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Scope

This position statement will clarify 1st4sport Qualifications position with regards to the expectation of learners and their ability to communicate effectively in English when registering onto a qualification. It also clarifies the process should a recognised centre wish to deliver to and/or assess learners in another language¹. Therefore, it applies to 1st4sport staff, development partners, external quality assurers, recognised centres, learners and relevant third parties.

This Position Statement should be read in conjunction with the 1st4sport Qualifications Scope of Recognition Statement².

Objective

The objective of this position statement is to clarify 1st4sport Qualifications application of communication in English as a qualification pre-requisite and to identify the process for recognised centres should they wish to deliver to and/or assess learners in Welsh or Irish (Gaelic). It covers the following areas:

- Regulation regarding the language of assessment.
- 1st4sport Qualifications process for requesting approval for delivery or assessment in another language.

Regulation

The Ofqual General Conditions of Recognition state that an awarding organisation must ensure that all learners taking its qualifications in England are assessed in English. (G2.1)

The Qualifications Wales General Conditions of Recognition state that an awarding organisation must ensure that all learners taking its qualifications are assessed in Welsh and/or English in Wales. (G2.1)

The CCEA General Conditions of Recognition state that an awarding organisation must ensure that all learners taking its qualifications are assessed in English in England and English or Irish in Northern Ireland. (G2.1)

Unless qualifications are solely awarded in Wales or Northern Ireland, 1st4sport Qualifications is not required to provide qualification documentation and assessment materials in Welsh or Irish. 1st4sport qualification documentation and assessment materials are created in English in line with the regulators expectations.

¹ Relevant languages: Welsh, Irish (Gaelic), British Sign Language, Irish Sign Language.

² This can be found on the 1st4sport Qualifications website – www.1st4sportqualifications.com – in the 'About us' section.

1st4sport Qualifications will consider the following when determining whether to provide qualification and/or assessment materials in Welsh or Irish:

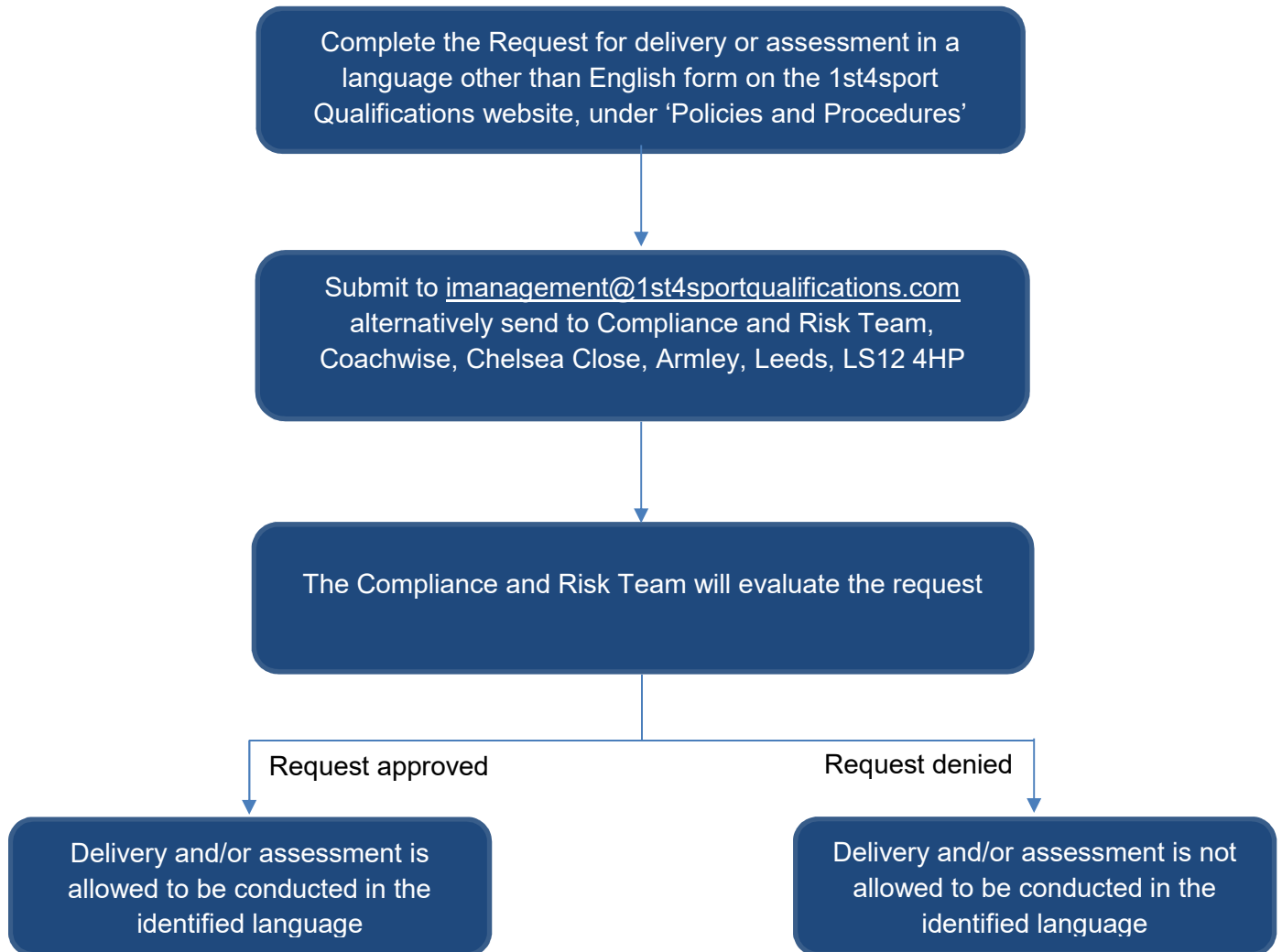
- The demand (number of learners wishing to complete this type of qualification in the identified language).
- The impact on the validity of the award.
- The availability of subject experts to support the conduct of assessments in a language other than English.
- Whether it is commercially viable for 1st4sport Qualifications.

Learners may be assessed in British Sign Language or Irish Sign Language where it is permitted by an awarding organisation for the purpose of a reasonable adjustment. This should be applied for by following the process outlined in the Access Arrangements Position Statement which can be found on the 1st4sport Qualifications website.

Recognised centres may conduct delivery and assessments in Welsh or Irish but prior to doing so would need to notify 1st4sport Qualifications using the following process. The centre will need to provide evidence to satisfy 1st4sport Qualifications that the integrity of the qualification and assessment is not compromised and that there will be no advantage or disadvantage to the learners involved.

1st4sport Qualifications Process for requesting approval for delivery or assessment in another language.

Below is the process that should be followed should a centre wish to deliver to and/or assess learners in Welsh or Irish.



Version control

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V1	January 2008	New Document
V2	January 2014	Document Review
V3	September 2014	Document Review
V4	November 2017	Full review of document contents
V5	July 2019	Review of document. Minor typos corrected.