



CIOB Awarding Organisation

Policy Statement for the use of Welsh and Irish (Gaeilge) Language

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Welsh Language

The CIOB Awarding Organisation is sensitive to the sharpened focus from the Welsh Assembly, on the provision of Welsh medium dual language materials and wishes to respond positively to language needs in Wales.

The CIOB Awarding Organisation monitors demand on an annual basis to see if there is a requirement from our Welsh centres for the provision of our qualifications in Welsh and /or dual language medium.

If a demand is identified for our qualifications to be assessed through the medium of Welsh and/or dual language, evidence of this will be submitted to the CIOB ABMC. The Committee will take a decision as to whether or not this demand can be met.

If the Committee agrees to the case for offering CIOB qualifications through a mixture of English and Welsh, we will use the guidance produced by ACCAC/DELLS, '*The use of the Welsh Language in the Delivery and Assessment of VRQs (2002)*', to facilitate and implement this.

Irish (Gaeilge) Language

The CIOB is supportive of the Belfast Agreement, which committed the government to recognise the importance of the Irish language. We wish to respond positively to language needs in Ireland, through the provision of Irish (Gaeilge) medium and dual language material.

The CIOB Awarding Organisation monitors demand on an annual basis to establish if there is a requirement from our Ireland centres for the provision of our qualifications in Irish (Gaeilge) and/or dual language medium.

If a demand is identified for our qualifications to be assessed through the medium of Irish (Gaeilge) and/or dual language, evidence of this will be submitted to the CIOB ABMC. The Committee will take a decision as to whether or not this demand can be met.

If the Committee agrees to the case for offering our qualifications through a mixture of English and Irish (Gaeilge), we will use the guidance produced by Department of Culture Arts and Leisure (DCAL), to facilitate and implement this.