



Approving Project Proposals and Titles

We offer continuous support to centres who are offering the Extended Project Qualification for the first time or who have newly appointed Course Leaders/Co-ordinators/Supervisors for the Extended Project.

Are you a new centre to WJEC or delivering the EPQ for the first time?

If you are a new centre to WJEC for the EPQ, have not delivered the EPQ before, or have new staff on-board, you are encouraged to submit your students' project proposals and draft titles (EPF1 part of the EPQ File Form) to WJEC for feedback or to seek guidance for any questions concerning them. This is not a compulsory condition in delivering WJEC's EPQ, we are here to offer guidance to ensure your students start on the right track. It is the responsibility of your centre to approve your students' project proposals and titles. As your centre delivers the qualification in subsequent years, your Course Leader/Project Co-ordinator/Supervisor will be able to offer the initial feedback, as well as approve your students' project proposals.

There are many benefits on why your centre should approve your own students' project proposals and draft titles, these include saving time, ability to give feedback to students quickly and respond to student needs more effectively. However, WJEC staff are available to offer advice on a continuous basis.

Timescales

We recommend that project proposals and draft titles should be approved at least 6 months before the final submission date for the award the students are entering. This allows them sufficient time to undertake their projects. For example, students completing their EPQ within one academic year, starting in September, the **project proposals should be approved by your centre by mid November**, 6 months before the standard 15 May submission date for the Summer series, however final project titles can be refined at any time, even after the mid-project review, as students engage with the final write up.

Overlaps with other qualifications

The Extended Project must be the **original work** of the learner. Any assignment or coursework/s already submitted, or yet to be submitted, for assessment, in another qualification, e.g. GCE, is not eligible. **Dual accreditation is not allowed and it is the responsibility of the centre to ensure this is avoided.** WJEC accepts that there may be some overlap in skills and/or subject content with GCE courses, however, the skills developed and content for the EPQ are different to GCE A/AS level courses. Learners will be extending and developing their skills for the EPQ beyond another programme of study. Students may wish to use one of their other programmes of study as a springboard to undertake a more in-depth research project into an area of particular interest, or in preparation for their future Higher Education courses. If you have any concerns regarding dual accreditation, please contact us to check before your students embark on their EPQ.