

*These notes refer to the Qualifications Wales Act 2015  
(c.5) which received Royal Assent on 05 August 2015*

# QUALIFICATIONS WALES ACT 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 3: Recognition of Awarding Bodies**

##### *Section 5: Duty to set general recognition criteria*

20. Qualifications Wales is under a duty to set and publish the criteria against which it will consider whether or not to recognise, generally, an awarding body. These criteria are referred to as 'general recognition criteria' but there may be different criteria for different types of awarding body. An example of a general criterion that might apply to all bodies would be a requirement that an awarding body has appropriate arrangements to identify and monitor conflicts of interest. On the other hand, a criterion about the ability to provide safe warehouse facilities to store secure examination papers may not be applicable to an awarding body solely providing online assessment.