

British Canoeing Awarding Body

Welsh Language Policy Statement

1. Introduction and Commitment

This policy formalises the British Canoeing Awarding Body's (BCAB) commitment to promoting and supporting the Welsh language in line with its importance to Welsh identity and culture. Following the Welsh Language Act (1993) and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure (2011), which made Welsh an official language in Wales.

2. Regulatory Compliance (Condition D9)

This policy adheres to Condition D9 of our Standard Conditions of Recognition, which outlines the requirements for Awarding Bodies regarding Welsh-medium qualifications.

2.1 Requirements

Must make Approved qualifications available in Welsh. - All four regulated qualifications have translated documentation and materials available.

Must make Designated qualifications available to pre-16 learners in Welsh, in accordance with our Designation Policy, from September 2027 (or date specified by us). - BCAB will monitor regulatory updates and ensure compliance with this future requirement.

Required to publish a policy statement setting out the extent to which qualifications are made available in Welsh. - This document serves as our formal, public policy statement.

Where qualifications are made available in Welsh, the AO must promote the availability of, and facilitate access to, those qualifications. - BCAB actively promotes Welsh language options and directs learners to our dedicated Delivery Centre.

3. Supporting Welsh Language Use and Access

BCAB actively supports and promotes the use of the Welsh language across the regulated qualification pathway in collaboration with the Paddle Cymru Delivery Centre.

3.1 Available Resources and Certification

- **Website Information:** We have translated documentation pages for all regulated qualifications on our website. Learners can access the relevant documents directly from the qualification page by clicking on the Welsh flag icon.
- **Support Materials:** All supporting documents for our four regulated qualifications are translated into Welsh.
- **Welsh Certificates:** Learners who successfully complete their regulated qualification in the Welsh language will automatically receive a Welsh Certificate.
- **Duplicate Certificates:** Successful candidates may request a duplicate certificate in Welsh at any time.

3.2 Facilitating Course Delivery

BCAB will actively promote that its qualifications can be taken in Welsh. To ensure seamless access and quality of delivery, BCAB will direct all interested parties to our dedicated Delivery Centre for Wales.

- **Contact for Welsh-medium Courses:** For individuals seeking to take a regulated course in the Welsh language, they must contact Paddle Cymru directly.

4. Monitoring and Reporting

To ensure continuous improvement and compliance with regulatory conditions, BCAB will implement clear reporting mechanisms.

- Annual Reporting Requirement: BCAB requires the Paddle Cymru Delivery Centre to provide an annual report. This report will detail:
 - The number of learners who access our regulated qualifications in the Welsh language.
 - The capacity (number and qualifications) of tutors and assessors available to deliver and assess courses in Welsh.

This dedication to the Welsh language not only aligns with national legislation but is a strategic commitment to connectivity, accessibility, and the growth of paddlesport within Wales.