

Proposal for the registration of Work Based Learning practitioners with the Education Workforce Council

Consultation response form

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Question 1 – Do you agree with the proposal that a requirement to register will fall on Work Based Learning practitioners who work in a training and learning capacity through a Welsh Government contracted Work Based Learning provider, as set out in paragraph 6.2?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

The Council notes that the Welsh Government consulted in 2012 on whether Work Based Learning (WBL) practitioners should be required to register with a professional body and that the majority of respondents were in favour of this proposal. The Council has also been working closely with the National Training Federation for Wales (NTFW), Colleges Wales and individual WBL providers over the last 2 to 3 years and is aware that there is strong support for registration.

The Council is clear that the proposed registration requirement will only fall on practitioners who provide training and learning services through a Welsh Government contracted or subcontracted WBL provider. The Council believes that this approach is proportionate, but highlights that other WBL practitioners who operate outside of the national contracts may register voluntarily, if they wish to.

Question 2 – Paragraph 6.10 identifies job roles/ titles that will not be required to register with the Council.

Are there any other job title/roles you feel should be exempt from registering with the Education Workforce Council under the category of ‘Work Based Learning practitioner’?

The Council is aware from recent meetings and presentations it has undertaken on behalf of NTFW that there is a strong view that internal and external quality assurance staff should be able to register voluntarily with the EWC. One of the main reasons for this is that such staff will have management or mentoring responsibilities for WBL practitioners who will be required to register. The proposed legislation will not prevent such persons from registering voluntarily.

The Council does not identify other job titles / roles it believes should be exempt from registration.

Question 3 – Paragraph 6.8 lists the specific Work Based Learning practitioner roles that we consider should be required to register. Are there any other roles that are not captured who you feel also fit within the description of a Work Based Learning practitioner?

The Council considers that the four roles listed in paragraph 6.8 are the main ones that should be required to register. However, the Council is mindful that in practice providers may use different job titles. It will therefore make clear in its registration guidance that the key criterion for registration is what an individual WBL practitioner actually does rather than their job title. The Council has provided advice of this nature to employers of registrants in other registration categories.

Question 4 – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

No further comments.

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