

Qualification
Guide

Level 3

Certificate in Clinical Imaging Support

(QCF) - (600/6082/7)





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Introduction

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. We have over 20 years' experience and, 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.

We offer our recognised centres the opportunity to deliver effective lifelong learning, widen opportunity and enable progression within current education and training frameworks.

At all times, we are 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 continuing professional development (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 are required to adhere to the quality assurance requirements (QA) of delivering these qualifications, or any unit(s) from these qualifications. The QA requirements, which may require assessors and/or internal verifiers to have specific competencies, can be found at the back of this qualification guide. Failure to comply with the QA requirements may result in your learners not being certificated and/or your centre losing recognition status. You will be notified of this when you add these qualifications or units from these qualifications to your framework.

Qualification Overview

This qualification has been developed for support workers to gain the knowledge and competence required for working in clinical imaging settings in Wales.

It has the approval of NLIAH, the College and Society of Radiographers and the National Imaging Programme Board for Wales.

All elements of the qualification are mandatory.

The Apprenticeship

The qualification has the support of Skills for Health as part of an approved Apprenticeship in Clinical Imaging Support. Within the apprenticeship, learners will be required to evidence:

- their achievement of Level 3 Certificate in Clinical Imaging Support
- Essential Skills Wales (ESW), at a minimum of level 2
- the completion of the employee rights and responsibilities element (ERR).

ESW

The Welsh Government requirement for Essential Skills within a level 3 apprenticeship is as follows.

Essential Skills Wales (ESW) in Application of Number and Communication, at least at Level 2 must be achieved. Where apprentices have already achieved level 2, they will be expected to work towards ESW level 3, but they do not have to complete it in order to achieve the apprenticeship certificate.

It will also be a requirement that apprentices attain at least at Level 2 in the Key Skill/Essential Skills Wales of Information and Communications Technology (ICT).



Qualification Information

Qualification Target Group

The qualification is designed for support workers in a range of clinical imaging settings in Wales to include:

- Ultrasound
- Nuclear medicine
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Computerised Tomography (CT)
- General/plain films
- Mammography
- Radiotherapy
- Single Photon Emission Computerised Tomography (SPECT)
- Positron Emission Tomography- Computerised Tomography (PET CT).

Entry Requirements

Learners must be employed as a support worker in a clinical imaging setting.

Recognised Centres must:

- be able to support learners working in clinical imaging settings
- be able to support apprentices in achieving all the required elements, either themselves or in partnership with further education providers.



Qualification Information

Delivery Languages

These qualifications are available in English and Welsh. If these qualifications are required in other languages, please contact the Business Development team at Agored Cymru.

Offering the Qualifications

These qualifications are 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

There are progression opportunities at level 3, for example:

- QCF Level 3 Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support
- QCF Level 3 Diploma in Perioperative Support
- QCF Level 3 Diploma in Maternity and Paediatric Support
- QCF level 3 Diploma in Pathology Support
- to apply for posts at Band 3 and 4 in clinical imaging settings.

There are further progression opportunities at level 4

- Level 4 HE courses for assistant practitioners in clinical imaging.

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 and Procedures' (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 Procedures' and must be confirmed via the internal verification process.



Qualification Information

Embedding Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship (ESDGC)

Agored Cymru is committed to embedding 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 Learning and Development practitioners 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 that have been identified within ESDGC: further information can be found on the Agored Cymru website.

An indication about the opportunity each unit offers for embedding the different ESDGC themes is included in the unit. Please note that this is for guidance only and is not intended to restrict the ways in which ESDGC can be incorporated.

NOS and other Standards

Links to NOS, KSF and other standards are visible in the information on individual units.

Funding and Charges

Current funding information is available at the 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.

A discounted charge may be available for organisations registering learners for the full qualification from the outset. Please note where an organisation exercises this option we will charge the full discounted qualification fee irrespective of learner achievement. See our website for details.



Qualification Content

Structure and Content

Minimum credit value to achieve qualification:	33
Minimum credit value to be achieved at, or above, Level 2:	25
Mandatory units total credit value:	33

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

Equivalences				
QCF Reference Number	Agored Cymru Unit Code	Unit Title	Equivalent Reference Number	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
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Exemptions				
QCF Reference Number	Agored Cymru Unit Code	Unit Title	Exemption Agored Cymru Unit Code	Equivalent Unit Title

D/504/1027	PE13CY008	Clinical Imaging Support Worker: Fundamentals of Care	PB73CY001	Clinical Imaging Support Worker: Fundamentals of Care
F/504/1022	PE13CY009	Clinical Imaging Support Worker: Radiation Protection and Awareness	PB73CY004	Clinical Imaging Support Worker: Radiation Protection and Awareness
J/504/1023	PE13CY010	Clinical Imaging Support Worker: Anatomy and Terminology	PB72CY005	Clinical Imaging Support Worker: Anatomy and Terminology



Qualification Content

Rules of Combination

All units in the qualification are mandatory

The qualification consists of the following 11 units:

Group A – Mandatory Units – 33 Credits					
QCF Reference Number	Agored Cymru Unit Code	Unit Title	Optional Mandatory Unit	Level Value	Credit
L/601/5470	PT12CY017	Introduction to duty of care in health, social care or children's and young people's settings	Mandatory	2	1
L/501/6737	PL12CY019	The principles of Infection Prevention and Control	Mandatory	2	3
R/501/6738	PL12CY021	Cleaning, Decontamination and Waste Management	Mandatory	2	2
J/601/1434	PT23CY119	Promote communication in health, social care or children's and young people's settings	Mandatory	3	3
F/601/8138	PT13CY017	Promote and implement health and safety in health and social care	Mandatory	3	6
J/601/9470	PT13CY018	Promote good practice in handling information in health and social care settings	Mandatory	3	2
J/602/3924	PT12CY078	Assist the practitioner to carry out health care activities	Mandatory	2	2
T/504/0997	PE13CY007	The Use of Contrast Media in Clinical Imaging	Mandatory	3	2
D/504/1027	PE13CY008	Clinical Imaging Support Worker: Fundamentals of Care	Mandatory	3	6
F/504/1022	PE13CY009	Clinical Imaging Support Worker: Radiation Protection and Awareness	Mandatory	3	3
J/504/1023	PE13CY010	Clinical Imaging Support Worker: Anatomy and Terminology	Mandatory	3	3



Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

For these qualifications, 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 these qualifications but all evidence must be internally and externally verified.

For more information centres should consult the guidance within the 'Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy and Procedure' (available within the centre handbook).

Units

Agored Cymru Level 3 Certificate in Clinical Imaging Support (QCF) - (600/6082/7)
<http://www.agored.org.uk/default.aspx?id=497&qualid=126689>



Quality Assurance Processes

Registration

Centres are required to register all learners within 40 working days of the start date of the course/learner as appropriate.

Assessment

Centres design and deliver the assessment for these qualifications. Centres must adhere to Agored Cymru's quality assurance requirements.

Centres are required to ensure that the assessment is fit for purpose and allows all learners to generate evidence to meet all assessment criteria and all learning outcomes (see Access to Fair Assessment Policy). Centres are also required to use the prescribed assessment methods where stated.

<http://www.agored.org.uk/getfile.aspx?fileid=344>

Assessors must:

- have current and/or, relevant experience in assessing;
- have undertaken relevant training , if new to assessing (see website for Agored Cymru Introduction to Assessment courses)
- have good knowledge and understanding of Agored Cymru assessment requirements.

Units in this qualification must be contextualized to the workplace and be assessed by those with the occupational knowledge and/or competence to assess in clinical imaging settings. Competence elements in the qualification may only be assessed by a registered radiography practitioner.

Witness Testimony

Where witness testimony is used, the witness must be occupationally competent to act as a witness in a clinical imaging setting, and the testimony evidence included in the assessment process.

Internal Verification

Centres are required to verify all assessments through their internal quality assurance processes.

Internal verifiers must:

- have current and/or relevant experience in assessing and internal verification;
- have a good understanding of Agored Cymru internal verification.



Quality Assurance Processes

Approved Internal Verifiers (AIVs)

Please see the centre handbook to ensure that you meet our AIV requirements
<http://www.agored.org.uk/CentreHandbook/CentreHandbook.aspx?id=28&lang=>

External Verification

These qualifications are subject to external verification 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 events can be found on our website
<http://www.agored.org.uk/getfile.aspx?fileid=397>

Certification

Centres receive certificates from Agored Cymru within 25 working days of the submission of a correctly completed recommendation for the award of credit (RAC) form.

Centres are required to distribute certificates to all learners promptly.



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