

Qualifications and Membership Packaging Policy

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Introduction

The Chartered Institute of Linguists (CIOL) the leading UK based membership body for language professionals, offers a suite of qualifications through CIOL Qualifications (CIOLQ). We publish admissions criteria on our website and information on the different grades of CIOL membership which fall into one of two categories Professional or Pre-professional.

Scope

This policy is aimed at internal CIOLQ staff and our members and candidates.

Rationale for packaging

As a Professional Membership Body with Royal Charter Status, we are a recognised authority for Linguists. We have evidence that our candidates value CIOL membership and offering our qualifications with membership supports our aims and values.

To offer our qualifications without membership would not currently provide the post-qualifying support and enhancement practising linguists require. Through a combined offer of membership and qualifications, we believe we support members in consolidating their achievements to better enable professional development and career progression.

Post-qualification support is offered through a mentoring scheme, networks, a Code of Professional Conduct and a structured membership pathway that is well recognised in the sector.

Policy updating and reviewing

All policies relating to CIOLQ will be updated on an 18-month cycle or sooner as required.

Policy version and owner

Policy review date	May 2023
Policy owner	Responsible Officer

Regulatory references

Ofqual General Conditions of Recognition
Condition F2: Packaging qualifications with other products or services
Qualifications Wales
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