

APPENDIX 1

TABLE 1 - WELSH LANGUAGE LEVEL DESCRIPTORS

LEVELS	Listening/Speaking	Writing	Reading
Level 4 High	CAN lead and contribute effectively to lectures/meetings and seminars/tutorials CAN handle complex or contentious issues with specialist knowledge. CAN understand idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms. CAN present a clear, smoothly flowing descriptions or argument	CAN make full and accurate notes (inc. PowerPoint) and continue to participate in a lecture/meeting or seminar CAN write clear, smoothly flowing text in an appropriate style CAN write complex letters, reports or articles CAN write summaries and reviews on professional matters	CAN understand correspondence expressed in non-standard language CAN understand reports and articles, including complex ideas expressed in complex language CAN read all forms of written language including specialised texts such as handbooks, course work, assessments, assignments and dissertation papers.
Level 3 Intermediate	CAN contribute to lectures and meetings CAN argue for or against a case CAN take and pass on most messages CAN understand extended speech & lectures CAN follow complex lines of argument CAN interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes interaction with first language speakers possible. CAN present clear, detailed descriptions on a wide range of subjects	CAN deal with all routine requests for information or services. CAN write clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects related to his/her subject/interests. CAN write an essay or report, passing on information or giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view	CAN understand most correspondence, reports and factual product literature CAN read articles/reports
Level 2 Basic	CAN describe simple experiences and events CAN give simple opinions and plans CAN state simple requirements CAN ask/answer simple questions CAN offer simple advice to clients CAN understand main points of discussion CAN enter unprepared into conversation	CAN make simple notes at a meeting or seminar where the subject matter is familiar and predictable. CAN write simple connected texts on familiar topics CAN exchange information on familiar topics and activities	CAN understand non-routine letters and reports/articles CAN understand text that consist mainly of high frequency everyday work related language CAN understand simple short reports or product descriptions on familiar matters
Level 1 Entry	CAN use and recognise simple phrases and sentences CAN handle very short interactive exchanges but not enough to keep the conversation going CAN take and pass on simple messages	CAN write a simple routine request to a colleague CAN write a short note to a colleague CAN write short, simple notes and messages CAN fill in forms with simple details	CAN understand and read very short, simple texts CAN find specific, predictable information in simple everyday material such as advertisements, prospectuses and timetables
Level 0	No Welsh language skills at all	No Welsh language skills at all	No Welsh language skills at all

