

By email



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Dear Responsible Officer

Pre-tender engagement opportunity for 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 has now passed and we are keen to engage with awarding bodies that may be interested in participating in a procurement process to establish a concession contract to develop and award this qualification. Such an agreement would allow the successful bidder to develop this qualification in Wales on an exclusive basis, for publicly funded programmes of learning, for a given period of time.

We would like to talk to awarding bodies who may be interested in developing this qualification. The information that we gather will be used to inform the development of the contract specification which would be used if we decide to proceed with the procurement process.

We have published a Prior Information Notice (PIN) of our intention to tender on Sell2Wales and Find a Tender:

[View Notice - Sell2Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)

We will be arranging Teams meetings with potential bidders to take place between 28 April and 14 May. The meetings will take the form of a structured discussion with us (which is often termed 'pre-tender engagement'). This will involve us asking participants a series of questions which we will provide in advance. Responses will be informal and not be considered in or form part of any subsequent procurement process.

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Questions that participants put to us during the dialogue will be collated so that when we are in a position to respond, we will issue one set of information to all interested parties at the same time.

If your organisation is interested in participating in this pre-tender engagement with us please email **procurement@qualificationswales.org** to book a meeting. Please insert '**Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales pre-tender engagement**' in the subject area of the email, state your interest, and the names, job titles, and email addresses of those who will take part from your organisation. Please contact us at your earliest convenience to secure your slot.

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 will be confirmed in the contract notice should we proceed to tender.

Participants in the pre-tender engagement will not be committed to taking part in any subsequent tender exercise. Should we proceed to the formal procurement process, we will publish another notice on Sell2Wales and Find a Tender (anticipated to be June 2021) and we will run the process using the electronic tender system etenderwales (<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>). Eligible organisations that do not participate in the pre-tender engagement will still be able to participate in any subsequent tender exercise.

Summary of actions:

Before Friday 30 April 2021 but preferably sooner: confirm that you are interested in taking part in this pre-tender engagement exercise by emailing procurement@qualificationswales.org with the information requested.

When you contact us to arrange a meeting, we will send you the questions, a briefing note, the draft contract specification, the draft qualification approval criteria and the terms and conditions that will apply to the concession contract, for you to review and prepare your responses prior to your meeting with us.

Between 28 April through to 14 May: we will organise separate Teams meetings with each awarding body to discuss the questions.

Yours sincerely



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