

By email



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Dear Responsible Officer

Publication of Determination to Restrict Notice and Contract Notice in relation to the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales (level 3) qualification

On 23 February 2021 we published an [Intention to Restrict Notice](#) in relation to the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales (level 3) qualification. The deadline for representations was 6 April 2021 and we did not receive any responses objecting to our intention to restrict. Following this, we published a Prior Information Notice (PIN) on [Sell2Wales](#) and [Find a Tender](#) and offered awarding bodies the opportunity to participate in pre-tender engagement meetings. We asked for feedback on the duration of the restriction period as part of this pre-tender engagement stage and this work has now been completed.

Awarding bodies have confirmed that the restriction period is appropriate and therefore we are today publishing a [Determination to Restrict Notice](#). This notice constitutes formal publication under Section 14(5) of The Qualifications Wales Act (2015) of a determination made under Section 14(1) of The Act in respect of the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales (level 3).

We have decided to restrict the qualification to one form for a period of 7 years and to develop the new qualification via a commissioning route. As part of this process, we have decided to proceed with the formal tendering process to establish a concession contract in relation to the development and award of the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales (level 3) qualification.

We have now published a Contract Notice on Sell2Wales and Find a Tender. Details can be accessed via the links below.

[view notice - Sell2Wales \(gov.Wales\)](#)

[view notice - Find a Tender \(find-tender.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Qualifications Wales

Q2 Building, Pencarn Lane
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Newport
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☎ 01633 373 222



Cymwysterau Cymru

Adeilad Q2, Lôn Pencarn
Parc Imperial,
Casnewydd
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This agreement will allow the successful bidder to develop this qualification in Wales on an exclusive basis, for publicly funded programmes of learning, for a 7-year period. This is subject to them meeting the Approval Criteria and contractual and other regulatory requirements.

Only awarding bodies recognised by Qualifications Wales will be able to deliver this contract therefore interested parties must either already be recognised awarding bodies or achieve recognition by Qualifications Wales within a period starting from the notification of intention to award a contract. The period for achieving recognition is included in the contract notice.

Eligible organisations that did not participate in the pre-tender engagement may still participate in the tender exercise.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Frizi', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Elizabeth Frizi
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