



# Back Stop AQ

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- The new requirements specify the need for a Back Stop date to be applied where there has been an AQ Correction to ensure that previous consumption is not used for future AQ Calculations.
- AQ2015 will use accepted reads up until the end of March 2015 in the AQ calculation. At this point the AQ can be challenged based on the reads recorded in UK Link. Any subsequent accepted reads after March will be used in the future AQ Calculations.
- A Back Stop date is required at Data Migration to protect against the use of 'disregarded' read(s). The reflection of inaccurate reads could create an invalid AQ which in turn will be used in downstream processes.

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- We are proposing two options to achieve a back stop date for GT Sites:
- Option 1
  - (a) Apply the actual Back Stop date for all Supply Meter Points where an AQ amendment or appeal has taken place
  - (b) Apply a default Back Stop date of 30/09/15 for all Supply Meter Points where an AQ has been proposed and carried forward and any site that has no meter read history
- Option 2
  - Apply one default Back Stop date of 30/09/2015 for all Supply Meter Points

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As part of the data migration activity the IGT will provide:

- A minimum of two reads (nine months apart) and an AQ for each Meter Supply Point

We are proposing two options to achieve a back stop date for IGT Sites:

- Option 1
  - Apply a Back Stop date of 30/09/20/15 for all IGT Supply Meter Points
- Option 2
  - Use the date of the first read provided by the IGT as the back stop date. All reads provided by the IGT will be used in future AQ calculations.

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- When a Supply Meter Point is subject to a backstop date the AQ will not calculate for a minimum of 9 months. Following this date an accepted read will be required to re-calculate the AQ.
  - E.g. 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015 backstop would hold further AQ calculations until July 2016
- In the case of Option 1(a) the last recorded Back Stop date will be used. This date as a maximum will go back three years.
  - E.g. AQ amendment/appeals process carried out in 2012. The AQ has not been amended/appealed since this date.

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