

Are you interested in education?

## Have your say about qualifications of the future.

### Qualifications Wales wants your views on how qualifications should change to support learners following the new curriculum.

From 2022, education in Wales is changing. A new curriculum is coming for all learners aged 3 to 16 that's focused on the skills and knowledge they'll need for the future. The first learners who will follow the new curriculum are in Year 5 at the moment (9 and 10-year-olds).

Qualifications Wales is consulting on the choice of qualifications that should be available for learners to sit in 2027 when they turn 16 years old.

We've worked with education experts to come up with ideas about what the choice of qualifications should include. Now we want to test those ideas and to see what you think.

We want to hear from teachers, parents, carers, employers and anyone else with an interest in young people's education.

We also think that some GCSE subjects should continue, but with new content and assessment.

In this consultation we are focusing on the choice of subjects and qualifications that should be available to learners who've followed the new curriculum. We will look at the specific content and assessment of individual qualifications later based on research and working with teachers, learners and awarding bodies. This will include looking at new and different ways of doing things and learning from the experience of adapting to the pandemic.

#### Some of our ideas include:

GCSEs in Social Studies and in Engineering

Consolidated GCSEs for Mathematics and Numeracy, Welsh and English.

Bitesize qualifications to sit alongside GCSEs to test practical skills in numeracy, Welsh and international languages

We know it's an exceptionally busy and challenging time for everyone. As the regulator we've got to take a longer-term view of things and plan ahead. We're consulting now so that everyone can have their say on these important decisions and to give schools and learners enough time to prepare for any changes.

Our proposals offer learners, schools and colleges a picture of what the main qualifications in Wales could look like in the future. The Senedd is currently considering draft legislation that will give effect to the new Curriculum. As Wales' independent regulator we want to create a lively debate about what it could mean for the qualifications of the future.

To make it easier for you to tell us about what matters most to you we have grouped our proposals according to the six main areas of the curriculum:



Full details of the consultation, including a summary version, are on the [Qualifications Wales website](#). The consultation runs for 10 weeks and closes on 9 April.