



Welsh-Medium qualifications policy

Introduction

The Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) is the independent voice for housing and the home of professional standards. CIH is a registered charity and not-for-profit organisation.

The CIH Awarding Organisation (AO) provides nationally recognised housing qualifications, regulated by The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual), Scottish Qualifications Authority Accreditation (SQA Accreditation), Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) and Qualifications Wales (QW). We are dedicated to providing the highest quality, relevant and up-to-date qualifications for aspiring professionals in the sector.

Version control

This is version v2811 of the Welsh-medium qualifications policy statement. This document is for internal/external use only and is maintained electronically. It is the responsibility of CIH Awarding Organisation to ensure they are using the most recent version. This version is a new policy.

This document is subject to annual review, to ensure the currency of the information contained in it, with a change history to record any revisions.

Version Number

Title	Change	Date of change
Welsh-medium qualifications policy statement	New policy drafted	November 2023

Qualifications this policy applies to

1.1 This policy applies to all our vocational and academic qualifications including higher education qualifications, assessed in the UK and across the world, unless otherwise agreed by regulators and/or stated in the qualification specification that assessment is restricted to specific languages.

1.2 For information about qualifications assessed in British Sign Language and Irish Sign Language, you should read the JCQ Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments Policy.

Policy statement

2.1 As a UK awarding organisation, assessment of our qualifications is generally conducted in English, but in some cases, we will support the assessment of learners in other languages where any regulations we comply with for the specific qualification permit this.

2.2 Training, standardisation, and centre guidance materials will normally only be available in English unless otherwise agreed and arranged with us in advance.

2.3 Centre approval and quality assurance activities relating to centre approval will be conducted in English unless otherwise agreed and arranged with us in advance. Centres are required to provide any materials for these purposes in English.

Providing qualifications in Welsh or Irish language

3.1 CIH Awarding Organisation provides qualifications¹ to learners across the UK and may, for some qualifications, be able to provide the option of assessment in Welsh and/or Irish. For qualifications for which CIH AO does not make such provision available, other awarding organisations based in Northern Ireland and Wales may offer similar qualifications for which they are able to offer the option of assessment in Irish or Welsh.

3.2 When reviewing whether we can provide qualifications or assessments in Welsh or Irish, we will consider (this list is not exhaustive, as there may be other considerations):

- learners need.
- whether we are the sole provider of the qualification.
- sectors that we identify as a priority for development.
- impact on the validity of the award.
- whether there are subject experts available to support the assessment in languages other than English.
- commercial viability including the availability of funding for translation and other costs.
- any relevant regulatory requirements for accreditation and funding.

3.3 Where we can provide a qualification in Welsh or Irish, the assessment will be provided in that language.

¹ not all qualification types are offered in all countries of the UK or internationally.

3.4 All essential support materials for learners will also be available in that language. This is likely to include sample assessment materials and any parts of the specification or other documents that learners are expected to read before attempting assessment. Specifications and examination of academic qualifications in Welsh or Irish

The Conditions/Standards/Principles this document applies to

Regulator	Regulation document	Conditions/Standard/Principles being covered
CCEA	General Conditions of Recognition (January 2023)	G2 – Language of assessment
Ofqual	General Conditions of Recognition (September 2023)	G2 – Language of assessment
QW	Standard Conditions of Recognition (September 2023)	G2 – Language of assessment D9.9 Welsh medium
SQA	Regulatory Principles (2021)	