



# Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009

## 2009 CHAPTER 22

### PART 7

#### THE OFFICE OF QUALIFICATIONS AND EXAMINATIONS REGULATION

### CHAPTER 2

#### FUNCTIONS IN RELATION TO QUALIFICATIONS

##### *Accreditation of certain qualifications*

#### **139 Accreditation**

- (1) Where a qualification is subject to the accreditation requirement Ofqual must accredit a particular form of the qualification if—
  - (a) that form of the qualification has been submitted for accreditation by a recognised body which is recognised in respect of the qualification, and
  - (b) that form of the qualification meets the applicable criteria for accreditation most recently published under section 140.
- (2) Ofqual may not accredit a form of a qualification if the requirements set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) are not met in respect of that form of the qualification.
- (3) An accreditation under this section has effect from such date as Ofqual may specify.
- (4) Ofqual may not charge a recognised body in respect of accreditation under this section.
- (5) If Ofqual refuses an application for accreditation it must provide the recognised body with a statement setting out the reasons for its decision.