

## Exert from the Policy Manual

### Section 5.2 Welsh and Irish language of assessment policy

FDQ recognises the importance of language diversity and the promotion of Welsh and Irish culture. We strive to provide equal opportunities to individuals who prefer to pursue their qualifications through the medium of Welsh or Irish (Gaelige). While FDQ aim to accommodate the linguistic preferences of our learners, we acknowledge that it may not be feasible or practical to offer some of our qualifications in Welsh or Irish.

FDQ will support assessment of learners in Welsh or Irish where demand is identified. We will actively engage with centres to seek feedback and ensure that language needs of centres and learners are being met. This will involve regular consultation, communication and collaboration to enhance our Welsh and Irish medium provision and make informed decisions regarding the qualifications offered in Welsh or Irish.

FDQ will allocate appropriate resources, including qualified staff, and where needed language consultants, to support the delivery of Welsh or Irish medium qualifications. We aim to provide a high-quality learning experience for learners pursuing qualifications in Welsh or Irish.

Centres requiring support in assessing learners in Welsh or Irish should contact FDQ to ensure the appropriate arrangements can be put in place at the earliest opportunity. A centre wishing to support a qualification completion in Welsh or Irish must inform FDQ prior to learner registration. This will enable FDQ to check assessment in Welsh or Irish is of the appropriate standard and also to ensure the appropriate language endorsement is present on the certificate.

Centres must ensure all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure assessment prepared in Welsh or Irish must be of a consistent level of demand for learners to the assessment in English.

External quality assurance of centres will include ensuring suitable arrangements are in place, including the availability of sufficient centre resource including management, support materials and relevant assessment colleagues, to support Welsh or Irish assessment. All quality assurance activities, including reporting will be carried out in English. FDQ will allocate a Welsh or Irish speaking External Quality Assurance Consultant (EQAC) but if this is not possible, we will make suitable translation arrangements, this may incur a centre fee.

FDQ will regularly review our Welsh and Irish-medium qualification offer based on demand, resources and feasibility to ensure it meets the needs of our learners, apprentices, centres, employers and regulators.