

Availability of WJEC-Eduqas designated qualifications to centres in Wales

1. Designation of WJEC-Eduqas AS, A level and GCSE (9-1) qualifications for use in Wales

WJEC, as the largest provider of GCE and GCSE qualifications in Wales, is working with Qualifications Wales to ensure that its portfolio of qualifications available in Wales includes those Ofqual accredited WJEC-Eduqas AS, A level and GCSE (9-1) qualifications in subjects where there is no GCE or GCSE qualification approved by Qualifications Wales. This is through a process of "designation" of these Ofqual accredited qualifications by Qualifications Wales.

The following WJEC-Eduqas qualifications are currently designated by Qualifications Wales for use by centres in Wales:

Teaching from September 2016

GCSE (9-1) Latin (first assessment opportunity in June 2018)

We are currently working with Qualifications Wales to seek designation for the following WJEC-Eduqas qualifications:

Teaching from September 2017

GCSE (9-1) Electronics (first assessment opportunity in June 2019)

GCSE (9-1) Film Studies (first assessment opportunity in June 2019)

GCSE (9-1) Geology (first assessment opportunity in June 2019)

AS Electronics (first assessment opportunity in June 2018)

A level Electronics (first assessment opportunity in June 2019)

AS Film Studies (first assessment opportunity in June 2018)

AS Geology (first assessment opportunity in June 2018)

A level Geology (first assessment opportunity in June 2019)

We propose to seek designation, for use in Wales, of WJEC-Eduqas GCSE (9-1) Sociology and WJEC-Eduqas A level Film Studies qualifications once they are accredited by Ofqual.

It should be noted that these designated qualifications must be offered in the same form as their accredited versions which are regulated by Ofqual. Therefore, the AS and A level qualifications are linear, de-coupled, stand-alone qualifications. This means that the AS qualification does not contribute to the overall A level qualification. The GCSE qualifications are linear, graded 9-1 and not A*-G as is the case for the WJEC GCSEs approved by Qualifications Wales.

2. Welsh medium provision of WJEC-Eduqas designated AS, A level and GCSE (9-1) qualifications

WJEC is committed to providing access to all its assessments via the medium of English and Welsh. Therefore, we will provide Welsh language versions of our question papers for all our WJEC-Eduqas designated qualifications upon request, as outlined in the procedures in section 3 below. We will also provide candidates the opportunity to complete their non-examination

assessments (NEA) through the medium of Welsh, where relevant. The procedure for informing WJEC of NEA requirements is also outlined in section 3 below. WJEC will ensure that a Welsh medium assessor is appointed to mark or moderate the work submitted.

3. Procedure for requesting Welsh medium assessment materials for WJEC-Eduqas designated AS, A level and GCSE (9-1) qualifications

- a) If a centre requires Welsh medium versions of question papers or a Welsh medium version of a non-examination assessment task, it **must** provide all relevant information for each component via the [secure website](#)
- b) This information must be submitted to WJEC **by no later than September 20th** for the following June series (see also section 5 below). WJEC will be unable to provide Welsh medium materials for requests submitted after this date.
- c) If a centre expects to submit NEA tasks completed by some or all of its candidates in Welsh, this information must also be submitted to WJEC via the [secure website](#) to the same deadline.

4. Procedure for making entries for WJEC-Eduqas designated AS, A level and GCSE (9-1) qualifications

Centres will make entries for these designated qualifications in the usual manner. This applies to English and Welsh medium entries. Although centres will inform WJEC of their Welsh medium requirements, as outlined in section 3 above, entries must still be submitted for each qualification in line with the published deadlines for each series.

5. Provision of Welsh language support materials for designated qualifications

WJEC is currently committed to providing Welsh language assessment materials, upon request, to centres wishing to enter candidates through the medium of Welsh for the WJEC-Eduqas designated AS, A level and GCSE (9-1) qualifications.

WJEC will also make the specification and sample assessment materials available through the medium of Welsh as soon as it is made known to us that there will be Welsh medium candidates for the qualification. It is therefore preferable for centres to advise us of the intention to enter Welsh-medium candidates at the start of teaching rather than wait until the September that precedes the summer series assessment.

For these qualifications, WJEC is not able to guarantee the availability of other resource materials through the medium of Welsh. However, we will keep this under review, pending the volume of demand for Welsh medium assessments for each designated qualification.