

Sent by email to all schools and colleges in Wales



9 February 2021

Dear Head of Centre,

### **Update on arrangements for GCSEs, AS and A levels, Skills Challenge Certificate and Essential Skills Wales qualifications**

On Friday (5 February) we [wrote to you](#) about the alternative arrangements for approved GCSEs, AS and A levels. Today we are sending you the [guidance document](#), that provides high level information about the requirements for producing Centre Determined Grades in summer 2021. It gives centres an overview of how they should make those decisions and what types of evidence could be used.

We know that this first version of the guidance does not answer all your questions, but we think its important to get information to you as quickly as possible. Working with the Design and Delivery Advisory Group, we will provide periodic updates to this document to give you more guidance as it is developed. This means that you will have a single source of information from us. There will be clear version control to highlight changes.

In addition to publishing this guidance, we have [announced](#) today alternative assessment arrangements for Essential Skills Wales qualifications. You will be able to provide a Centre Determined Grade for learners who are unable to access the usual methods of assessments due to the impact of Covid-19.

We've also [confirmed](#) that the Skills Challenge Certificate qualifications will align with the approach to awarding Approved GCSEs, AS and A level qualifications in summer 2021. Learners will be awarded a Centre Determined Grade based on their demonstration of each of the skills assessed through the Skills Challenge Certificate qualifications. There will be a variety of ways in which centres will be able to undertake this, and WJEC will email centres today with information on the range of options.

WJEC has today published a [timeline](#) giving details of when further information, including Qualification Assessment Frameworks will be available. There is information for centres and learners on our [website](#).

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Yours sincerely

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