



## **Condition D9: Welsh-medium qualifications**

### **Conditions and Requirements**

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### **Availability of Welsh-medium qualifications**

- D9.1 An awarding body must make an Approved Qualification available in Welsh.
- D9.2 Where a Designated Qualification is made available to pre-16 Learners, and in accordance with our Designation Policy, such qualifications must be made available in Welsh from:
- (a) 1 September 2027, or
  - (b) any such date specified by Qualifications Wales
- whichever is the earliest.

### **Publication of Welsh-medium qualifications policy statement**

- D9.3 An awarding body must publish, maintain, and comply with a policy statement which specifies whether or not it makes available, or proposes to make available qualifications in Welsh.
- D9.4 In any circumstances where the policy statement it has in place states that it makes available, or proposes to make available a qualification in Welsh, an awarding body must ensure that the policy statement enables it to comply with its Conditions of Recognition.

### **Promoting the availability of, and facilitating access to, Welsh-medium qualifications**

- D9.5 Where an awarding body makes available, or proposes to make available, a qualification in Welsh, it must promote the availability of, and facilitate access to, those qualifications.
- D9.6 For the purposes of Condition D9.5, 'promote' means any efforts made by an awarding body to raise awareness of the availability of Welsh-medium qualifications.
- D9.7 For the purposes of Condition D9.5, 'facilitate' means any actions taken by an awarding body to improve access to Welsh-medium qualifications.
- D9.8 An awarding body must ensure that it has arrangements for—

- (a) overseeing the way it complies with Condition D9;
- (b) publishing its policy statement;
- (c) promoting the availability of, and facilitating access to its Welsh-medium qualifications; and
- (d) publishing a document that records those arrangements on its website.

D9.9 An awarding body must ensure that in making Welsh-medium qualifications available, and promoting the availability of, and facilitating access to them, in accordance with Conditions D9.1-D9.9, it complies with –

- (a) any requirements, and has regard to any guidance, which may be published by Qualifications Wales and revised from time to time, and
- (b) any requirements which Qualifications Wales has communicated to it in writing.

## Requirements relating to Welsh-medium qualifications

Condition D9.9 allows us to specify requirements in relation to Welsh-medium qualifications. We set out below our requirements for the purposes of Condition D9.9.

### Requirements relating to the availability of Welsh-medium qualifications (Conditions D9.1-2)

- (a) When submitting its Regulated Qualifications to QiW, an awarding body must include clear and accurate information on the language(s) in which the qualification is available (Welsh only/ English only / Welsh and English).
- (b) Where a Regulated Qualification is noted as being available in both Welsh and English, an awarding body must confirm whether the qualification is:
  - (i) Fully available in Welsh, or
  - (ii) Partially available in Welsh.
- (c) Where a qualification is made fully available in Welsh, the following Supporting Materials must be made available in Welsh:
  - (i) the specification for the qualification, including any relevant terminology required for the qualification
  - (ii) all assessment materials to be completed by the Learner
  - (iii) specimen assessment materials, where applicable
  - (iv) any other materials that are made mandatory by the awarding body for the Learner to have the opportunity to obtain the qualification
- (d) Where a qualification is made partially available in Welsh, an awarding body must make the following Supporting Materials available for every unit and/or Component that is made available in Welsh:
  - (i) all assessment materials to be completed by the Learner
  - (ii) specimen assessment materials, where applicable
  - (iii) any other materials that are made mandatory by the awarding body for the Learner to have the opportunity to obtain the unit and/or Component
- (e) Learners undertaking a qualification in Welsh must not be disadvantaged compared to Learners completing the equivalent qualification in English.

**Requirements relating to the publication of Welsh-medium qualifications policy statement (Conditions D9.3-4)**

- (a) An awarding body publishes its policy statement in accordance with the rule of interpretation as set out in Condition J1.7.
- (b) An awarding body's published policy statement must be open, transparent, accurate and clear to Users of qualifications.
- (c) As part of its arrangements with Centres in accordance with Condition C2, an awarding body shares its policy, or policies directly with them.
- (d) Where an awarding body makes qualifications available to Welsh-medium and bilingual Centres, an awarding body publishes its policy statement in Welsh and English.
- (e) An awarding body's published policy statement must explain the basis on which it has decided whether or not to make a qualification available in Welsh.
- (f) An awarding body's published policy statement must specify what aspects of the qualification, including Supporting Materials, the awarding body will make available in Welsh.
- (g) An awarding body reviews its policy statement in line with its internally agreed policy review cycle.

**Requirements relating to promoting the availability of, and facilitating access to, Welsh-medium qualifications (Conditions D9.5-7)**

- (a) An awarding body must ensure that any promotional materials that it produces, whether in hard copy or digitally, which refers to the English form of the qualification must also state that the qualification is available in Welsh.
- (b) An awarding body must undertake annual activities in respect of every Centre, either face-to-face or remotely. These include:
  - (i) raising awareness of the qualifications it makes available, or proposes to make available, in Welsh
  - (ii) identifying what Welsh-medium resources and supporting materials related to those qualifications would be reasonably expected to be provided by the awarding body
  - (iii) assessing the likely demand for qualifications in Welsh

- (iv) identifying opportunities to improve access to its qualifications in Welsh
- (v) identifying, where relevant and appropriate, specific qualifications to be prioritised for promotion, or specific audiences to be targeted

## **Definitions**

**Supporting Materials** Supporting materials include all assessment materials in all formats, the qualification specification, specimen assessment materials, and any other materials that are made mandatory by the awarding body for the Learner to have the opportunity to obtain the qualification.