

**November 2019 to
February 2020**

Consultation on:

- Principles for qualifications taken at 16 that are eligible for public funding
- Keeping the GCSE name as part of the qualification offer
- Redesigning the Skills Challenge Certificate as a free-standing qualification

2020

Next steps:

- Summary of responses to the consultation and resulting decisions
- Advice to the Minister for Education

Consultation on:

- Which subject areas will form part of the public offer
- Qualifications to support the continuum for Welsh language learning
- Design principles for future GCSE qualifications (if retained)
- More detailed proposals on standalone qualifications to assess “wider skills” (if retained)

2021

Next steps:

- Summary of responses to the consultations and resulting decisions
- Confirmation of timeline for developing new and updated qualifications
- Consider the regulatory requirements needed to put the vision and principles into practice

Consultations on individual qualifications:

- Detailed design features and content of new or updated qualifications

Next steps:

- Consider the responses to the consultations and report on the outcomes
- Publish approval criteria for individual subjects

From 2021

- Awarding bodies develop new and updated qualifications to meet regulatory requirements
- Requirements for essential teaching and learning resources to support qualifications identified and fed into strategic commissioning model