



Forward monthly plan



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Qualification delivery								First award of some units for unitised new NQ GCSEs					
									First teaching of wave 2 GCSE qualifications →				
Qualification development/approval	← Awarding Bodies develop amended Travel and Tourism qualifications to meet QW approval criteria								Publication of approved Travel and Tourism specifications for first teaching from September 2027				
	← Awarding Bodies develop Hospitality & Catering qualifications to meet QW approval criteria								Publication of approved Hospitality and Catering specifications for first teaching from September 2027				
	← Development of GCSE English language (post-16) qualification									Publication of approved GCSE English language (post-16) specification for first teaching from September 2027			
	← Development of GCSE Cymraeg language (post-16) qualification →										Publication of approved GCSE Cymraeg language (post-16) specification for first teaching from September 2027		
	← Development of wave 3 National Qualifications by awarding bodies recognised by QW →									Publication of approved NQ Wave 3 specifications for first teaching from September 2027			
	← Development of level 2 and level 3 landbased designated qualifications								Publication of designated Landbased specifications for first teaching from September 2026/2027				



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	← High level review to ensure smooth progression from new wave 1 GCSEs to AS/ A levels								Publication of any amended A level specifications for teaching from September 2027			
		Level 2 construction apprenticeship framework and qualifications announced										
									Development of ESW qualifications by Awarding Bodies →			
Consultations, consultation decisions, and associated events	← ESW Consultation					ESW Decisions Report and Approval Criteria published						
					Have Your Say' centre and learner feedback on summer exams and assessments							
Sector Reviews		Reviewing Learner Journeys for 2026-2027 academic year	Updated Learner Journeys published									
Exams series	8 January Results of November 2024 exam series 7 - 23 January January exam series		5 March Results of January 2025 exam series		7 May - Summer exams/assessment series - 24 June			August 13 GCSE Level 1/2 results August 20 GCSE GCSE, Level 1/2, Entry level results			2- 11 November November GCSE series	
VQSRG Meetings		Wednesday February 25 (13:00 - 14:30)				Tuesday June 23 (13:00 - 14:30)				Monday October 19 (13:00 - 14:30)		