



Dear Responsible Officer,

We have today published a revised Priority Qualifications List (PQL), which reflects the outcome of our recent consultation on the approach to be taken in developing a new suite of qualifications in Health and Social Care, Childcare and Playwork. This includes a Notification of a Proposal to Restrict those qualifications in Health and Social Care and Childcare that we intend to be developed for first teaching in September 2019. The revised PQL, including the Notification of a Proposal to Restrict, can be found on our [website](#).

The Notification of a Proposal to Restrict initiates a period within which interested parties can make representations to us - these must be made by 5pm on 22 November 2016. The consultation included our proposals for creating lots for development of specific qualifications. We are still considering our proposed lot structure. It is our current intention, subject to representations, to select one or two awarding bodies for each lot using a fair and open competitive process, which will commence in late November or early December if, following representations, we chose to continue with our Proposal to Restrict.

Section 30(4) of the Qualifications Wales Act 2015 states that the designation of a sufficiently similar qualification ceases to have effect following the approval of a restricted qualification. Paragraph 25 of our Restricted Priority Qualifications policy says: 'Qualifications Wales will not designate any form of a qualification that is subject to a restriction or which in our judgement is the same or similar in purpose to a restricted priority qualification, particularly where a qualification could be chosen as an alternative to a restricted priority qualification'. The scope of our Proposed Restriction includes:

- integrated Health and Social Care qualifications
- Social Care and Childcare, Children's Care Learning and Development (CCLD) qualifications
- Care Management qualifications, and
- GCSEs and A levels that cover Health and Social Care and Home Economics (Child Development).

The proposed restriction would only apply in respect of the eligibility of qualifications for use on publicly funded programmes of learning in Wales.

There are significant numbers of qualifications in Health, Playwork, Youth Work, Counselling and other related areas that are **not** covered by the Proposed Restriction.

In identifying the impact of the Proposed Restriction we have used the following process to establish an indicative list of existing designated qualifications that may be affected:



- extracted a list of designated qualifications from the Qualifications in Wales (QiW) database principally drawn from those in sub-sector 1.5 Child Development and Well-being and those in sub-sector 1.3 Health, Public Services and Care and other qualifications with relevant key words
- removed those that were primarily linked to Playwork, Counselling, Health or Youth Work
- asked sector bodies to check the list based on their understanding of the scope of the Proposed Restriction.

This list has been developed using our best endeavours, but is not exhaustive and will be reviewed regularly, in particular following any representations made to us by 5pm on 22 November 2016. If the list contains qualifications that you believe should not be affected, or if you believe that the list has omitted a qualification, then please notify us by making a representation to healthcarereview@qualificationswales.org before the deadline.

If we continue with our Proposal to Restrict, then we will publish a revised list in December and will make clear at that point how awarding bodies can advise us of further amendments. Qualifications on the final list will have:

- Operational End Dates set at 31 August 2019. No new learners can register/enter for a qualification after this date. However, existing candidates are allowed to complete the qualification until the Certification End Date.
- Certification End Dates set at 31 August 2021. A qualification has ended after this date. No learners will be awarded the qualification and no school or college will receive public funding to teach it after this date. We will liaise with you about the process for doing this.

We will set out further detail regarding the process, including how an awarding body can appeal against a qualification being listed if we publish a Determination to Restrict.

Yours sincerely



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