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Ongoing competence discussion event

Competence frameworks

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Legal sector



Other sectors



Other jurisdictions



Consumer support

Current LSB thinking

*Regulators should set the standards of competence that professionals should meet at the point of entry **and throughout their careers.***

Policy considerations

- Are there core competencies that all legal professionals should have?
- How do regulators accommodate diversity within the professions e.g. different roles, practice areas?
- How do we make best use of frameworks in everyday practice?



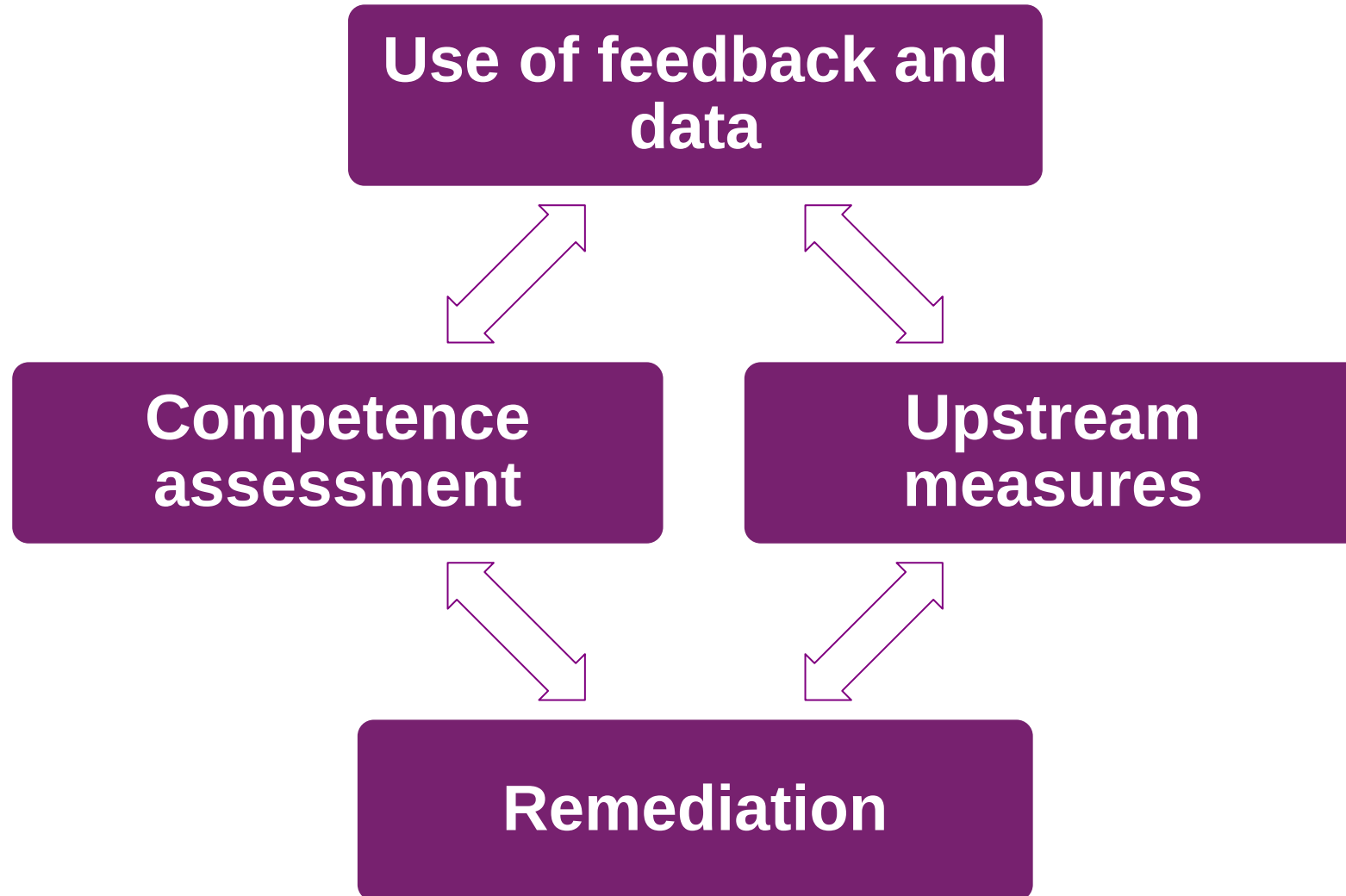


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Developing an ongoing competence toolkit

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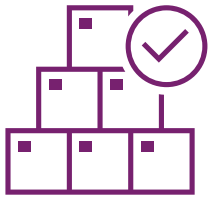
Regulators should assess profession-wide levels of competence, identifying areas of risk and designing upstream interventions.

Regulators should take suitable remedial action where standards of competence are not met.

Policy considerations



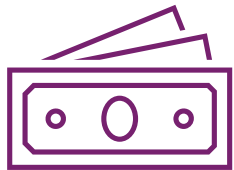
How can regulators make better use of information about competence – both data and feedback?



What other measures would be most effective – spot checks, audits, assessments?



Could regulators adopt a remedial approach to addressing competence issues?



And what sorts of factors – e.g. costs, consumer benefits, implementation – need to be weighed up when designing regulators' toolkits?



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Thank you

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