

COMPLIANCE NOTICE SECTION 44 WELSH LANGUAGE (WALES) MEASURE 2011

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Standard Number	Class of Standard	Standard	Imposition Day
1	Service Delivery	If you receive correspondence from a person in Welsh you must reply in Welsh (if an answer is required), unless the person has indicated that there is no need to reply in Welsh.	30/03/2016
4	Service Delivery	When you send the same correspondence to several persons, you must send a Welsh language version of the correspondence at the same time as you send any English language version.	30/03/2017
5	Service Delivery	If you don't know whether a person wishes to receive correspondence from you in Welsh, when you correspond with that person you must provide a Welsh language version of the correspondence.	30/03/2017

		(b) in publications and official notices that invite persons to respond to you or to correspond with you, that you welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh, that you will respond to any correspondence in Welsh, and that corresponding in Welsh will not lead to delay.	
8	Service Delivery	When a person contacts you on your main telephone number (or numbers), or on any helpline numbers or call centre numbers, you must greet the person in Welsh.	30/03/2016
9	Service Delivery	When a person contacts you on your main telephone number (or numbers), or on any helpline numbers or call centre numbers, you must inform the person that a Welsh language service is available.	30/03/2016
11	Service Delivery	When a person contacts you on your main telephone number (or numbers), or on any helpline numbers or call centre numbers, you must deal with the call in Welsh if that is the person's wish until such point as - (a) it is necessary to transfer the call to a member of staff who does not speak Welsh who can provide a service on a specific matter; and (b) no Welsh speaking member of staff is available to provide a service on that specific subject matter.	30/03/2016
12	Service Delivery	When you advertise telephone numbers, helpline numbers or call centre services, you must not treat the Welsh language less favourably than the English language.	30/03/2016
13	Service Delivery	If you offer a Welsh language service on your main telephone number (or numbers), on any helpline numbers or call centre numbers, the telephone number for the Welsh language service must be the same as for the corresponding English language service.	30/03/2016
14	Service Delivery	When you publish your main telephone number, or any helpline numbers or call centre service numbers, you must state (in Welsh)	30/03/2016

that you welcome calls in Welsh.

22	Service Delivery	A whether A wishes to receive telephone calls from you in Welsh, and if A responds to say that A wishes to receive telephone calls in Welsh you must keep a record of that wish, and conduct telephone calls made to A from then onwards in Welsh.	
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27	Service Delivery	If you invite more than one person to a meeting (which does not relate to the well-being of one or more of the individuals invited), you must ask each person whether they wish to use the Welsh language at the meeting.	30/03/2016
27A	Service Delivery	If you have invited more than one person to a meeting (which does not relate to the well-being of one or more of the individuals invited), and at least 10% (but less than 100%) of the persons invited have informed you that they wish to use the Welsh language at the meeting, you must arrange for a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English to be available at the meeting.	30/03/2016
27D	Service Delivery	If you have invited more than one person to a meeting (which does not relate to the well-being of one or more of the individuals invited), and all of the persons invited have informed you that they wish to use the Welsh language at the meeting, you must arrange for a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English to be available at the meeting (unless you conduct the meeting in Welsh without the assistance of a translation service).	30/03/2016
29	Service Delivery	If you invite more than one person to a meeting, and that meeting relates to the well-being of one or more of the individuals invited, you must - (a) ask that individual or each of those individuals whether he or she wishes to use the Welsh language at the meeting, and (b) inform that individual (or those individuals) that, if necessary, you will provide a translation service from Welsh to English and from English to Welsh for that purpose.	30/03/2016
29A	Service Delivery	You must provide a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English and from English to Welsh at a meeting - (a) if you have invited more than one person to the meeting,	30/03/2016

41	Service Delivery	<p>If you produce the following documents you must produce them in Welsh -</p> <p>(a) agendas, minutes and other papers that are available to the public, which relate to management board or cabinet meetings;</p> <p>(b) agendas, minutes and other papers for meetings, conferences or seminars that are open to the public.</p> <p>You must comply with standard 41(a) in every circumstance, except:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">other papers that are available to the public, which relate to management board or cabinet meetings.</p> <p>You must comply with standard 41(b) in every circumstance, except:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">other papers for meetings that are open to the public.</p>	30/03/2018
42	Service Delivery	Any licence or certificate you produce must be produced in Welsh.	30/03/2016
43	Service Delivery	Any brochure, leaflet, pamphlet or card that you produce in order to provide information to the public must be produced in Welsh.	30/03/2016
44	Service Delivery	<p>If you produce the following documents, and they are available to the public, you must produce them in Welsh -</p> <p>(a) policies, strategies, annual reports and corporate plans;</p> <p>(b) guidelines and codes of practice;</p>	

		(for example, before sending it to a member of the public in order for him or her to check the content or to fill in the remainder of the form), you must ensure that the information that you pre-enter is in Welsh.	
52	Service Delivery	You must ensure that - (a) the text of each page of your website is available in Welsh, (b) every Welsh language page on your website is fully functional, and (c) the Welsh language is not treated less favourably than the English language on your website.	30/03/2016
55	Service Delivery	If you have a Welsh language web page that corresponds to an English language web page, you must state clearly on the English language web page that the page is also available in Welsh, and you must provide a direct link to the Welsh page on the corresponding English page.	30/03/2016
56	Service Delivery	You must provide the interface and menus on every page of your website in Welsh.	30/03/2016
57	Service Delivery	All apps that you publish must function fully in Welsh, and the Welsh language must be treated no less favourably than the English language in relation to that app.	30/03/2016
58	Service Delivery	When you use social media you must not treat the Welsh language less favourably than the English language.	30/09/2016
59	Service Delivery	If a person contacts you by social media in Welsh, you must reply in Welsh (if an answer is required).	30/03/2016
60	Service Delivery	You must ensure that any self service machines that that	

		signs), any text displayed on the sign must be displayed in Welsh (whether on the same sign as you display corresponding English language text or on a separate sign); and if the same text is displayed in Welsh and in English, you must not treat the Welsh language text less favourably than the English language text.	
62	Service Delivery	When you erect a new sign or renew a sign (including temporary signs) which conveys the same information in Welsh and in English, the Welsh language text must be positioned so that it is likely to be read first.	30/03/2016
63	Service Delivery	You must ensure that the Welsh language text on signs is accurate in terms of meaning and expression.	30/03/2016
64	Service Delivery	Any reception service you make available in English must also be	

		<p>You must comply with standard 65 in the following circumstances until 30 September 2018:</p> <p>Every other reception services</p>	
65A	Service Delivery	<p>You must provide a face to face Welsh language reception service for a person ("P") at your reception if you have arranged a visit or appointment for P in advance and - (a) P has informed you in advance that P wishes to receive the service in Welsh, or (b) you are already aware that P wishes to receive the service in Welsh.</p> <p>You must comply with standard 65A in the following circumstances until 30 September 2018:</p> <p>All other reception services</p>	30/03/2016
67	Service Delivery	You must display a sign in your reception which states (in Welsh) that persons are welcome to use the Welsh language at the reception.	30/03/2016
68	Service Delivery	You must ensure that staff at the reception	

		invitation that applications may be submitted in Welsh and that any application submitted in Welsh will be treated no less favourably than an application submitted in English.	
72A	Service Delivery	You must not treat applications for a grant submitted in Welsh less favourably than applications submitted in English (including, amongst other matters, in relation to the closing date for receiving applications and in relation to the time-scale for informing applicants of decisions).	30/03/2016
74	Service Delivery	If you receive an application for a grant in Welsh and it is necessary to interview the applicant as part of your assessment of the application you must - (a) offer to provide a translation service from Welsh to English to enable the applicant to use the Welsh language at the interview, and (b) if the applicant wishes to use the Welsh language at the interview, provide a simultaneous translation service for that purpose (unless you conduct the interview in Welsh without a translation service).	30/03/2016
75	Service Delivery	When you inform an applicant of your decision in relation to an application for a grant, you must do so in Welsh if the application was submitted in Welsh.	30/03/2016
76	Service Delivery	Any invitations to tender for a contract that you publish must be published in Welsh, and you must not treat a Welsh language version of any invitation less favourably than an English language version.	

You must comply with standard 76 in the following circumstances:

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When you publish invitations to tender for a contract, you must state in the invitation that tenders may be submitted in Welsh, and that a

84	Service Delivery	<p>If you offer an education course that is open to the public, you must offer it in Welsh.</p> <p>You must comply with standard 84 in every circumstance, except:</p> <p>when an assessment carried out in accordance with standard 86 comes to the conclusion that there is no need for that course to be offered in Welsh.</p>	30/03/2016
86	Service Delivery	If you develop an education course that is to be offered to the public, you must assess the need for that course to be offered in Welsh; and you must ensure that the assessment is published on your website.	30/03/2016
87	Service Delivery	When you announce a message over a public address system, you must make that announcement in Welsh and, if the announcement is made in Welsh and in English, the announcement must be made in Welsh first.	30/03/2016
88	Policy Making	<p>When you formulate a new policy, or review or revise an existing policy, you must consider what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the policy decision would have on -</p> <p>(a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and</p> <p>(b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.</p>	30/03/2016
89	Policy Making	<p>When you formulate a new policy, or review or revise an existing policy, you must consider how the policy could be formulated (or how an existing policy could be changed) so that the policy decision would have positive effects, or increased positive effects, on -</p> <p>(a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and</p> <p>(b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.</p>	30/03/2016

When you formulate a new policy, or review or revise an existing policy, you must consider how the policy could be formulated (or how an existing policy could be changed) so that the policy decision would not have adverse effects, or so that it would have decreased adverse effects, on -

(a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and

94	Policy Making	(b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.	
		You must produce and publish a policy on awarding grants (or, where appropriate, amend an existing policy) which requires you to take the following matters into account when you make decisions in relation to the awarding of a grant - (a) what effects, if	

		language.	
95	Policy Making	When you commission or undertake research that is intended to assist you to make a policy decision, you must ensure that the research considers what effects, if any (and whether positive or adverse), the policy decision under consideration would have on - (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.	30/03/2016
96	Policy Making	When you commission or undertake research that is intended to assist you to make a policy decision, you must ensure that the research considers how the policy decision under consideration could be made so that it would have a positive effects, or so that it would have increased positive effects, on - (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.	30/03/2016

		individual whether he or she wishes for the contract of employment or contract for services to be provided in Welsh; and if that is the individual's wish you must provide the contract in Welsh.	
100	Operational	You must - (a) ask each employee whether he or she wishes to receive any paper correspondence that relates to his or her employment, and which is addressed to him or her personally, in Welsh, and (b) if an employee so wishes, provide any such correspondence to that employee in Welsh.	30/03/2016
101	Operational	You must ask each employee whether he or she wishes to receive any documents that outline his or her training needs or requirements in Welsh; and if that is the employee's wish you must provide any such documents to him or to her in Welsh.	30/03/2016
102	Operational	You must ask each employee whether he or she wishes to receive any documents that outline his or her performance objectives in Welsh; and if that is the employee's wish you must provide any such documents to him or to her in Welsh.	30/03/2016
103	Operational	You must ask each employee whether he or she wishes to receive any documents that outline or record his or her career plan in Welsh; and if that is the employee's wish you must provide any such documents to him or to her in Welsh.	30/03/2016
104	Operational	You must ask each employee whether he or she wishes to receive any forms that record and authorise - (a) annual leave, (b) absences from work, and (c) flexible working hours, in Welsh; and if that is an employee's wish, you must provide any such forms to him or to her in Welsh.	30/03/2016

105	Operational	If you publish a policy relating to behaviour in the workplace, you must publish it in Welsh.	30/09/2016
106	Operational	If you publish a policy relating to health and well-being at work, you must publish it in Welsh.	30/09/2016
107	Operational	If you publish a policy relating to salaries or workplace benefits, you must publish it in Welsh.	30/09/2016
108	Operational	If you publish a policy relating to performance management, you must publish it in Welsh.	30/09/2016
109	Operational	If you publish a policy about absence from work, you must publish it in Welsh.	30/09/2016
110	Operational	If you publish a policy relating to working conditions, you must publish it in Welsh.	30/09/2016
111	Operational	If you publish a policy regarding work patterns, you must publish it in Welsh.	30/09/2016
112	Operational	You must allow each member of staff - (a) to make complaints to you in Welsh, and (b) to respond in Welsh to any complaint made about him or about her.	30/03/2016
112A	Operational	You must state in any document that you have that sets out your procedures for making complaints that each member of staff may - (a) make a complaint to you in Welsh, and (b) respond to a complaint made about him or about her in Welsh; and you must also inform each member of staff of that right.	30/03/2016
114	Operational	If you receive a complaint from a member of staff or a complaint about a member of staff, and a meeting is required with that member of staff, you must - (a) ask the member of staff whether he or she wishes to use the	30/03/2016

		<p>Welsh language at the meeting;</p> <p>(b) explain that you will provide a translation service from Welsh to English for that purpose if it is required; and if the member of staff wishes to use the Welsh language, you must provide a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English at the meeting (unless you conduct the meeting in Welsh without translation services).</p>	
115	Operational	<p>When you inform a member of staff of a decision you have reached in relation to a complaint made by him or by her, or in relation to a complaint made about him or about her, you must do so in Welsh if that member of staff -</p> <p>(a) made the complaint in Welsh,</p> <p>(b) responded in Welsh to a complaint about him or about her,</p> <p>(c) asked for a meeting about the complaint to be conducted in Welsh, or</p> <p>(ch) asked to use the Welsh language at a meeting about the complaint.</p>	30/03/2016
116	Operational	You must allow all members of staff to respond in Welsh to allegations made against them in any internal disciplinary process.	30/03/2016
116A	Operational	<p>You must -</p> <p>(a) state in any document that you have which sets out your arrangements for disciplining staff that any member of staff may respond in Welsh to any allegations made against him or against her, and</p> <p>(b) if you commence a disciplinary procedure in relation to a member of staff, inform that member of staff of that right.</p>	30/03/2016
118	Operational	<p>If you organise a meeting with a member of staff regarding a disciplinary matter that relates to his or her conduct you must -</p> <p>(a) ask the member of staff whether he or she wishes to use the</p>	30/03/2016

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corresponding English language page.

		(a) specify that when advertising the post, and (b) advertise the post in Welsh.	
137	Operational	When you advertise a post, you must state that applications may be submitted in Welsh, and that an application submitted in Welsh will not be treated less favourably than an application submitted in English.	30/03/2016
137A	Operational	If you publish - (a) application forms for posts; (b) material that explains your procedure for applying for posts; (c) information about your interview process, or about other assessment methods when applying for posts; (ch) job descriptions; you must publish them in Welsh; and you must ensure that the Welsh language versions of the documents are treated no less favourably than any English language versions of those documents.	30/03/2016
137B	Operational	You must not treat an application for a post made in Welsh less favourably than you treat an application made in English (including, amongst other matters, in relation to the closing date you set for	

		translation service at the interview or assessment (unless you conduct the interview or assessment in Welsh without that translation service).	
140	Operational	When you inform an individual of your decision in relation to an application for a post, you must do so in Welsh if the application was made in Welsh.	30/03/2016
141	Operational	When you erect a new sign or renew a sign in your workplace (including temporary signs), any text displayed on the sign must be displayed in Welsh (whether on the same sign as the corresponding English language text or on a separate sign), and if the same text is displayed in Welsh and in English, you must not treat the Welsh	

		by the end of the 5 year period concerned, and (b) a statement setting out how you intend to reach that target; and you must review the strategy and publish a revised version on your website within 5 years of publishing a strategy (or of publishing a revised strategy).	
146	Promotion	Five years after publishing a strategy in accordance with standard 145 you must - (a) assess to what extent you have followed that strategy and have reached the target set by it, and (b) publish that assessment on your website, ensuring that it contains the following information - (i) the number of Welsh speakers in your area, and the age of those speakers; (ii) a list of the activities that you have arranged or funded during the previous 5 years in order to promote the use of the Welsh language.	01/04/2017
147	Record Keeping	You must keep a record, in relation to each financial year, of the number of complaints you receive relating to your compliance with standards.	30/03/2016
148	Record Keeping	You must keep a copy of any written complaint that you receive that relates to your compliance with the standards with which you are under a dutstst 6(a)-3(rds.)JTJETQ282.02 187.01 379.27 47.64 reW*nE	

		Welsh language skills made in accordance with standard 127), of the number of employees who have Welsh language skills at the end of each financial year and, where you have that information, you must keep a record of the skill level of those employees.	
152	Record Keeping	You must keep a record, for each financial year of - (a) the number of members of staff who attended training courses offered by you in Welsh (in accordance with standard 128), and (b) if a Welsh version of a course was offered by you in accordance with standard 128, the percentage of the total number of staff attending the course who attended that version.	30/09/2016
153	Record Keeping	You must keep a copy of every assessment that you carry out (in accordance with standard 136) in respect of the Welsh language skills that may be needed in relation to a new or vacant post.	30/03/2016
154	Record Keeping	You must keep a record, in relation to each financial year of the number of new and vacant posts which were categorised (in accordance with standard 136) as posts where - (a) Welsh language skills are essential; (b) Welsh language skills need to be learnt when appointed to the post; (c) Welsh language skills are desirable; or (ch) Welsh language skills are not necessary.	30/03/2016
155	Supplementary - Service Delivery	You must ensure that a document which records the service delivery standards with which you are under a duty to comply, and the extent to which you are under a duty to comply with those standards, is available - (a) on your website, and (b) in each of your offices that are open to the public.	30/03/2016
156	Supplementary - Service	You must -	30/03/2016

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- (a) ensure that you have a complaints procedure that deals with the following matters -
 - (i) how you intend to deal with complaints relating to your compliance with the service delivery standards with which you are under a duty to comply, and
 - (ii) how you will provide training for your staff in relation to dealing with those complaints,
- (b) publish a document that records that procedure on your website, and
- (c) ensure that a copy of that document is available in each of your offices that are open to the public.

		<p>(ii) how you will provide training for your staff in relation to dealing with those complaints,</p> <p>(b) publish a document that records that procedure on your website, and</p> <p>(c) ensure that a copy of that document is available in each of your offices that are open to the public.</p>	
163	Supplementary - Policy Making	<p>You must -</p> <p>(a) ensure that you have arrangements for overseeing the way you comply with the policy making standards with which you are under a duty to comply,</p> <p>(b) publish a document that records those arrangements on your website, and</p> <p>(c) ensure that a copy of that document is available in each of your offices that are open to the public.</p>	30/03/2016
164	Supplementary - Policy Making	(1) You must produce a report (an "aF4 12 Tf0.298 0.341 0.388 rg0.2 7	

(b) in each of your offices that are open to the public.

170	Supplementary - Operational	(iii) facilitate the use of those services, and (b) publish document that records that procedure on your intranet.	
		(1) You must produce a report (an "annual report"), in Welsh, in relation to each financial year, which deals with the way in which you have complied with the operational standards with which you were under a duty to comply during that year. (2) The annual report must include the following information (where relevant, to the extent you are under a duty to comply with the standards referred to) -	

		<p>related to your compliance with the operational standards with which you were under a duty to comply.</p> <p>(3) You must publish the annual report no later than 30 June following the financial year to which the report relates.</p> <p>(4) You must publicise the fact that you have published an annual report.</p> <p>(5) You must ensure that a current copy of your annual report is available -</p> <p>(a) on your website, and</p> <p>(b) in each of your offices that are open to the public.</p>	
171	Supplementary - Operational	You must publish a document on your website which explains how you intend to comply with the operational standards with which you are under a duty to comply.	30/03/2016
172	Supplementary - Operational	You must provide any information requested by the Welsh Language Commissioner which relates to compliance with which you are under a duty to comply.	30/03/2016
173	Supplementary - Promotion	<p>You must ensure that a document which records the promotion standards with which you are under a duty to comply, and the extent to which you are under a duty to comply with those standards, is available -</p> <p>(a) on your website, and</p> <p>(b) in each of your offices that are open to the public.</p>	30/09/2016
174	Supplementary - Promotion	You must provide any information requested by the Welsh Language Commissioner which relates to compliance with the promotion standards with which you are under a duty to comply.	30/09/2016
175	Supplementary - Record Keeping	You must ensure that a document which records the record keeping standards with which you are under a duty to comply, and the extent to which you are under a duty to comply with those standards, is	30/03/2016

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