



Consultation on the Draft Restriction Policy

Introduction

To help us achieve our statutory aims, the Qualifications Wales Act 2015 (the Act) gives us the power to restrict the number of versions of priority qualifications that are eligible for publicly funded learning programmes in Wales. For example, we can require that only one version of a qualification should be available where we determine that this best meets the needs of learners.

The Act requires us to publish and keep under review a policy statement on how we will use our powers to restrict priority qualifications. In this consultation we are asking awarding bodies and others to comment on our proposed policy. In this consultation we are not consulting on proposals to apply a restriction to any specific qualifications, but on the policy that sets out how we would go about doing so in future.

Our policy aims to explain when and how we would consider using our powers to restrict priority qualifications including the factors that we would take into consideration and the process we would follow. As the policy explains, whenever we consider using our powers of restriction, we must consult on specific proposals with awarding bodies and other interested parties and we must take their views into account.

There are two ways in which we can apply a restriction. We can either commission one or more awarding bodies to develop a new qualification, or we can decide which qualification(s) to approve from those submitted to us by awarding bodies. The policy explains in more detail how both of these types of restriction would work in practice. The policy and indicative process flow diagrams outlining the selection and commissioning routes have been provided in the consultation document for your information and can be accessed via the following link <http://qualificationswales.org/media/1788/restriction-consultation-document-en.pdf>.



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The policy

1. Does the policy explain why Qualifications Wales would restrict priority qualifications?

- Yes
- To some extent
- No

Comments

2. Does the policy explain how Qualifications Wales will use the commissioning route to bring into effect a restriction of a priority qualification?

- Yes
- To some extent
- No

Comments

3. Does the policy explain how Qualifications Wales will use the selection route to bring into effect a restriction of a priority qualification?

- Yes
- To some extent
- No

Comments



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Impact

4. Would any of the stages described in the policy result in any consequences (intended, or unintended) for opportunities for learners to use the Welsh language?

Yes

No

Comments

5. Would any of the stages described in the policy result in consequences (intended, or unintended) for protected groups under the Equality Act 2010?

Yes

No

Comments

6. Are there any other positive and/or negative consequences on individuals or organisations that may result from the various stages described in the policy that you would like to bring to our attention? (you may tick more than one box)

Positive

Negative

None

Please specify

7. If you have any other comments on the content of the policy which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

Please enter here:



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Personal information

8. Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:

I would like my response to remain anonymous

*** 9. Contact information**

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10. Organisation (if applicable)

- Awarding Body
- Centre
- Other (please specify)

*** 11. Please confirm if you are responding on behalf of your organisation or as an individual:**

- On behalf of the organisation
- Individual