

Welsh-medium Qualifications

Policy Statement

Purpose

Gateway Qualifications recognises the importance of language diversity and cultural inclusivity. As an organisation committed to providing educational opportunities, Gateway Qualifications aims to accommodate the linguistic needs of our learners to the best of our abilities.

This statement sets out Gateway Qualifications' position regarding the language medium of its qualifications regulated by Qualifications Wales and the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) where Access to HE Diplomas are delivered and assessed in Wales.

Scope

Qualifications offered by Gateway Qualifications that are regulated by Qualifications Wales and Access to HE Diplomas regulated by the QAA delivered by Centres based in Wales

Audience

Recognised centres offering qualifications regulated by Qualifications Wales and QAA.

Related Policies and Documents

- Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy

Qualifications regulated by Qualifications Wales

Due to certain constraints and considerations Gateway Qualifications does **not currently offer qualifications through the medium of Welsh.**

The decision not to offer qualifications in Welsh is based on the following factors:

Availability of resources

Developing and delivering qualifications through multiple mediums requires significant resources, including qualified personnel, curriculum development, and assessment materials. Given our current resource constraints, we have prioritised offering qualifications in English language only where there is higher demand and broader accessibility.

Market demand

While we recognise the importance of Welsh-medium education, the demand for qualifications through the medium of Welsh may vary across different regions and sectors. Our decision is also influenced by the demand from employers, schools and colleges, higher education institutions, and other stakeholders, which helps guide our qualification offer.

Alignment with Regulator Conditions and Requirements

Regulations published in respect of the qualifications Gateway Qualifications offers often have specific requirements and standards set outside Wales. In some cases, offering qualifications in Welsh may require additional approval and compliance measures that pose logistical and practical challenges at this time.

Access to HE Diplomas

Currently, due to existing demand and capacity constraints, Gateway Qualifications' Access to HE Diploma specifications and supporting guidance are available in English only.

We acknowledge the growing interest in delivering and/or assessing Gateway Qualifications' Access to HE Diplomas through the medium of Welsh. Gateway Qualifications is committed to supporting Welsh-medium provision where feasible, subject to available capacity and assurance that qualification standards and regulatory requirements can be fully maintained.

Recognised Centres based in Wales, intending to deliver Access to HE Diplomas in Welsh must obtain formal approval from Gateway Qualifications prior to commencement. Centres must also comply with all relevant Gateway Qualifications' requirements and procedures, including those relating to the translation of assessments, guidance and other documentation, quality assurance, assessment standards, and learner support.

Centres must ensure that Welsh-medium learners receive equivalent support and access to learning and assessment opportunities to those studying in English.

Welsh Medium Resources

Gateway Qualifications does not currently provide Welsh-medium versions of specifications, assessments, or guidance materials. Centres are expected to manage translation and assessment in accordance with Gateway's approval and quality assurance procedures.

Review arrangements and Monitoring

Gateway Qualifications will periodically review this statement to assess its capacity, and evaluate the changing needs and demands of learners, and will revise as necessary.

As part of the review, consideration will be given to feedback received and regulatory/legislative requirements.

Gateway Qualifications welcomes feedback and input from all stakeholders, including Welsh-medium and bilingual centres that we work with, as we strive to continuously improve our qualification offer.

This Policy addresses the following legislation and/or regulatory requirements:

Regulator or Relevant Governing Body	Reference Details	Legislation/Regulatory Reference
Qualifications Wales	Standard Conditions of Recognition	Condition No: B7 Awarding bodies' compliance with Regulatory Documents D5 Compliance of qualifications with Regulatory Documents D9 Welsh-medium qualifications G2 Language of the assessment
Qualification Assurance Agency	AVA Licencing Criteria	Criteria No: Provider and course recognition 49-57 Standardisation and moderation 92-94, 96-97, 99-103, 110-112, 112, 115 – 118

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