



ECITB Awarding Organisation Welsh-medium Qualifications Policy

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Introduction

ECITB Awarding Organisation (ECITB) recognises the importance of language diversity and cultural inclusivity. As an organisation committed to providing educational opportunities, we aim to accommodate the linguistic needs of our candidates to the best of our abilities. However, due to certain considerations, we have made the decision not to offer qualifications through the medium of Welsh at this time. We will review this decision from time to time, taking into consideration any changes in circumstances.

This policy explains the basis on which the decision has been made not to make qualifications available in Welsh, and is for use by:

- ECITB approved Centres (Centres) delivering ECITB's qualifications
- Candidates registered on an ECITB qualification by an approved Centre
- ECITB staff to ensure enquiries are dealt with in a consistent manner.

Regulatory authorities

ECITB is regulated by Qualifications Wales, Ofqual, and SQA Accreditation (the Regulators). We are required to comply with Qualification Wales Standard Conditions of Recognition, Ofqual's General Conditions of Recognition and SQA Accreditation's Regulatory Principles.

Every attempt has been made to ensure that the contents of this policy are consistent with the requirements of the Regulators. Where regulatory requirements are amended and require change, such changes will be made as soon as practicable.

Policy overview

ECITB's decision not to offer qualifications in Welsh is based on the current lack of market demand.

While we recognise the importance of Welsh-medium education, we recognise 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, colleges, training providers, and other stakeholders, which helps guide our qualification offer.

Review arrangements

To ensure this policy remains relevant, useful and fit for purpose, as part of our self-evaluation process, it will be reviewed every three years. There may be instances however that trigger the need to review the policy earlier, such as in response to customer, candidate or regulatory feedback, or trends that emerge from enquiries.

We welcome 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.



ECITB will monitor requests for Welsh-medium qualifications, where requests occur repeatedly this may indicate that a policy change is required, due regard will be given, we will assess our capacity and evaluate the changing needs of our candidates.

Contact us

If you have any queries about any aspect of this policy, please contact:

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