
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1687

**The Qualifications Wales Act 2015 (Commencement
No. 2 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2015**

PART 3

Transitional provisions

Approval of qualifications and surrender of approval

9.—(1) This article applies in relation to the forms of qualification listed in the Schedule.

(2) From 21 September 2015, the forms of qualification are to be treated as having been approved under section 19 of the Act for award in Wales by the awarding body identified in the title of the form of qualification concerned.

(3) Each approval by virtue of paragraph (2) is to be treated as if Qualifications Wales had under section 22(3) of the Act allocated the number in the corresponding entry for the form of qualification in the “Rhif / Number” column.

(4) Except in relation to the qualification referred to in paragraph (5), each approval by virtue of paragraph (2) is to be treated as if Qualifications Wales had under section 23(2) of the Act, specified the period from 21 September 2015 until the expiry of 31 August 2020 as the period for which the approval has effect.

(5) The approval by virtue of paragraph (2) of the qualification allocated the number 601/7663/5 (WJEC Level 1/2 GCSE in Geography) is to be treated as if Qualifications Wales had under section 23(2) of the Act specified the period from 1 September 2016 until the expiry of 31 August 2021 as the period for which the approval has effect.

(6) Any notice within paragraph (7) which is given before 21 September 2015 to the Welsh Ministers in respect of a form of a qualification by the awarding body concerned and has not been withdrawn before that date, is, from that date, to be treated as a surrender notice under section 25 of the Act.

(7) The notice is a notice of the awarding body’s anticipated withdrawal of the form of qualification under condition D7.3 of the conditions of recognition imposed by the Welsh Ministers under section 32(3A) of the 1997 Act⁽¹⁾.

(1) Section 32(3A) was inserted by the Education Act 2002 (c. 32), Schedule 17, paragraph 7(1) and (3) and amended by: the Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales (Transfer of Functions to the National Assembly for Wales and Abolition) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3239) (W. 244), Schedule 1, paragraphs 6 and 18(d); and the Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), section 162(1), (6) and (8).