



Timetable for introducing standards to organisations in round 1-4

The process of introducing standards takes place in a series of rounds. Welsh Ministers will draw up and specify standards in regulations gradually for the organisations within these rounds. Once the Welsh Ministers have approved the standards specified in regulations, it authorises the Commissioner to give those persons included within those regulations a compliance notice.

Further information about as well as copies of all the compliance notices can be found by clicking [here](#).

- There are 26 organisations in Round 1, namely Welsh Ministers, county councils and county borough councils in Wales and National Park Authorities.
- There are 119 organisations in Round 2, including health boards, colleges and universities and public bodies in Wales.
- The 64 organisations in Round 3 include social housing providers, UK Government departments, water companies, the Royal Mail Group and the Post Office.
- The 318 organisations in Round 4 include gas and electricity providers, rail services and bus companies.

Click on this [link](#) to see a full list of the organisations in the first four rounds. [The Commissioner's Strategic Plan for 2015-17](#) states the Commissioner's intention to continue to carry out standards investigations, prioritising other sectors named in the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

Timetable for introducing standards to organisations in Round 1

[The Welsh Language Standards \(No. 1\) Regulations 2015](#) were approved by the Welsh Ministers in March 2015 therefore authorising the Commissioner to impose compliance notices on the 26 organisations within round 1. Following a consultation process on draft compliance notices (under section 47 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011), final compliance notices (under section 44 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011) were issued to the 26 organisation on 30 September 2015 and came to force on 30 March 2016.

Timetable for introducing standards to organisations in Round 2

The process for drawing up and specifying standards in regulations for organisations within round 2 is gradually taking place, based to a degree on sectors.

[The Welsh Language Standards \(No. 2\) Regulations 2016](#) were approved by the Welsh Ministers in February 2016 therefore authorising the Commissioner to impose compliance notices on 32 organisations. A full list of these organisations can be found within Schedule 6 of the regulations.

Following a consultation process on draft compliance notices (under section 47 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011), final compliance notices (under section 44 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011) were issued to 30 organisations within the regulations on 25 July 2016 and came to force on 25 January 2017.

[The Welsh Language \(No. 4\) Regulations 2016](#) were approved by the Welsh Ministers in March 2016 therefore authorising the Commissioner to impose compliance notices on the following:

- Education Workforce Council
- The Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales
- The Special Educational Needs Tribunal for Wales
- The Residential Property Tribunal Wales
- Agricultural Land Tribunal (Wales)
- Valuation Tribunal for Wales

[The Welsh Language \(No. 5\) Regulations 2016](#) were approved by the Welsh Ministers in March 2016 therefore authorising the Commissioner to impose compliance notices on the following:

- The Fire and Rescue Authorities
- The Police Authorities
- The Police and Crime Commissioners in Wales
- Chief Constables of the Police in Wales

A full list of the organisations can be found in Schedule 6 of the Regulations.

Following a consultation process on draft compliance notices (under section 47 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011), final compliance notices (under section 44 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011) were issued to 20 organisations within the Welsh Language (No.4) and (No. 5) Regulations together with 2 organisations within the Welsh Language (No. 2) Standards on 30 September 2016. These will come into force on 30 March 2017.

[The Welsh Language \(No.6\) Standards 2017](#) were approved by the Welsh Ministers in February 2017 therefore authorising the Commissioner to impose compliance notices on the following:

- Career Choices Dewis Gyrfa Limited
- Further Education Institutions
- Further Education Corporations

- Higher Education Institutions
- Higher Education Corporations
- The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales

A full list of these organisations can be found in Schedule 6 of the Regulations.

The Commissioner will soon start the process of consulting on draft compliance notices (under section 47 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011) with the organisations, and aims to issue the final compliance notices (under section 44 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011) in September 2017.

Timetable for introducing standards to organisations in Round 3

The Rt Hon. Carwyn Jones AM, First Minister of Wales confirmed in a Plenary Meeting of the National Assembly for Wales on 20 October 2015 that developing the third round of regulations would be a matter for the next Assembly.

A timetable has not been announced for introducing regulations in relation to organisations within round 3. The Commissioner will publish a timetable for introducing standards to these organisations once the Welsh Ministers have introduced further regulations.

Timetable for introducing standards to organisations in Round 4

The Commissioner has carried out standards investigations into the following organisations:

- Qualifying persons who provide services related to railways in Wales [Network Rail], 31 March to 30 June 2016
- Qualifying persons who provide the public with bus services, 31 March to 30 June 2016
- Qualifying persons who provide the public with passenger railway services, 31 March to 30 June 2016
- Qualifying persons who are licensed electricity suppliers, 14 July to 16 November 2016
- Qualifying persons who are licensed gas suppliers, 14 July to 16 November 2016
- Qualifying persons who provide services related to gas and electricity in Wales, 14 July to 6 November, 2016

The above investigations were held into sectors instead of individual organisations except for the investigation into Network Rail. 125 companies were included in the investigation into bus service providers. 4 companies were included in the investigation into railway providers. The reports into the transport sector were presented to Welsh Government on 31 October, 2016.

189 companies were included in the investigations into the energy sector. The reports were presented to Welsh Government on 24 February 2017.