

Maintained Centre Status Policy and Process

Introduction

This policy is aimed at customers who wish to retain their Approved Centre status with SLQ without being subject to the minimum spend for an identified academic year (August-July), as agreed to in the Terms and Conditions (2016). This is relevant for Centres who have no plans to register new SLQ qualifications during this period.

The policy sets out the steps a Centre must follow when opting to maintain their Centre status and SLQ responsibilities in dealing with such requests.

Review arrangements

SLQ will review the policy as part of our self-evaluation arrangements and revise it as and when necessary in response to customer and learner feedback or requests from, or good practice guidance issued by, the regulatory authorities

If you would like to feedback any views, please contact SLQ via the details provided at the end of this policy.

1. Centre responsibility

It is important that all staff involved in the management, assessment and internal quality assurance of our qualifications, are fully aware of the contents of the policy. Failure by a Centre to inform SLQ of their wish to maintain its Centre status will result in the Centre breaching the Terms and Conditions and being liable of the associated minimum spend.

2. Definition of Maintained Centre status

The term Maintained Centre status is used when a Centre wishes to remain an Approved Centre for an academic year whilst not being subject to the minimum spend as agreed to in the Terms and Conditions as they have no plans to register qualifications during that academic year.

3. Process for becoming a Maintained Centre

SLQ requires formal notification via submission of a completed maintaining notification form at the end of this policy, no other format will be accepted, this should be sent to contact@sportsleaders.org.

By a Maintained Centre status being granted the Centre will be no longer be accountable to the minimum spend clause in the [Terms and Conditions](#) during this temporary period. During this period, a Centre will not be able to register SLQ qualifications.

Centres must inform SLQ by 1st November at the latest, should they wish to become a Maintained Centre for the current academic year, for example: should a centre wish to become a Maintained Centre for the 2019/20 academic year, they must inform SLQ by 1st November 2019. SLQ will confirm receipt of the notification within 5 working days of receiving the email notice.

During a maintaining Centre period Centres must ensure all previous qualification evidence is retained as stipulated in the Centre Manual.

SLQ will invoice the Centre a [maintenance fee](#) to cover administration costs and any outstanding fees in line with the Terms and Conditions that have been agreed to.

At the end of the academic year (31st July) the Centre will be reinstated to an active Centre and will be subject to all Terms and Conditions agreed to. If a Centre does not wish to continue as an active SLQ Centre, then the Withdrawal Policy must be followed.

4. Being a Maintained Centre for two consecutive academic years

Activation of the Maintained Centre status can occur for two consecutive years. However, the Centre must still inform SLQ of their intention to extend their maintained status beyond the first academic year by the 1st November.

Two consecutive years is the maximum time period that a Centre can be granted Maintained Centre status. Following these two years a Centre will automatically become active once again, therefore subject to the Terms and Conditions. If a Centre does not wish to continue as an active SLQ Centre, then the Centre Withdrawal Policy must be followed.

5. Reinstating Active Centre status early

Should a Centre who is under Maintained Centre status wish to be reinstated as an active Centre prior to the end of the academic year in which the status ends, they can do by emailing contact@sportsleaders.org. Once the Centre becomes active again they will be liable to meet the [minimum spend](#) for that academic year. However, SLQ will credit the maintaining fee once the minimum spend has been met.

Contact us

If you've any queries about the contents of the policy, please contact SLQ, Telephone: 01908 689180 or via email: policies@slqskills.org or via post to: 24 Linford Forum, Rockingham Drive, Linford Wood, Milton Keynes, MK14 6LY.

Maintained Centre Form

Centre Name:	
Post Code:	
Centre Number:	
Date of submission:	
*Date of intention to Maintained:	
Purchase order number (if applicable)	

We will be in touch with your centre over the academic year that you are being maintained and you will be able to access the Tutor Resources during this period.

Please note that your centre will still be committed to the minimum spend (£350) for the following academic year. If a Centre does not wish to continue as an active SLQ Centre then the [Centre Withdrawal Policy](#) must be followed.

Should a Centre who is under Maintained Qualification Centre status wish to be reinstated as an active Centre prior to the end of the academic year in which a Maintained Centre status ends, they can do so by submitting a course application. Once the Centre becomes active again, they will be liable to meet the [minimum spend](#) for that academic year. However, we will credit the maintaining fee once the minimum spend has been met.

The Maintained Centre status can occur for two consecutive years. However, the Centre must still need to complete the Maintained Centre form and return to SLQ (contact@sportsleaders.org) of their intention to extend their maintained status beyond the first academic year and this form must be returned by the 1st November.

If you require further information please see [Maintained Qualification Centre policy and process](#).

Centre Course Manager Name Contact number Email address		
Internal use only	Date received	Date processed
Signature of officer		