



By email

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Dear Responsible Officer

Welsh Government work-based learning contracts: potential transfer of candidates between providers

Welsh Government has advised us that following the recent award of contracts for work-based learning providers for 2021/22, the number of lead providers has been reduced. This means that centres in Wales who no longer hold a Welsh Government contract (or who are not sub-contracted by a centre which has such a contract) will be required to transfer learners who are mid-programme to another centre that does have such a contract (or sub-contract). The new arrangements will take effect from 1 August 2021. This is likely to mean that awarding bodies will receive requests for learners to be transferred from one centre to another to complete their qualifications.

We recognise that this may create some challenges for centres and awarding bodies. A 'receiving' centre may not currently have centre approval to deliver the relevant qualification or the operational end date may have passed since the learner was first registered on the qualification. We would ask that you take steps to respond as efficiently as possible to this situation to support the needs of learners.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if any difficulties arise from this situation.

Yours sincerely

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