

# Basic & Workplace Skills Bulletin

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## News

**1 What business wants from adult skills**  
The British Chambers of Commerce has published a report, *Report of the Workplace Training and Development Commission*, is produced in partnership with Indeed.

**4 Second cycle for Higher Technical Qualifications applications**  
The application window for a second cycle of Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) quality marks has been announced.

**5 Ofqual confirms autumn assessments**  
Ofqual has published its decisions following a consultation on GCSE, AS and A-level exams in the autumn.

**6 Governments win re-election across GB**  
In local elections across England and in parliamentary elections in Scotland and Wales governing parties did well. In England, Labour had a mainly terrible result with a few bright spots, as the Conservatives made gains in what had once been traditional Labour heartlands.

## Feature

**7 Flexi-job apprenticeships**  
Josh Hill of the Apprenticeship Network argues that flexi-job apprenticeships lack flexibility.

## Policy papers

**8 Policy papers published last week**  
Policy papers on distance learning and youth unemployment.

## Consultations

**9 Consultations published last week**  
One consultation outcome on education was published last week were relevant.

## Delegated legislation

**10 Statutory instruments issued last week**  
There was one education statutory instrument issued last week, but that was about schools.

## Parliament - Debates

**11 Parliament prorogued**  
Parliament was prorogued on 29 April so there were no debates in Parliament last week.

## Parliament - Questions

**11 Answers to written questions**  
Parliament was prorogued on 29 April so there were no written answers published in *Hansard* last week.

## Publisher information

**12 Subscription rates**  
Publisher, writers and subscription details.