



UPDATE

CQFW – Credit and Qualifications Framework Wales

A new framework is being introduced from September 2010 which will clearly define the level, the size and the title of vocational qualifications making it easier to understand and compare the different qualifications available.

What does it mean?

- ◆ Many qualifications have been, or will be, rewritten by September 2010.
- ◆ You will be able to build-up qualifications over time using different awarding bodies and educational providers, banking credits until you have a sufficient number to achieve an award, certificate or diploma.
- ◆ CQFW will apply only to vocational qualifications initially, not GCSEs or AS/A levels.
- ◆ Learners will be able to claim credits for informal learning, e.g. work experience, and recognition of prior learning.

What impact will this have on full-time learners starting at the College in September 2010?

- ◆ Qualifications will be rewritten but will be very similar to the ones published in the prospectus.
- ◆ Titles of qualifications may change slightly, but full-time learning programmes will have broadly the same entry requirements.
- ◆ Learning content and method of delivery and assessment will be broadly the same.
- ◆ You will gain nationally recognised CQFW qualifications enabling appropriate progression opportunities into employment, further study or HE via UCAS points.
- ◆ You will not be disadvantaged by the move to CQFW; you might benefit in the future from the ability to accumulate and transfer credits.

Changes to Full-Time Courses in 2010/11

Courses being launched

- ◆ Health, Social and Child Care Level 2 BTEC in Brecon
- ◆ Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Level 2 in Brecon
- ◆ Beauty Therapy Advanced Diploma Level 3 in Brecon

Courses being withdrawn

- ◆ Health and Social Care (Health Studies) National Diploma BTEC in Brecon

