

# Position Statement: English-Only Qualification Offer, Swim England Qualifications

## 1. Current Position

This statement clarifies the current status of our qualifications in relation to the current use of varied language offers provided to users for our qualifications. While Swim England Qualifications (SEQ) has traditionally provided its qualifications in English, it does, however, fully support equality, diversity, and cultural inclusivity and its importance within other territories as our qualifications continue to be studied in other countries outside of our native country. We are becoming increasingly aware that a broader language offer is required to be considered and reviewed.

SEQ is committed to providing educational opportunities to as many learners as possible. It also recognises that delivering the best possible experience to users with our qualifications via bilingual language(s) requires many considerations before initiating such a change. Some of those include aspects such as planning and implementation timeframes, cost, opportunities for consultation, resource availability, and/or market/sector demand, to name a few.

Therefore, to accommodate the linguistic needs of our learners to the best of our abilities, particularly with Welsh-Medium Language, and due to the various constraints and considerations mentioned, we have decided to offer our qualifications as **English-only** at this time. This decision is based on the following two factors:

### 1. Market demand in Wales and other territories

Based on our research and data, the awareness and/or use of the Welsh language in those key regions in Wales where our qualifications are currently studied confirms there is not 'sufficient demand' for us to offer our qualifications in a Welsh-medium format.

### 2. Availability of resources

The logistical and resource implications of translating, administering, and assessing in Welsh would require a level of demand that has not yet materialised nor is financially viable at present within our current resource availability.

The required resources would need to sufficiently support current and future qualifications being reviewed and/or developed across many types of materials (such as specifications, assessment materials, and associated guidance documents, etc.) for its users with sufficiently qualified and skilled staffing expertise in place to carry this out.

In the meantime, our qualification(s) assessments remain accessible to Welsh learners through English Language. If a learner requires support for learning to use an alternative

language to English, they can be accommodated through our Reasonable Adjustments & Special Considerations Policy.

## 2. Review

We are committed to periodically reviewing this situation to determine the landscape and potential changes regarding the above factors, particularly with the development of the use of the Welsh language within our industry, should demand increase in the future. We welcome feedback and input from all stakeholders, including Welsh-medium and/or bilingual Centres using other languages we work with, as we strive to continuously improve our qualification offer.

We hope this provides the necessary context and reassures stakeholders of our commitment to cultural inclusivity while reflecting the current practical considerations.

## 3. Quality Assurance

This document supports Qualifications Wales (QiW) Standard Conditions of Recognition D9 and Ofqual / QiW conditions of recognition G2, G3, and I3.

This document will be reviewed annually or earlier to ensure it continues to meet our needs and those of the regulators.

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