

Review of Qualifications 14–19 timeline

	2013	2014	2015	2016 onwards
National qualifications system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation plan agreed. Content to be communicated July Stakeholder reference group established July Communication strategy approved Summer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New planning and funding system in place that reflects and implements Review of Qualifications recommendations September Plans in place for entry level and disengaged young people recommendations September Benefits defined and realisation plan developed by December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme complete December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of benefits
Welsh Baccalaureate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High level revised Welsh Bac model agreed by Ministers June Start teaching the graded Welsh Bac Advanced level September Five year continuing professional development strategy drafted December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full outline of revised model Welsh Bac agreed by Ministers and communicated to stakeholders January 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Welsh Bac teaching commences September First award of graded Welsh Bac Advanced level August 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Welsh Bac evaluated December Impact evaluation of higher education acceptance of Welsh Bac as an entry requirement September First award of new model 2016 (Foundation post-16 and National post-16) 2017 (other levels)
Vocational qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of revised gatekeeping implementation plan July Review of awarding organisations' Statement of Compliance evidence completed October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential Skills Wales improvement plans completed March Staged gatekeeping process implemented Approach agreed to assure appropriateness of assessment Development of a strengthened vocational qualifications continuous improvement model 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First teaching of prioritised vocational qualifications that have gone through strengthened gatekeeping process (this includes both current and new qualifications) Implement vocational qualifications continuous improvement model 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploration of combined accreditation and approvals process Evaluation of revised gatekeeping and quality assurance approach
General qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of draft qualifications design principles for new GCSEs to be taught from Sept 2015 November Development of options for revised AS and A levels in Wales November 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accreditation complete for the new GCSE specifications August Publish final criteria for AS and A levels in Wales January 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Welsh First Language and English and Maths (x2) GCSEs delivered September First teaching of revised GCSE and AS and A level specifications and associated support programme in place September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First award of new GCSEs and A levels from August 2017
Skills qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarding organisations identified to trial and work commissioned May Revised standards available to awarding organisations October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial and evaluate September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifications ready for delivery August 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First award 2016
Qualifications Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifications Wales advisory board established May Cabinet Paper submitting the business case following due diligence October Legislation process begins May Project streams established May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation process continues Project streams deliver outputs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New organisation and governance in place from September Qualifications Wales branding on new qualifications September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifications Wales qualifications increase
Data and performance measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique Learner Number used by awarding organisations September Timing of changes to equivalences and some other measures agreed and announced September Agreement and communication to stakeholders about implementation dates for all changes December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of change to equivalence ratings for courses from September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New measures start to have impact, including Welsh Bac; continuation of existing measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change to equivalence rating for reporting from summer 2016 First reporting of new measures from 2017