

WJEC presented a [high-level overview](#) of their proposed qualification titled GCSE The Sciences (Double Award). The overview was based on Qualifications Wales's approval criteria. This consultation response addresses questions asked around this overview.

Q.1 (a) Please tell us if you are answering this survey:
on behalf of a school or another organisation
as a learner
as a parent
Other (please specify)
or, prefer not to say.
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Q.2 (a) Please note that the Approval Criteria includes detail relating to the qualification structure. We have reflected this in the qualification outline. To what extent do you agree with our proposed qualification structure?
Agree

Partially agree

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subject(s). However, we recognise that the proposed approach offers some flexibility for schools to manage their staff and equipment. We want to see WJEC closely monitoring the uptake (as they do currently) of the biology, chemistry and physics tasks offered each year in the practical assessment, to ensure even uptake between the three overall. It is important that every learner has a rich practical experience in each of the sciences, so WJEC should also ensure other practical tasks from all three sciences are assessed in the written papers. This should help ensure that learners do not miss out on experiencing broader practical activities.

Q.2 (b) The Approval Criteria states that the qualification must be tiered - higher tier A*-D and foundation tier C-G. To what extent do you agree with our proposed approach to tiering?

Agree

Partially agree

Disagree

If you partially agree or disagree, please outline your reasons

