

Use of Language (Welsh and Irish) Policy

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As part of our commitment to quality assurance Edexcel seeks to provide learners with guidance and support to help them achieve their learning and development goals while meeting any regulatory requirements. Our policies are reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure that they remain fit for purpose. This policy is about the use of languages in specifications, assessment and support materials where a learner wishes to undertake a qualification in a language other than English. This document replaces the previous policy Use of Language (Welsh and Irish) in BTEC qualifications and Edexcel NVQs (2005).

Scope of policy

This policy applies to all Edexcel and/or BTEC qualifications, including those on the National Qualification Framework (NQF), the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) and other national frameworks in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and self-regulated qualifications.

Policy Statement

English

Edexcel will provide qualification specifications and assessment materials that are expressed in English for use by candidates in England. Exceptions to this policy will be for foreign language specifications and other specific instances.

Welsh

Edexcel will provide qualification specifications and assessment materials that are expressed in English or, at its discretion, in Welsh and English. Specifications and assessments may be produced in Welsh dependent on prior arrangement.

For some GCE Applied Subjects and GCE Music Technology Edexcel will support the assessment of candidates in Welsh. General Qualifications offered in Welsh are awarded in line with the GCSE Code of Practice Appendix 5.

Irish

Edexcel will provide qualification specifications and assessment materials that are expressed in English or, at its discretion, in English and Irish. Specifications and assessments may be produced in Irish dependent on prior arrangement.

Vocational qualifications in Irish or Welsh

Edexcel will support the assessment of candidates in Irish or Welsh subject to the centre providing sufficient notice, to ensure that any assessment carried out in languages other than English is comparable. Sufficient notice to Edexcel may be at the point of learner registration. At the point of learner registration centres must inform Edexcel by emailing QAS@edexcel.com

Edexcel will conduct all activities in English but may access a translation facility in the conduct of Quality Assurance. Verification will be supported by a translator and verification and reporting will be conducted in English.

Other materials

Training, standardisation and centre guidance materials will only be made available in English.

Competence based qualifications

For competence based qualifications, the requirements of any assessment strategy must be met.

Policy Review Date

November 2012

Useful Contacts

For more information on Edexcel qualifications please contact Edexcel Customer Services: Tel: 0845 618 0440

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