

Sent by email to all schools and colleges in Wales



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Dear Head of Centre,

We wrote to you on [4 March](#) about the publication of [version 2](#) of the guidance document for producing Centre Determined Grades in summer 2021. This week we want to clarify a few points and update you on some training and resources that will be available soon.

Communicating your approach to assessment with learners - As part of the Head of Centre declaration that must be provided to WJEC when provisional Centre Determined Grades are submitted, there will be a requirement for centres to confirm that they have communicated with all learners about what assessment evidence has been used to support the centre's judgements and how grading decisions have been made. We expect centres to provide learners with an overview of how they will be assessed before the end of this term. Once plans are finalised, centres can inform learners of the assessment plan, but should not provide specific details of the past papers, if applicable, or assessment questions that will be used. It is important that the assessments used to support your judgments provide a true and authentic representation of the learner's level of attainment. This will be distorted if the learner has prior knowledge of the questions that will be asked. It is also important to remember that it is the quality of evidence that is used to underpin your judgements that is more important than the quantity of evidence.

Equalities - Guidance will be published shortly by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission in Wales that will help schools and colleges ensure they are compliant with the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Vocational qualifications - We will provide an update to you next week.

Information and training from WJEC

- **Professional Learning Programme** - WJEC will be continuing with its comprehensive programme of training over the next few weeks. To view the full schedule, access training sessions, and register attendance at Live Q&As, please visit WJEC's [Secure Website](#).
- **Assessment and Grading guide** - WJEC will be issuing a guide to assessment and grading for summer 2021 this week. This will be available on WJEC's [Secure Website](#).
- **Assessment materials** - WJEC will be releasing assessment materials (adapted past papers and mark schemes) via their [Secure Website](#) this week.

We expect to publish version 3 of the guidance before the end of the Spring term. If you have any specific questions, please contact the stakeholder engagement team or email communications@qualificationswales.org.

Yours sincerely,



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