

WJEC Newsletter – September 2026

CCPLD Qualifications Newsletter 2026/27

As we prepare for another busy academic year, we'd like to share some key updates, reminders and support opportunities to help you plan ahead and support your learners successfully.



Dates for the Diary

Unit 331 Assessment Windows

Winter 2027 Series

- Assessment available: **6 October 2026**
- Submission deadline: **4 December 2026**

Summer 2027 Series

- Assessment available: **1 March 2027**
- Submission deadline: **15 May 2027**

January 2027 Examinations

Unit 216

- Wednesday 13 January 2027 (AM)

Unit 330

- Thursday 14 January 2027 (AM)

Autumn Network Events

Our autumn face-to-face network events are now available to book via **HCLW**.

These sessions are a great opportunity to:

- Meet colleagues from other centres
- Share ideas and good practice
- Receive qualification updates
- Ask questions directly to the team

We look forward to seeing you there!

IAMIS Submissions: A Friendly Reminder

To ensure your EQA visit can go ahead as planned, please make sure learner outcomes have been submitted on IAMIS before the visit.

As a guide, we recommend completing IAMIS **at least 14 days before your EQA visit**. This gives your EQA enough time to prepare sampling plans and ensures the process runs as smoothly as possible for everyone.

CCPLD Core Audit Visits 2026/27

Our EQA team will be in touch shortly to begin arranging annual **CCPLD Core audit visits**.

We are aiming to complete these visits by Easter, allowing us to focus on supporting centres delivering the Level 2 and Level 3 CCPLD qualifications during the summer term.

This Year's Focus

The quality theme for 2026/27 is:

Internal Quality Assurance (IQA)

We look forward to hearing about the excellent quality assurance processes taking place within your centres.

Update to National Occupational Standards (NOS)

Social Care Wales has updated the **National Occupational Standards (NOS)** and associated Codes of Practice.

Please take some time to review your teaching materials, learner resources and assessment documentation to ensure they reflect the latest requirements.

Supporting Progression: Level 1 Childcare Pathway

Did you know WJEC offers a **Level 1 Childcare qualification** that can act as a stepping stone to Level 2 study?

The qualification aligns closely with CCPLD Core content and can be a valuable progression route for learners who would benefit from developing their knowledge and confidence before moving on to Level 2 qualifications.

For more information, please contact: **CCPLD@wjec.co.uk**

Step-Off Process for Learners

Following results day, learners who do not achieve the overall qualification have options available to support their progression.

Option 1: Resit

Learners may choose to resit the examination in **January 2027**.

Option 2: Step-Off to the City & Guilds CCPLD: Practice Qualification

Learners may apply to step off to the City & Guilds CCPLD: Practice qualification through WJEC where:

- All practice units have been completed and achieved.
- All practice units have been externally quality assured.
- All required theory assessments have been attempted.

Application forms can be requested from: **CCPLD@wjec.co.uk**

Application deadline: 31 October 2026

Learners Still Completing Practice Units

Learners who have not yet completed their practice units can continue their programme during the next academic year and be entered for certification in the January or June windows as appropriate.

Book Your Summer EQA Visit Early

Summer can be an exceptionally busy period for centres and EQAs alike.

To secure a suitable sampling date and help with forward planning, we encourage centres to contact their EQA and arrange summer visits as early as possible.

A little planning now can help avoid a last-minute rush later in the year!

Examination Preparation Support Packs

Following the summer examination series, support materials will be uploaded to **HCLW** to help centres prepare learners for the winter series.

The packs will include:

- Annotated learner responses from the Principal Examiner

- Principal Examiner reports
- Key messages and common themes from the series

These resources provide valuable insight into assessment expectations and are an excellent tool for supporting teaching, learning and revision.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued commitment to delivering high-quality childcare qualifications and supporting learners across Wales. We look forward to working with you throughout 2026/27 and wish you every success in the year ahead.

✉ CCPLD@wjec.co.uk for any qualification queries or support.