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Introduction

Agored Cymru

Agored Cymru Qualifications

Agored Cymru is a QCF Awarding Organisation offering a range of flexible and responsive provision designed to help learners of every age achieve their potential.

Agored Cymru is the only awarding organisation to focus entirely on developing qualifications and credit to meet the needs of learners in Wales and with over 20 years experience, we have awarded over 6 million credits to learners across Wales.

Because we work exclusively in Wales, we are ideally placed to respond to the demands of our learners and centres. Our qualifications are uniquely tailored to the needs and priorities of individuals, communities, employers and the aims of a modern Wales. As *the* Welsh awarding organisation, working for the benefit of Wales, our dedicated team of specialists is committed to promoting the Welsh language by encouraging assessment through the medium of Welsh.

All our units and qualifications are credit based, and flexible enough to meet the needs of learners in any setting, – from schools to FE and from offender learning to training in the workplace.

Agored Cymru offers its recognised centres the opportunity to deliver effective lifelong learning, widen opportunity and enable progression within current education and training frameworks.

At all times, Agored Cymru is committed to providing a high quality, responsive service to all our centres and learners.

Agored Cymru Qualifications:

- are charged at certification not at registration which means you pay for units achieved by learners not the units you register learners for.
- are available through the medium of Welsh, including certification.
- enable accreditation of CPD, by unit, from qualifications where the whole qualification is not required
- meet the needs of learners in Wales by developing qualifications that respond directly to the Welsh Agenda.
- provide a range of flexible and responsive provision designed to help learners of every age and level achieve their potential.

- are designed to suit the needs and priorities of individuals, communities, employers and the national aims of a modern Wales.
- recognise individual learner achievement by awarding units achieved even if learners did not complete the whole qualification.

Qualification Information

Recognised centres must notify Agored Cymru of their intention to deliver this qualification.

Qualification Overview

The Agored Cymru Level 3 Diploma in Perioperative Support conforms to the QCF qualification specification approved by Skills for Health to replace the NVQ from January 1st 2011.

It is recognised on the Credit and Qualifications Framework for Wales (CQFW)

The qualification includes both mandatory and optional units and requires a minimum of 60 mandatory credits to achieve the qualification.

Individual units from the optional units in this qualification can be used for continuing personal and professional development.

Qualification Target Group

This qualification is suitable for support workers working in Perioperative Support roles, both inside and outside the operating theatre.

Most units in the qualification require assessment of competence, so learners will need to be working in a support worker role in an appropriate setting to achieve them

Entry Requirements

Learners must be:

- 16 years of age or over to achieve this qualification

Delivery Languages

This qualification is available in English and Welsh. If this qualification is required in other languages, please contact the Business Development Team at Agored Cymru.

Offering the Qualification

This qualification is only available through Agored Cymru recognised centres. If you would like to find out more about either becoming a recognised centre or working in partnership with a recognised centre, please access the 'join us' area of the website or contact a member of the Business Development team for more information.

Progression Opportunities

This qualification relates to workforce competence, and is the qualification required for employment in Perioperative Support roles in hospitals and community nursing settings. It can be a progression route to study at a higher level or to achieving competence in extended roles.

Access to Fair Assessment

Agored Cymru has systems and procedures in place to ensure that assessment strategies for qualifications enable valid, reliable and consistent judgements to be made about the achievement of all learning outcomes against the stated assessment criteria. To ensure that inclusive assessment strategies are in place, that respond to individual learner needs, it may be necessary for centres to adapt assessments. Centres should consult the guidance within the 'Access to Fair Assessment' policy (available within the centre handbook) which provides clear guidelines about the way in which reasonable adjustments and special considerations can be applied to Agored Cymru qualifications.

All prescribed assessment methods are stated in the relevant unit. Where there is no prescribed assessment methodology stated, the deliverer should apply the method most suitable to the learners. The method should comply with the 'access to fair assessment' policy and should be confirmed via the internal verification process

Embedding Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship (ESDGC)

Agored Cymru is committed to embedding of ESDGC within learning activities in Wales. ESDGC recognises that everyone's actions are interlinked; that the decisions and lifestyles of learners impact on the lives of other people throughout the world.

The integration of ESDGC within the curriculum offers opportunities for tutors/teachers to present impartial and practical views that allow learners to make informed choices. ESDGC is not an 'additional subject'; it should be integrated into all areas of the curriculum wherever possible.

There are seven interconnected key themes have been identified within ESDGC: further information can be found on the Agored Cymru website.

Units in this Qualification provides evidence towards the following themes: Health, Choices and Decisions, Identity and Culture.

NOS and other Standards

NOS and other standards for this qualification are indicated on the units.

Funding and Charges

Current funding information is available at Database of Approved Qualifications in Wales (DAQW). <http://www.daqw.org.uk>

Agored Cymru qualifications are charged by the current cost per credit.
More information can be found on the charges section of the Agored Cymru website.

Qualification Content

Structure and Content

The qualification structure and unit content has been developed by Skills for Health. It is made up of both mandatory and optional units.

The selection of the optional units should be the result of a negotiation between the learner and their manager, to meet the needs of the learner and the requirements of their job role in Wales, and the rules of combination below.

Note should be taken of the following equivalences and barred combinations in the qualification when selecting units:

Equivalences				
Regulator Reference Code	Agored Cymru Unit Code	Unit Title	Equivalent Reference Code	Equivalent Unit Title
J/601/1434	PT23CY119	Promote communication in health, social care or children's and young people's settings	L/502/3381	Communication skills for working in the health sector
Y/601/1437	PT23CY121	Promote equality and inclusion in health, social care or children's and young people's settings	L/502/3400	Equality and diversity in the health sector

Barred Combinations		
Regulator Reference Code	Agored Cymru Unit Code	Unit Title
F/502/3412	PA13CY042	Maintaining quality standards in the health sector
Barred with		
J/502/3413	PA13CY043	Service improvement in the health sector

Rules of Combination

Minimum credit value to achieve qualification:	66
Mandatory units (Group A) total credit value:	66
Optional continuing development units (Group B), minimum credit value:	0

The qualification consists of the following 30 units:

Group A - Mandatory Units – 66 Credits					
Regulator Reference Code	Agored Cymru Unit Code	Unit Title	Optional/Mandatory Unit	Credit Value	Level
A/601/1429	PT23CY120	Engage in personal development in health, social care or children's and young people's settings	Mandatory	3	3
J/601/1434	PT23CY119	Promote communication in health, social care or children's and young people's settings	Mandatory	3	3
Y/601/1437	PT23CY121	Promote equality and inclusion in health, social care or children's and young people's settings	Mandatory	2	3
F/601/8138	PT13CY017	Promote and implement health and safety in health and social care	Mandatory	6	3
A/601/8574	PT12CY018	Principles of safeguarding and protection in health and social care	Mandatory	3	2
Y/601/8145	PT13CY016	Promote person centred approaches in health and social care	Mandatory	6	3
J/601/8576	PT12CY019	The role of the health and social care worker	Mandatory	2	2
J/601/9470	PT13CY018	Promote good practice in handling information in health and social care settings	Mandatory	2	3
L/501/6737	PL12CY019	The Principles of Infection Prevention and Control	Mandatory	3	2
H/501/7103	PL12CY020	Causes and Spread of Infection	Mandatory	2	2
R/501/6738	PL12CY021	Cleaning, Decontamination and Waste Management	Mandatory	2	2
R/601/1436	PT23CY122	Principles for implementing duty of care in health, social care or children's and young people's settings	Mandatory	1	3
L/602/4489	PH53CY100	Transport, transfer and position individuals and equipment within the perioperative environment	Mandatory	5	3

Regulator Reference Code	Agored Cymru Unit Code	Unit Title	Optional/Mandatory Unit	Credit Value	Level
F/602/3923	PD12CY012	Contribute to the safe use of medical devices in the perioperative environment	Mandatory	4	2
Y/602/3930	PD13CY003	Assist in the delivery of perioperative care and support to individuals	Mandatory	4	3
M/602/3934	PD13CY004	Measure and record individuals' body fluid balance in a perioperative environment	Mandatory	4	3
L/602/3942	PD12CY013	Assist in receiving, handling and dispatching clinical specimens	Mandatory	2	2
F/602/3954	PD13CY005	Provide support to the surgical team when preparing individuals for operative and invasive procedures	Mandatory	4	3
A/602/3970	PD12CY014	Perform the non scrubbed circulating role for perioperative procedures	Mandatory	3	2
D/602/3976	PD13CY006	Prepare anaesthetic environment and provide support for pre and post operative anaesthesia and recovery	Mandatory	5	3

Group B – Optional Units – Minimum 0 Credits					
Regulator Reference Code	Agored Cymru Unit Code	Unit Title	Optional/Mandatory Unit	Credit Value	Level
The units listed here are recommended for continuing development of candidates who have successfully completed the Level 3 Diploma in Perioperative Care Support					
F/502/3412	PA13CY042	Maintaining quality standards in the health sector	Optional	2	3
J/502/3413	PA13CY043	Service improvement in the health sector	Optional	3	3
K/602/3947	PD12CY015	Prepare and dress for scrubbed clinical roles	Optional	4	2
K/602/3950	PD13CY007	Prepare and provide surgical instrumentation and supplementary items for the surgical team	Optional	6	3
D/602/3959	PD13CY008	Receive and handle clinical specimens within the sterile field	Optional	4	3

Regulator Reference Code	Agored Cymru Unit Code	Unit Title	Optional/Mandatory Unit	Credit Value	Level
M/602/3965	PD12CY016	Prepare and apply dressings and drains to individuals in the perioperative environment	Optional	2	2
T/602/3952	PD12CY017	Prepare equipment for intraoperative cell salvage blood collection	Optional	2	2
R/602/3926	PD13CY009	Operate equipment for intraoperative cell salvage blood collection	Optional	5	3
L/602/3939	PD12CY018	Prepare equipment for intraoperative cell salvage blood processing	Optional	4	2
T/602/3949	PD13CY010	Operate equipment for intraoperative cell salvage blood processing and complete intraoperative cell salvage blood process	Optional	5	3

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

For this qualification, units can be recognised through an RPL process. Evidence can be utilised for learning outcome achievement or for whole unit achievement. There is no cap on the amount of RPL available within this qualification but all evidence must be internally and externally verified.

For more information regarding the RPL process please use the website RPL policy which is available in the centre handbook or contact an Agored Cymru office.

Units

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<http://www.agored.org.uk/default.aspx?id=497&qualid=67>

Quality Assurance Processes

Assessment

This qualification is centre-assessed and is subject to Agored Cymru's quality assurance processes including internal and external verification.

All prescribed assessment methods are stated within the relevant unit. Where there is no prescribed assessment methodology stated the deliverer should apply the most appropriate method(s) deemed suitable to meet the 'access to fair assessment' policy.

Assessors of competence based units in this qualification must be:

- occupationally knowledgeable and competent to do so
- be in current employment and/or maintaining their statutory professional registration.
- have undertaken the Agored Cymru 'Introduction to assessment' training course if new to assessing

Occupational competence means that assessors must be capable of carrying out the full requirements of any unit/s they are assessing.

Competence based units must include direct observation as the primary source of evidence. Simulation may only be used as an assessment method for learning outcomes that start with 'be able to' where this is specified in the assessment requirements of the unit.

The use of expert witnesses should be agreed by the assessor. Expert witnesses can be used for direct observation where they have occupational expertise for specialist areas or the observation is of a particularly sensitive nature. An expert witness must have a working knowledge of the QCF units on which their expertise is based and be occupationally competent in their area of expertise.

Internal Verification

The qualification must be scrutinised through the Recognised Centre's internal quality assurance processes as part of the license agreement with Agored Cymru.

Internal Verifiers must:

- have direct or related relevant experiences in assessing and internal verification
- have undertaken the Agored Cymru 'Introduction to IV' training course if new to internal verification

External Verification

The qualification will be subject to external verification processes as part of the Recognised Centre's license agreement with Agored Cymru. EVs are appointed by Agored Cymru.

Retention of Evidence

Current information on retention of evidence can be found at <http://www.agored.org.uk/getfile.aspx?fileid=357>

Standardisation

Current information on standardisation requirements can be found at <http://www.agored.org.uk/getfile.aspx?fileid=397>

Certification

Recognised Centres will receive certificates within 25 days of the submissions of claims for credit.

It is the responsibility of the centre to distribute certificates to learners.

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