

Welsh language policy

Policy statement

YMCA Awards recognises the importance of the Welsh language in supporting fair and equitable access to qualifications for learners in Wales.

This policy sets out our approach to Welsh-medium qualifications and assessment, including the extent of our current provision and how we consider opportunities to expand it in accordance with Qualifications Wales' regulatory requirements.

YMCA Awards does not currently offer any qualifications that are fully available for assessment in Welsh. The availability of Welsh-language materials or assessment arrangements may vary depending on the qualification.

We consider opportunities to expand Welsh-medium provision, taking account of learner and centre needs, demand, assessment quality, available resources and applicable regulatory requirements.

Where Welsh-medium assessment is made available, we will promote its availability and support centres and learners to access it.

Understanding demand and need

YMCA Awards identifies the need for Welsh-medium qualifications and assessment through feedback and requests from centres and learners, engagement with Qualifications Wales and other stakeholders, and information gathered through qualification development and review.

We engage with centres annually to understand demand for Welsh-medium qualifications and assessment, raise awareness of available provision and identify opportunities to improve access.

Development and management of Welsh-medium products

YMCA Awards is committed to ensuring that Welsh-medium qualifications and resources are accurate, accessible, and consistent with the standards and requirements of their English-language equivalents.

Where qualifications or components are made available in Welsh, YMCA Awards will:

- Ensure translations are accurate, consistent, and reflect subject-specific terminology, using appropriate translation and quality assurance processes.
- Aim to release Welsh-medium and English materials at the same time and with equal prominence.
- Maintain Welsh-medium materials alongside English versions, reviewing and updating them as necessary when relevant changes are made.

This approach supports the accuracy, consistency and quality of Welsh-language materials and helps maintain qualification standards where Welsh-medium assessment is available.

Regulatory alignment

YMCA Awards operates in accordance with the Conditions of Recognition set by Qualifications Wales, including Condition D9 relating to Welsh-medium qualifications. We take account of applicable regulatory requirements and guidance when developing, reviewing and making qualifications and assessment materials available in Welsh.

Compliance with Welsh-medium qualification requirements is overseen through YMCA Awards' existing governance arrangements. The Responsible Officer oversees regulatory compliance, supported by the relevant teams responsible for qualification development, assessment, quality assurance and centre support.

Supporting centres and learners

YMCA Awards supports centres and learners in Wales by providing information about the availability of Welsh-language qualification materials and assessment arrangements.

Centres and learners can contact us to enquire about Welsh-language provision or express an interest in additional materials or assessments being made available in Welsh. Feedback or concerns can also be raised through our published feedback and complaints procedures.

YMCA Awards currently issues qualification certificates in English only.

Publication and review

This policy is published on the YMCA Awards website and made available to centres, learners and other stakeholders. Centres are informed of its availability through our established communication channels.

The policy is reviewed annually, or sooner where changes to regulatory requirements, Welsh-language provision or feedback indicate that a review is necessary.