



Consultation on 14-16 Qualification Reform Questionnaire

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Please read the Information Paper before completing this questionnaire.

GCSEs, the main qualification for 16 years olds in the Isle of Man, are changing. This consultation is about the best way forward for schools in the Isle of Man. The consultation period extends from 2 April until 16 May 2014. Your views would be greatly appreciated and will be used to help formulate the Department's future direction and plans.

The Department is consulting to gather responses to ten key statements that relate to the principles and issues involved in the reform of the 14-16 qualifications. The information gathered through the consultation will provide very important guidance for the decision-making process.

The consultation also provides an opportunity for all interested persons to express their concerns or preferences in relation to the options open to the Isle of Man. In the expectation of large number of responses we would ask respondents to keep their comments as brief and focussed as possible. The options identified as providing a possible way forward for schools in the Isle of Man are as follows:

- i) The new GCSEs being introduced in England GCSE (England)
- ii) The International GCSE IGCSE
- iii) The Scottish qualifications National 4 and National 5

Name _____

(*) Name of organisation your views represent _____

This consultation will not address vocational qualifications because, whichever of the options above is adopted, schools and the Isle of Man College of Further and Higher Education will continue to deliver and expand vocational qualifications.

Please note that in accordance with the Isle of Man Government's Code of Conduct on Consultation, submissions will only be considered where the name of the individual or organisation responding is provided.

Pupil		
Parent		
Employer		
Teacher		
Headteacher		
Spokesperson for recognis	sed organisation (*)	
Other (please specify e.g.	private individual)	

Pleas 1 2 3 4 5	Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree							
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Q1	Educational qualifications offered in schools in the Isle of Man should be as politically independent of other governments as possible.	1	2	3	4	5		
		1	2	3	4	5		
Q2	Education is primarily more about 'learning' than about the qualifications that young people obtain at the end of it.							
		1	2	3	4	5		
Q3	Qualifications should be based solely on end of course examination papers where possible.							
Q4	Qualifications should be based on a variety of forms of assessment including coursework.	1	2	3	4	5		
Options for the future These questions will help to gather broad views on the alternative 14-16 qualifications open to the Isle of Man.								
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Q5	The Isle of Man should be prepared to follow qualifications other than those available in England if there are clear advantages to our					J		
	students in doing so.		_	_		_		
Q6	Following the Scottish education system	1	2	3	4	5	1	
ųυ	would mean pupils obtaining Scottish National 4							

and National 5 qualifications (in place of GCSE) and Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers (in place of A levels). I would find this acceptable.

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Q7	Following the International GCSE would mean moving away from qualifications linked to an individual jurisdiction at 16 but pupils							
	would progress to A Levels or International A Levels. I would find this acceptable.							
Q8	Following the new GCSEs in England would mean a reduction in tiered papers and coursework		1	2	3	4	5	
	and a move to exam grading designed to reduce the number of students who achieve a higher grad I would find this acceptable.	le.				<u> </u>		
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Q9	It would be harder to recruit and retain teachers in the Isle of Man if our schools moved away from the qualifications used in England.							
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Q10	It would be harder to recruit and retain key personnel (ie with families) working in the Isle of Man if our schools moved away from							
	the qualifications used in England.							
Plea	se offer further comments (if required)							_

We would be particularly interested to receive comments and reasoning in relation to the options available: new GCSEs in England, IGCSE, Scottish Examinations. You may use additional sheets if required.

Thank you for taking the time to offer your comments.

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