

## LAMDA Examinations Notice

### **Syllabus Specifications Addendum: Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) and Total Qualification Time (TQT)**

This addendum affects the following LAMDA syllabus specifications:

LAMDA Communication Graded Examinations Syllabus, with effect from 1 Sept 2014

LAMDA Performance Graded Examinations Syllabus, with effect from 1 Sept 2014

LAMDA Musical Theatre Solo/Duo Graded Examinations Syllabus, with effect from 1 Jan 2016

LAMDA Certificate in Speech and Drama: Performance Studies (PCertLAM) Syllabus, with effect from 1 Jan 2016

### **Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF)**

LAMDA's Communication, Performance, Solo/Duo Musical Theatre and PCertLAM qualifications are credit bearing qualifications that previously sat on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF). This framework did not allow direct comparisons to other qualification types. It was disbanded and replaced by the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) in December 2015.

The advent of Ofqual's new Regulated Qualifications Framework now allows for direct comparison between academic qualifications (i.e. GCSEs/A Levels) and vocational qualifications (i.e. LAMDA qualifications and others).

The levels of the qualifications on the RQF are the same as when they sat on the QCF.

From 1 July 2016, the QCF titles and all references to the QCF will be removed from the online versions of LAMDA's Communication, Performance, Solo/Duo Musical Theatre and PCertLAM syllabus specifications and replaced with details on the RQF. These amendments will also appear in hard copies of these syllabus specifications in subsequent re-prints.

### **Total Qualification Time (TQT)**

In August 2015 Ofqual published proposed timescales for awarding organisations to allocate Total Qualification Time (TQT) to their qualifications and to publish specifications which included these figures.

Total Qualification Time is split into three components: guided learning, directed study and dedicated assessment. It includes learner initiated study.

The process for allocating TQT to LAMDA's recognised qualifications was completed via consultation with a sample of LAMDA teachers/centres. The consultation period ran from December 2015 until the end of March 2016.

Figures for Total Qualification Time are already published in the online and hard copy versions of LAMDA's Solo/Duo Musical Theatre and PCertLAM syllabus specifications. From 1 July 2016, the TQT figures will also be added to the online versions of LAMDA's Communication and Performance syllabus specifications, and will appear in hard copies of these syllabus specifications in subsequent re-prints.