

## Subject Officer (Religious Studies Qualifications)

Salary: £62,160 - £65,814 per annum, pro-rata (grade 14)

Contract type: Part-time (21.9 hours per week), Permanent

We are excited to be inviting applications for a part time (0.6) Subject Officer for Religious Studies to join our team. The successful applicant will mainly focus on delivering the Eduqas GCSE Religious Studies qualification. However, they will support the delivery of all Religious Studies qualifications across WJEC and Eduqas.

Subject Officers provide leadership and vision for their designated subject areas, in the context of evolving qualifications frameworks. They have operational management responsibility for the development of qualifications and assessments, and the administration of the examination series in their subject areas, the provision of Professional Learning, and for providing subject-specific advice and guidance to a range of professional audiences. They are budget holders for designated subject areas.

If you are an experienced teacher or lecturer who has a passion for teaching and assessment, we would love to hear from you. WJEC is proud to offer a variety of benefits, including 25 days annual leave (pro-rata) together with 16 days statutory and additional holidays, free Welsh language courses, a generous pension scheme and numerous family friendly policies.

WJEC is currently implementing a trial period of hybrid working, meaning that applicants may split their time between working at home and in our Cardiff offices, subject to personal preference and business need. As such, applications are invited from individuals across the UK but please note that the role will require regular working from our Cardiff offices.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This role is instrumental to the design and assessment of live qualifications and examination materials. As a result, the successful applicant will not be able to hold a teaching position in a centre offering level 2 and level 3 qualifications (e.g. GCSEs and GCEs), simultaneously to this post, due to conflict of interest. Applicants are also encouraged to declare any Appointee/Examiner roles (any UK Exam board) that they want to maintain, as part of the application process.

The role is offered on part-time, permanent basis. We are proud to be a flexible employer and working pattern for the role will be discussed and with the successful applicant.

There are currently two vacancies within the Religious Studies area (Subject Officer and Subject Adviser), if interested in both, please submit two separate applications.

If you would like to know more about the position or about working for WJEC, please contact [HR@wjec.co.uk](mailto:HR@wjec.co.uk) who would be more than happy to speak to you.

**Interviews are scheduled to take place on 22 May 2024.**

Please visit [our website](#) to download a copy of the job description and application form.

**Closing date: 10:00 Friday 17 May 2024**

## JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>Job title</b>	<b>Subject Officer: Religious Studies</b>
<b>Department:</b>	Qualifications and Assessment Delivery Directorate
<b>Section:</b>	Humanities and Social Sciences Domain
<b>Responsible to:</b>	Domain Leader
<b>Grade:</b>	14
<b>Location:</b>	Western Avenue, Cardiff
<b>Main purpose of Job:</b>	

Subject officers provide leadership and vision for their designated subject areas, in the context of evolving qualifications frameworks. This strategic role requires keeping abreast of current developments in order to be well-placed to respond innovatively to developmental opportunities and to position and promote WJEC's offering in the market.

Subject officers have operational management responsibility for the development and administration of examinations and assessments in those subject areas, the provision of CPD and for advice and guidance on subject related matters to a range of professional audiences. They are budget holders for designated subject areas.

## Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

### Management of the Examining Process

- To ensure that WJEC has available to it suitable teams of examiners and moderators that are provided with appropriate advice and guidance to fulfil their roles effectively;
- To recommend the appointment of Chief and Principal Examiners/Moderators and other key personnel such as revisers and scrutineers to the Examinations and Assessment Committee; if necessary to carry out interviews for such posts;
- To ensure the appointment of adequate numbers of appropriate Chief and Principal Examiners/Moderators and Examiners and Moderators;
- To train Chief and Principal Examiners/Moderators, Examiners/Moderators and revisers and scrutineers at relevant and appropriate times;
- Where appropriate, to produce guidance notes and materials for examiners and moderators;
- To monitor and evaluate the performance of Chief and Principal Examiners/Moderators and Examiners/Moderators and when necessary to find replacement examiners;
- To ensure, in conjunction with Chief Examiners and Chief Moderators, the co-ordination of marking and moderating in the relevant subjects;
- To monitor, in conjunction with Chief Examiners and Chief Moderators, the accuracy of marking and moderating in the relevant subjects and where necessary to implement appropriate scaling;
- To arrange, service, advise, and direct the procedures of examination conferences and standardising and awarding conferences;

- To report on the awarding process and, in liaison with Chairs of Examiners, make recommendations to the Awarding Body Accountable Officer;
- To prepare reports to centres regarding examination performance and specifically in relation to performance in internal assessment;
- To ensure that the relevant administrative section has the necessary information to administer the examining process;
- To ensure that the necessary changes are implemented in response to the regulators' scrutiny and code-monitoring reports.

### **Communicating with examining centres and others**

- To promote WJEC's provision in the relevant subject areas through appropriate channels, including writing and quality assuring the relevant subject specific pages on the WJEC website;
- To respond to requests for information and materials from centres, both verbally and in electronic or letter format, relating to relevant subject issues;
- To organise and deliver a variety of CPD training in relevant subjects for teachers and other interested parties; to provide information and feedback in the relevant subjects;
- To provide guidance material where necessary for new product developments;
- To communicate information to centres relating to relevant subjects, e.g. written circulars, support materials; CPD reports;
- To offer advice and guidance to headteachers, teachers and others on developments in relevant subject areas;
- To represent the board in inter-board meetings, in meetings with regulators and subject specific conferences and exhibitions.

### **Question Paper and Marks Scheme Production**

- To provide overall quality assurance across all aspects of question paper and mark scheme development in the relevant subject areas;
- To service and provide administrative and technical support to the Question Paper Evaluation Committee (QPEC) for the relevant subjects;
- To liaise with Examiners, Question Papers Section and Word Processing Unit in order to manage the question paper preparation schedule and mark scheme production for the relevant subjects from submission of proofs to Question Papers following QPEC through to authorising final proof, including monitoring such processes via the Question Paper Management Scheme (QPMS).

### **Specification Development**

- To provide proactive and innovative leadership for developments in the subject areas;
- To provide advice and guidance to WJEC qualifications panels and sub-committees in order to implement the policies of the Committee as they affect subject developments;
- To attend regulators' conferences and contribute to the development of subject criteria;
- To organise and implement arrangements for specification revision and development through co-ordinating the work of examiners, teacher groups and consultants;
- To consult with examination centres and regulatory authorities over proposed changes;
- To respond to the regulators' feedback on initial specification submissions;
- To be responsible for the updating of specification documents and related materials;
- To advise on the nature of educational resources required in order to support the teaching and learning of WJEC specifications, and to collaborate with others in the development of such resources in hard copy and electronically. To provide guidance and clarification to such groups and monitor on-going work.

### **Budget responsibility**

- To manage relevant budgets, and to contribute to relevant financial planning and monitoring activities.

## **Other Responsibilities**

- To assist in the appointment of subject support officers, setting and monitoring their work
- From time to time other duties commensurate with the grade which extend beyond individual subject areas, e.g. activity in support of developmental initiatives.

## Person Specification

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**Subject Officer: Religious Studies**

**Department:**

Qualifications and Assessment Delivery Directorate

Highly Desirable criteria are the optimum skills and experience the applicant will ideally have. Desirable criteria are those which would add value to the job if present, and also include potential for growth and development into the role.

## Skills and Abilities

### Highly desirable

- Good communication skills, with the ability to explain complex subject material to a variety of audiences.
- Confidence in designing and delivering presentations.
- Self-driven, with the ability to independently plan and organise own workload to meet tight deadlines.
- An excellent eye-for detail and ability to apply this to tasks such as proof-reading, data auditing and progress monitoring.
- Good computer literacy, with confidence using Microsoft Office (particularly: Teams, Word, Excel and PowerPoint) and the ability to learn new software with minimal supervision.

### Desirable

- Welsh language skills.
- Basic financial aptitude and experience, with the ability to apply these skills to budget management (relevant subjects).

## Knowledge

### Highly desirable

- A high level of knowledge of Religious Studies
- An understanding of the UK examinations cycle and relevant assessment techniques.
- Up-to-date knowledge of education sector developments

### Desirable

- Thorough understanding of general and vocational qualifications systems, in England and Wales
- An understanding of Entry Pathways, Level 1/2, GCSE and GCE qualification criteria
- Knowledge of Awarding and Standardising practices.

## Experience

### Highly desirable

- Demonstrable ability to initiate and maintain good working relationships with contacts within and outside an immediate work team.
- Experience producing high-quality written materials such as reports or teaching curriculum, for delivery to a wider team or audience.
- PGCE and/or significant teaching experience, ideally with experience in middle management or Head of Department responsibilities.
- Evidenced experience of problem solving with the ability to provide outcomes to customers with tact and diplomacy.

### Desirable

- Previous experience working as an Examiner or Moderator.

## Training / Qualifications

### Highly desirable

- Degree or equivalent qualification in Religious Studies or a related subject.

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<b>Cyflog/ Salary:</b>	£62,160 - £65,814 per annum pro-rata	<b>Gradd/ Grade:</b>	14
<b>Gwyliau Blynnyddol/ Annual Leave:</b>	25 Diwrnod y flwyddyn. Mae CBAC yn caniatáu 16 o ddyddiau statudol/ychwanegol o wyliau yn ogystal ar hyn o bryd (pro rata). 25 Days per annum. In addition, the WJEC currently allows 16 statutory / additional holidays (pro-rata).		
<b>Pensiwn/ Pension:</b>	Darpariaeth y rheoliadau Pensiynau Athrawon. The provision of the Teachers Pensions regulations.		
<b>Math o Gytundeb:</b>		<b>Contract Type:</b>	
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<b>Dull Ymgeisio:</b>		<b>Method of Application:</b>	
<p>Dylid anfon ffurflenni wedi'u llenwi ar e-bost at <a href="mailto:ad@cbac.co.uk">ad@cbac.co.uk</a> erbyn <b>10:00 dydd Gwener 17 Mai 2024</b>.</p> <p>Completed forms should be sent by email to <a href="mailto:hr@wjec.co.uk">hr@wjec.co.uk</a> by <b>10:00 Friday 17 May 2024</b>.</p>			