

ITC First

P7 Welsh, Irish & Other Language Policy [1.3]

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Other Language Policy

1. Overview

1.1 The Statutory Regulation of External Qualifications requires awarding bodies to take appropriate steps to facilitate the delivery of training and assessment leading to the achievement of vocationally related qualifications through the medium of Welsh and Irish, should there be sufficient demand.

1.2 The Welsh Language Act (1993) requires that every public body which provides service to the public in Wales should treat both English and Welsh language on a basis of equality, so far as is reasonably practicable and appropriate in the circumstances.

Wales has a distinct cultural identity and the Welsh language is used by about 20% of the population during their everyday life. Many primary and secondary schools deliver a significant part of their curriculum using the Welsh language.

1.3 In Northern Ireland the preferred language for communication is English, with use of the Irish language declining.

1.4 The migration of significant numbers of foreign nationals, many eventually taking up permanent residence in the UK, means that there are distinct cultural and language groupings clustered within most of the major cities of the UK. Children who attend local schools are predominately taught using the English Language with adults in the community having various degrees of difficulty communicating and understanding using English.

2. ITC Policy

2.1 There are currently no ITC Centre registered in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland who have staff who can deliver in the medium of Welsh or Irish. Therefore no materials have been produced in these languages.

2.2 ITC will monitor the situation and produce materials in the required language if:

- a) A Centre indicates a need and has staff capable of delivering the qualification in the required language or dual language.

2.3 In accordance with ITC policy to adapt methods of assessment to those with special needs ITC will approve assessment in British or Irish Sign Language provided that assessment criteria are not changed.

2.4 All ITC qualifications in England will be assessed in English