



Adapting assessments for GQ Qualifications in 2021



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1 Introduction

This document sets out the Special Conditions which WJEC are required to comply with when Adapting assessments for GQ Qualifications in 2021. These Conditions came into effect on 15 July 2020 and will remain in force until such date as specified or determined by Qualifications Wales.

For the purposes of these Conditions, the GQ Qualifications are as follows:

- Approved GCSE qualifications;
- Approved GCE Advanced Subsidiary (AS) qualifications;
- Approved GCE A level qualifications;
- Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate (SCC), and
- Legacy GCSE, AS and A level qualifications which are only available to learners in Wales¹.

With respect to all GQ Qualifications to which the Conditions set out in this document apply, save to the extent set out in those Conditions, WJEC must also comply with:

- our Standard Conditions of Recognition² which apply to all awarding bodies and qualifications, and
- all relevant Regulatory Documents³.

This document is also available in [Welsh](#).

¹ WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Information and Communication Technology, WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Information and Communication Technology (Short Course), WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Health and Social Care, WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Health and Social Care (Double Award), WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Home Economics: Child Development, WJEC Level 3 Advanced GCE in Applied ICT, WJEC Level 3 Advanced GCE in ICT, WJEC Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Applied ICT, WJEC Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in ICT, WJEC Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Health and Social Care (Double Award), WJEC Level 3 Advanced GCE in Health and Social Care (Double Award), WJEC Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Health and Social Care and WJEC Level 3 Advanced GCE in Health and Social Care

² <https://www.qualificationswales.org/english/publications/standard-conditions-of-recognition/>

³ <https://www.qualificationswales.org/english/publications/regulatory-documents-list/>

2 Special Conditions of Recognition – Adapting assessments for GQ Qualifications in 2021

- SPCWJEC1** WJEC must consider whether or not it is necessary to Adapt assessments for GQ Qualifications which it makes available in spring and summer 2021, and make any such Adaptations required, in accordance with the principles and requirements set out in our document entitled 'Requirements for Adapting Assessments for GQ Qualifications (GCSE, GCE and Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate) in 2021'.
- SPCWJEC2** Where WJEC Adapts an assessment under Condition SPCWJEC1, it must ensure that it takes all reasonable steps to –
- (a) comply with the principles published by Qualifications Wales and revised from time to time, and
 - (b) only where there is a conflict between two or more of those principles, achieve a balance between those principles in line with any requirements published by Qualifications Wales and revised from time to time.
- SPCWJEC3** Where WJEC Adapts an assessment under Condition SPCWJEC1, it must ensure that it takes all reasonable steps to do so –
- (a) in compliance with any requirements, and
 - (b) having regard to any guidance which may be published by Qualifications Wales and revised from time to time.
- SPCWJEC4** Where WJEC Adapts an assessment under Condition SPCWJEC1, it must provide clear and accurate information about the Adaptations to Users of the qualification who are likely to be affected by those Adaptations.