



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

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.

Name _____

Main capacity in which you are offering a response:

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

You may tick more than one box if necessary.

(*) Name of organisation your views represent _____

Please offer your view on the following statements (mark with x)

- 1 Strongly disagree
- 2 Disagree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Agree
- 5 Strongly agree

General questions on education

The Isle of Man cannot avoid the changes that are taking place. The following questions will help to establish broad, "stakeholder" views on those changes.

Strongly disagree Strongly agree
1 2 3 4 5

Q1 Educational qualifications offered in schools in the Isle of Man should be as politically independent of other governments as possible.

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Q2 Education is primarily more about 'learning' than about the qualifications that young people obtain at the end of it.

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Q3 Qualifications should be based solely on end of course examination papers where possible.

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Q4 Qualifications should be based on a variety of forms of assessment including coursework.

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Options for the future

These questions will help to gather broad views on the alternative 14-16 qualifications open to the Isle of Man.

Strongly disagree Strongly agree
1 2 3 4 5

Q5 The Isle of Man should be prepared to follow qualifications other than those available in England if there are clear advantages to our students in doing so.

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Q6 Following the Scottish education system 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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