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Dear Head of Centre

We want to share with you regular news and updates about arrangements for summer 2021 qualifications.

Guidance for Private Candidates

This week, we've published [guidance for private candidates](#) targeted at learners and some Frequently Asked Questions on our website.

This information is for learners who are not enrolled at a school or college and need a centre to agree to enter them for a qualification. This information mainly relates to Wales only GCSEs, AS and A levels and the Skills Challenge Certificate qualifications.

The WJEC entries deadline is 26 April 2021, so private candidates need to make suitable arrangements with a centre before this date. We are actively promoting this and we are working closely with our stakeholders to make sure private candidates are aware of this deadline and of the steps they need to take.

There are two routes available to private candidates for 2021 assessments. Where a private candidate already has a relationship with a school or college and that centre is prepared to enter the learner for qualifications, then arrangements can continue as planned and their Centre Determined Grade(s) will be produced in the same way as for learners who attend the school or college.

For private candidates without an existing relationship with a centre, Welsh Government has worked with local authorities and the Association of Directors of Education in Wales (ADEW) to ensure there are centres that will accommodate private candidates, and that these are available and accessible across Wales. Welsh Government has published a [list](#) of contact details of centres in Wales, by local authority, that candidates can approach to find a centre that will arrange assessment of their work.

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Arrangements for private candidates taking Ofqual regulated qualifications

Ofqual has put in place arrangements for learners taking GCSEs, AS and A levels offered by AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC Eduqas. Further information is available in the [guidance](#).

We're on Instagram!

This week we launched our Instagram channel - **@qualswales** - where we will be posting the latest news and information about qualifications in Wales, along with our existing Twitter and Facebook channels. Please follow our account for up-to-date news for your centre and your learners.

If you have any questions, please contact the stakeholder engagement team or email communications@qualificationswales.org.

Yours sincerely,



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