

Policy statement on offering qualifications through the medium of Welsh

OCR recognises the importance of language diversity and cultural inclusivity. As an organisation committed to providing educational opportunities, we aim to accommodate the linguistic needs of our learners to the best of our abilities. However, due to certain constraints and considerations, we are not able to offer qualifications through the medium of Welsh.

The decision not to offer qualifications in Welsh is based on the following key factors:

1. Market demand

While we recognise the importance of Welsh-medium education, the demand for qualifications through the medium of Welsh may vary across different regions and sectors. Our decision is also influenced by the demand from employers, schools and colleges, higher education institutions and other stakeholders, which helps guide our qualification offer. The demand for OCR qualifications through the medium of Welsh is very low.

2. Alignment with Regulator Conditions and Requirements

Regulations published in respect of the qualifications we offer often have specific requirements and standards set outside Wales. In some cases, offering qualifications in Welsh may require additional approval and compliance measures that pose logistical and practical challenges at this time.

3. Availability of resources

Developing and delivering qualifications through multiple mediums requires significant resources, including qualified personnel, curriculum development and assessment materials. Given our current resource constraints, we will only be offering qualifications in English.

We will periodically review this policy to assess our capacity and evaluate the changing needs and demands of learners. We welcome feedback and input from all stakeholders, including Welsh-medium and bilingual centres that we work with.

If you have any queries regarding our policy on offering qualifications through the Welsh medium, please email us at policy@ocr.org.uk