

Qualifications Packaging Policy

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Introduction

The Chartered Institute of Linguists (CIOL) the leading UK based membership body for language professionals, offer a suite of qualifications through CIOL Qualifications (CIOLQ). These qualifications set at levels 2, 3, 6 and 7 are available to our members only and should a non-member wish to study for our qualifications and take the relevant assessment they are required to join as a member. We publish admissions criteria on our website and information on the six 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

We conclude that as a Professional Membership Body with Royal Charter Status, we are the recognised authority for Linguists. Our candidates value CIOL membership and to offer our qualifications without membership does not support our aims and values.

Through a combined offer of membership and qualifications, our organisation supports members formalising their achievements across the different levels aimed at professional development and career progression. In addition, post-qualification support is offered through a mentoring scheme, adherence to a Code of Professional Conduct, and a structured membership pathway that is recognised in the sector.

To offer our qualifications without membership does not provide the post-qualifying support and enhancement that our members require.

Policy version and owner

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Regulatory references

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