

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

# QUALIFICATIONS WALES ACT 2015

---

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

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

##### ***Section 6: Power to set qualification specific recognition criteria***

21. This section gives Qualifications Wales the power to determine that awarding bodies intending to offer certain types of qualification should, in addition to the general recognition criteria, meet specific criteria in order to be regulated in respect of them and to be eligible to submit those types of qualification to Qualifications Wales for approval or designation. For example, Qualifications Wales may require all awarding bodies intending to offer GCSEs and/or A levels in Wales to demonstrate a capability to fulfil marking and grading processes in time to issue a high volume of accurate results on a single date. As with the general recognition criteria, the specific recognition criteria may vary according to the type of awarding body. In addition, they may vary according to the type of qualification in question.