

FAQs

Why are these qualifications being withdrawn?

As part of our approach to maintaining and updating our product portfolio, we've recently conducted a review to identify areas of provision with qualifications that have had low to no registrations in recent years. As a result of the review, and to ensure our product portfolio continues to add value to the sector, we're withdrawing 16 qualifications that have very low enrolments and/or have more up-to-date suitable alternatives.

As the leading AO in the sports, leisure and wellbeing qualification market, we remain committed to delivering qualifications that meet the evolving needs of learners and providers. We will continue to expand and update our portfolio to ensure it remains relevant, high-quality and responsive to sector demand.

We look forward to sharing updates on our new qualification developments, which will be launching soon.

When do the changes happen and what do I need to do now?

You can continue registering learners on these qualifications until their operational end dates. Where applicable, we have provided a recommended alternative qualification which can be found on [this alternative qualifications document](#). Now would be a good time to start familiarising yourself with the qualification specification, but we'll ensure you're supported every step of the way as you transition onto a new qualification from 1 April 2026.

What do I need to do if I choose to deliver an AIQ suitable alternative qualification?

If you do not currently have approval for the AIQ suitable alternative qualification, you can apply for this [here](#). If you already have approval to deliver the suitable alternative qualification, you can start registering your learners onto the alternative qualification right away.

What do I need to do if there isn't an AIQ suitable qualification available?

If there isn't a suitable alternative AIQ qualification available in our portfolio, we would advise contacting our external verifier team by email ev@activeiq.co.uk who can provide advice and support.