and 3 QT Execution Update Code Bodies sought approval of T3-QU-0054 noting that Wave 1 Test Execution completed as of 18 December 2025 and 7 of 7 PPs have exited QT.</p> <p>DECISION: The Chair (with SRO delegated powers) approved the completion of T3-QU-0054 'Qualification Wave 1 QT Projected Execution End' (QAG-DEC104 – recording timestamp 04:40:00).</p> <p>Code Bodies reported strong progress in Sprint 1 Wave 3 testing, with 117 Test Cases passed as of 28 January 2026, well ahead of the pass target. They noted that all lessons learned from Waves 1 and 2 are being applied to PPs in Wave 3, with further updates provided at QTEF-15.</p> <p>Code Bodies sought approval of T3-QU-0039 since Wave 3 Test Execution started on 12 January 2026.</p> <p>DECISION: The Chair (with SRO delegated powers) approved the completion of T3-QU-0039 'Qualification Wave 3 Execution Start' (QAG-DEC105 – recording timestamp 05:51:00).</p>

Qualification Planning	<p>Code Bodies highlighted that, as many Non-SIT PPs are on track to complete QT ahead of their Wave deadlines, minor updates were made to the QA&P and issued for consultation on 19 January 2026, closing on 30 January 2026. They confirmed the updated QA&P will be taken to February governance groups and QAG for approval.</p> <p>The Programme noted that the PPIR on 'Migration Pathways' was published on 19 January 2026. These Pathways are from end of QT through to Migration start, taking account of PAB, ISD, and MDD dates. The PPIR enables PPs to review and validate timing of their activities, to avoid mismatches, and provide feedback on fortnightly ISD publications.</p> <p>The Programme acknowledged that PPIR outcomes are likely to lead to several bilateral engagements with PPs.</p> <p>The Programme noted that 50 PPIR submissions have been received to date but emphasised that all PPs should submit as soon as possible to ensure that outcomes can be assessed and incorporated promptly.</p> <p>They outlined that the PPIR webinar had over 180 attendees and covered several questions and answers, directing any PPs with PPIR queries to the recording, available here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Supplier Agent Representative asked when ISD publications and Migration Pathways would be decided, and whether this would allow PPs sufficient commercial and operational planning time. The Programme clarified that PPs decide which Migration Pathway to align to, with any changes to Migration start dates reflected through Sprint 2 Planning. The Programme noted that changes to ISD publication would not require governance approval, as CR53 and BSC guidance already mention fortnightly ISD publications during transition. However, industry feedback through the PPIR on the ISD calendar and blank ISD publications is needed to assess capacity. The Supplier Agent Representative queried whether the fortnightly decision would be critical for any PPs currently in Qualification. The Programme responded that there is time till 15 May 2026 to decide but acknowledged that sufficient time should be provided to the LDSO community to reflect interim ISD publications requiring LDSOs' to take a script from St Clements. • The Supplier Agent Representative queried how industry would be notified of fortnightly ISD publications. The Programme expects it would be communicated through the Clock and programme channels, but noted ownership is with the ISD team in Elexon.
L3/L4 Validation	<p>The DIP Manager reported that some PPs have not implemented required L3/L4 message validation due to no clear mandate on which validations in DES138 are required. However, the DIP Manager noted that these requirements have been in the Qualification documents since the beginning.</p> <p>To resolve this, the DIP Manager is formalising L3/L4 validation in code, and ensuring all checks become mandatory with defined options explored in the last MHHS Expert Group meeting. They noted that a change to the DIP rules will be raised at the next DCAB and a DIP CR14 will be implemented. Further information is available on the slides.</p> <p>The DIP Manager also noted that assigning ownership of each code is no longer being considered since most codes will likely be DIP Manager codes and highlighted that 4 business related codes are still outstanding and awaiting feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Supplier Agent Representative noted that these validation issues may not have been addressed by PPs that have already qualified in addition to those going through Qualification and asked whether a deadline and level of urgency had been set. The DIP Manager

	<p>responded that PPs should address these issues promptly and confirmed that guidance would be provided on L3/L4 validation mechanics, resolutions, and how PPs talk to each other, with initial guidance expected by 30 January 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair summarised that all PPs undergoing Qualification must meet the mentioned requirements and those that have already qualified must get compliant as quickly as possible with the DIP Manager team happy to provide support in resolving issues. The DIP Manager agreed adding that there are around 30 RCP codes, with two-thirds being conditional on whether Swagger validation was undertaken. <p>The Chair and DIP Manager requested any further questions to be directed to the DIP Manager mailbox.</p>
Qualification Progress and RAID Review	<p>The Programme outlined the strong progress across QT with a large proportion of milestones noted as Green and Blue. While some future milestones remain Red, the Programme remains confident in achieving M14. They outlined that the probability related to R1215 has lowered since QAG papers were published due to considerations on QT progress throughout the Waves providing confidence in PPs completing QT ahead of their window.</p> <p>The Programme acknowledged that there may be some risk related to capacity and capability for Qualification support due to the implications from the PPIR, as PPs may align with Migration Pathways towards the end of the process due to mismatch between QT and Migration start dates. They stated that a readiness assessment to Central Parties will be carried out following the PPIR to ensure revised assumptions are reflected into planning and resourcing to help address these risks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Supplier Agent Representative queried why the initial QAD submissions for Wave 4 were tracking Green if the milestone date had passed. The Programme responded that there is still one PP outstanding and currently being engaged with. <p>The Programme provided the opportunity to incorporate top-down input into RAID management and encouraged feedback on risks.</p>
Programme Updates	<p>Programme updates were taken as read.</p>
Summary and Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Wallace noted that he is rolling off Qualification activities and Jonny Moore will be taking over as RECCo Representative with RPA Deloitte continuing as the face of Qualification. The Chair thanked Andrew for his contributions and welcomed Jonny to future meetings. <p>The Secretariat ran through the actions and decisions captured from the meeting. No questions or comments were raised.</p>

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18 February 2026

Attendees

Chair

Smitha Pichrikat

MHHS SRO/Chair

Industry Representatives

Andrew Wallace	RECCo Representative (as Qualification Agent)
Rob Golding	DIP Manager
Helen Clarke	Supplier Agent Representative (Independent)
Andrew Green (alternate for Gareth Evans)	I&C Supplier Representative
Laura Kennedy	Elexon Representative (as Qualification Agent)
Graham Wood	Large Supplier Representative
Erik Baguzis	iDNO Representative
Clare Hannah	Supplier Agent Representative

MHHS IM

Malinsa Abeysekara	PMO
Will Rosson	PMO Planning Lead
Kiran Raj	Programme Test Lead
Jason Brogden	Programme Industry SME
Dominic Mooney	SIT Manager
Adrian Ackroyd	Client Test Programme Manager

Other Attendees

Jenny Boothe	Ofgem
Sinead Quinn	Ofgem
Carlota Soumah Fernandez	REC Qualification Team
David Moss	Elexon QT Manager
Sarah Ross	Elexon Qualification Team
Deen Awan	ELS Manager
George Players	Elexon Qualification Team
Vaishnavi Sharma	Qualification Assurance Manager
Jonny Moore	Future RECCo Representative (as Qualification Agent)

Apologies

Seat vacant

Rachel Stringfellow

Gareth Evans

Small Supplier Representative

Medium Supplier Representative

I&C Supplier Representative