

# NQMS

## PROGRESS BULLETIN

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It is now two years since the National Quality Mark Scheme was launched. How is it progressing?

### TIMELINE

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| Jan 2014 | The National Brownfield Forum begin development of the NQMS to address the issue of project delays caused by deficient work being submitted to regulators. |
| Jan 2017 | NQMS Scheme Launch.<br>Welcomed by Environment Agency (EA) & National House Building Council.  |
| Aug 2017 | First six Local Authorities refer to NQMS in their technical guidance for regulatory services.   |
| Nov 2017 | EA fully endorse the NQMS and publish a revised position statement promoting and supporting its use.   |
| Dec 2017 | 15 Local Authorities refer to NQMS in their land contamination/developer guidance.   |
| Jun 2018 | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) support and GOV.UK website directs people to NQMS.   |
| Sep 2018 | First 50 Declarations Completed.   |
| Dec 2018 | 33 Local Authorities now refer to NQMS in their land contamination/developer guidance.   |
| Feb 2019 | 100 SQPs Registered  |

The NQMS is a voluntary scheme to ensure that any type of land contamination documents meet the necessary technical and regulatory standards before they are submitted to Local Authorities or the Environment Agency.

The scheme seeks to help reduce / remove the commercial stress caused by avoidable regulatory delay associated with the submission of incomplete or unsatisfactory reports and assessments.

The NQMS seeks to provide an assurance that the submission will “get it right first time” for the regulator, with the obvious economic benefit of doing so.

To find out more visit the NQMS web pages [www.claire.co.uk/nqms](http://www.claire.co.uk/nqms)