

Welsh-language assessment policy

Document summary:

This policy is designed to help **centres delivering Pearson qualifications** understand when **assessment in Welsh language** is possible.

It explains the support we provide for Welsh-medium assessment and how we work with centres to understand demand.

If you need details about assessment in other languages or how to apply, please see our [Use of languages in qualifications policy](#).

Contents

Pearson Education Ltd – our mission and values	3
1. Which qualifications does this policy apply to?	4
2. Policy statement	4
3. Providing qualifications in Welsh	4
How we decide	4
What we provide	5
GCSE and A level qualifications in Welsh language	5
Vocational qualifications in Welsh	6
Internal assessment of vocational qualifications	6
4. Working with centres	6
5. Regulatory references	7
6. Policy review date	7
7. Contact us	7
8. Version control	7

Pearson Education Ltd – our mission and values

Our purpose is simple: to help people realize the life they imagine through learning. We believe that every learning opportunity is a chance for a personal breakthrough. That's why our c. 18,000 Pearson employees are committed to creating vibrant and enriching learning experiences designed for real-life impact. We are the world's lifelong learning company, serving customers in nearly 200 countries with digital content, assessments, qualifications, and data. For us, learning isn't just what we do. It's who we are. Visit us at [pearsonplc.com](https://www.pearsonplc.com).

We are regulated by the UK qualifications regulators Ofqual (England), CCEA Regulation (Northern Ireland) and Qualifications Wales (Wales). Our regulatory policies are integral to our approach and articulate how we meet regulatory requirements. These policies are designed to support centres and students and set out clearly our approach to the design, delivery, and award of Pearson qualifications and services.

1. Which qualifications does this policy apply to?

1.1 This policy applies to all our vocational and academic qualifications offered in Wales.

2. Policy statement

2.1 Qualifications Wales' Condition D9 states that an awarding body must publish, maintain, and comply with a policy statement which specifies whether it makes available, or proposes to make available qualifications in Welsh.

2.2 While most assessments are in English, we can support Welsh-medium assessment for some qualifications. This helps ensure learners can demonstrate their knowledge in the language that works best for them.

3. Providing qualifications in Welsh

3.1 Pearson offers qualifications¹ to learners across the UK and, for some qualifications, we can provide assessment in Welsh. For qualifications for which Pearson does not make such provision available, other awarding organisations based in Wales may offer similar qualifications for which they are able to offer the option of assessment in Welsh.

How we decide

3.2 When reviewing whether we can provide qualifications and assessments in Welsh, we consider (this list is not exhaustive, as there may be other considerations):

- Learner need and demand;

¹ not all qualification types are offered in all countries of the UK or internationally.

- whether similar qualifications from other awarding bodies are already available in Welsh;
- our ability to maintain accuracy and validity in Welsh, including access to subject experts;
- the commercial viability including the availability of funding for translation and other costs; and
- regulatory requirements for accreditation and funding.

What we provide

3.3 If a qualification is available in Welsh:

- Assessment materials produced by Pearson will be provided in Welsh.
- All essential support materials for learners will also be available in Welsh. This is likely to include sample assessment materials and any parts of the specification or other documents that learners are expected to read before attempting assessment.
- Training, standardisation, and centre guidance materials will usually remain in English, unless agreed otherwise.
- Centre approval and quality assurance activities relating to centre approval will also still be conducted in English unless, otherwise agreed and arranged with us in advance. Centres are required to provide any materials for these purposes in English.
- Certificates will be issued in English.

GCSE and A level qualifications in Welsh language

3.4 Pearson's GCSE and GCE A Level qualifications are designed to meet the regulatory requirements of Ofqual, the regulator of qualifications in England, and for most subjects' assessment is only available in English.

3.5 Customers in Wales can use Pearson GCSE and A level qualifications for those subjects which are not offered by the Welsh awarding body, WJEC. A list of those subjects can be found here:

- [Reformed GCSEs in Wales | Pearson qualifications.](#)
- [Reformed GCEs in Wales | Pearson qualifications.](#)

3.6 Currently, GCE A level in Music Technology is the only GCSE or A level we offer with the option of assessment in Welsh medium assessment. Centres can find entry codes for Welsh-medium exams in the Pearson Information Manual (Section 2 for GCE) to find

the entry code they should use for any learners who wish to be provided with an examination for this subject in Welsh-medium.

Vocational qualifications in Welsh

- 3.7 Many Pearson vocational qualifications are approved for funding in Wales. These qualifications are listed [here](#), along with each qualification's Qualifications in Wales (QiW) approval / designation number, and the period it is available for registration and certification. It also confirms whether assessment is available in Welsh and English, or only available in English.
- 3.8 [Our Information manual](#) (Section 11 BTEC, NVQ, SVQ and Apprenticeships) lists qualifications with Welsh-medium options and the entry code to use for any learners who wish to be provided with assessment materials in Welsh language.

Internal assessment of vocational qualifications

- 3.9 Where possible, we support centres to assess internally in Welsh for components or units. To do this:
- You must let our Contracts and Allocations team know at registration via the [Pearson Support Portal](#) (by selecting 'Exams/Administration').
 - We'll allocate a Welsh speaking Standards Verifier or External Examiner where possible, but will otherwise conduct all quality assurance activities, including verification and reporting, in English. Where there is not a Welsh speaking Standards Verifier available, we'll make alternative arrangements with the Standards Verifier allocated and will provide translation services.

4. Working with centres

- 4.1 We will:
- take steps to raise awareness of qualifications we make available in Welsh;
 - explore what resources can be provided in Welsh to support assessment; and
 - monitor demand and look for ways to improve access to Welsh-medium assessment.

5. Regulatory references

- 5.1 UK regulators require all awarding organisations to establish and maintain their compliance with regulatory conditions and criteria. As part of this process, policies and guides that relate to Pearson’s status as an awarding organisation will reference any conditions and criteria that they address.
- 5.2 This policy addresses the following regulatory criteria and conditions:

Qualification regulator or relevant governing body	Regulatory rule or guidance document	Regulatory condition or criteria
Qualifications Wales	Qualification Wales Standard Conditions of recognition	D9

6. Policy review date

- 6.1 This policy will be reviewed in January 2027.

7. Contact us

- 7.1 Centres in the UK can [contact us here for advice or support](#).

8. Version control

Version	Changes	Date
1	4.1 text removed ‘Including ensuring that promotional materials that we produce highlight	14 th February 2025

Version	Changes	Date
	which qualifications are available with the option of Welsh language assessment’.	
1	Dates updated throughout	14 th February 2025
1.1	3.13 removed ‘We will need to know the full title of the qualification and the language you intend to use for delivery or assessment’.	23 rd May 2025
1.2	Language and tone of voice revisions only.	30 th January 2026