

Welsh-medium Qualifications

Policy Statement

Introduction

This statement sets out Gateway Qualifications' position regarding the language medium of its qualifications regulated by Qualifications Wales.

Scope

Qualifications offered by Gateway Qualifications that are regulated by Qualifications Wales.

Audience

Recognised centres offering qualifications regulated by Qualifications Wales.

Details

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. However, due to certain constraints and considerations Gateway Qualifications has made the decision **not to offer qualifications through the medium of Welsh** at this time.

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 languages with 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.

Review arrangements and Monitoring

Gateway Qualifications will periodically review this statement to assess our capacity and evaluate the changing needs and demands of learners.

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.

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Inputs and Guidance

| Qualifications Wales Standard Conditions of Recognition | |
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| B7 | Awarding bodies' compliance with Regulatory Documents |
| D5 | Compliance of qualifications with Regulatory Documents |
| D9 | Welsh-medium qualifications |
| G2 | Language of the assessment |