
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 996

The Welsh Language Standards (No. 1) Regulations 2015

Title, commencement, application and interpretation

- 1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Welsh Language Standards (No. 1) Regulations 2015.
- (2) These Regulations come into force on 31 March 2015.
- (3) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.
- (4) In these Regulations—
- a “body” (“*corff*”) means the Welsh Ministers, a county council or county borough council or a National Park authority;
 - an “individual” (“*unigolyn*”) means a member of the public;
 - a “member of staff” (“*aelod o staff*”) means an employee of a body or an individual working for a body (and “staff” (“*staff*”) must be construed accordingly);
 - a reference to an employee of a body or an individual working for a body includes, in the case of the Welsh Ministers, an employee of the Welsh Government or an individual working for the Welsh Government.
- (5) In these Regulations—
- (a) references to any activity being carried out by a body, or to any service being provided by a body, are to be read as including a reference to that activity being carried out on the body’s behalf or to that service being provided on the body’s behalf by a third party under arrangements made between the third party and the body;
 - (b) accordingly, unless a compliance notice provides to the contrary, a body will have failed to comply with a standard in respect of an activity or service it has arranged to be carried out or provided by a third party if that activity or service has not been carried out or provided in accordance with the standard.

Standards specified

- 2.—(1) In Schedule 1—
- (a) Part 1 specifies service delivery standards;
 - (b) Part 2 provides that a compliance notice must require a body to comply with certain standards specified in Part 1 if it has required the body to comply with certain other standards;
 - (c) Part 3 defines a number of words and expressions.
- (2) In Schedule 2—
- (a) Part 1 specifies policy making standards;
 - (b) Part 2 defines a number of words and expressions.
- (3) In Schedule 3—
- (a) Part 1 specifies operational standards;

- (b) Part 2 provides that a compliance notice must require a body to comply with certain standards specified in Part 1 if it has required the body to comply with certain other standards;
- (c) Part 3 defines a number of words and expressions.
- (4) In Schedule 4—
 - (a) Part 1 specifies promotion standards;
 - (b) Part 2 provides that a compliance notice must require a body to comply with certain standards specified in Part 1 if it has required the body to comply with certain other standards.
- (5) In Schedule 5—
 - (a) Part 1 specifies record keeping standards;
 - (b) Part 2 defines a number of words and expressions.
- (6) Schedule 6 specifies standards that deal with matters which are supplementary to the matters dealt with in the standards specified in Schedules 1 to 5 and, in particular—
 - (a) Part 1 specifies service delivery standards that deal with supplementary matters;
 - (b) Part 2 specifies policy making standards that deal with supplementary matters;
 - (c) Part 3 specifies operational standards that deal with supplementary matters;
 - (ch) Part 4 specifies promotion standards that deal with supplementary matters;
 - (d) Part 5 specifies record keeping standards that deal with supplementary matters;
 - (dd) Part 6 makes provision about interpreting the supplementary standards;
 - (e) Part 7 makes supplementary provision.

Standards that are specifically applicable

3.—(1) The Welsh Ministers authorise the Welsh Language Commissioner to give a compliance notice to the Welsh Ministers, to county councils, to county borough councils and to National Park authorities requiring them to comply with any of the standards specified under regulation 2.

(2) But the Commissioner is not authorised to give a compliance notice to the Welsh Ministers requiring them to comply with standards 145 or 146 (promotion standards) or standards 173 or 174 (promotion standards that deal with supplementary matters).

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