**Power to innovate – application form**

Before completing this form please refer to the accompanying *Power to innovate* guidance on the Welsh Government’s website.

**Section A: The applicant**

1. Please complete the name and address of the qualifying body or bodies making this application and the name and address/es of the schools / FE colleges to which the proposal relates.

**Section B: The proposed innovative project (“the proposal”)**

1. What is your innovative proposal and what would an order under the power to facilitate innovation allow you to do differently?
2. Over what period would you want to trial your proposal? What would be your ideal starting date? Give reasons.
3. In relation to which specific piece/s of legislation are you requesting exemption, relaxation or modification (in the sense of being able to exercise a function placed on another body)? Please specify the precise provision concerned (e.g. section 5(3) of xxx Act).
4. If you are aware of any other provisions of education legislation which might be needed in consequence of the exemption, relaxation or modification you are seeking, please list them.

**Section C: Raising educational standards in Wales**

1. In what way is your proposal likely to raise educational standards in Wales?
2. Is your proposal targeted at all learners or a specific group of learners? (if a specific group go to question 8, if all learners go to question 10).
3. Please describe the nature of the group and how you will identify them.
4. How might the change impact on all other groups of pupils or students who may be affected by it?
5. What other effects on pupils or students (unintended consequences) might there be?
6. How will this proposal affect pupils or students with special educational needs?
7. What effect, if any, might the proposal have on the curriculum to be followed at any school affected by the proposal?

**Section D: Consultation**

1. Who did you consult, how and over what period?
2. What was the outcome of your consultation? If there was any opposition to it, what were the reasons for the opposition? Has your proposal been modified to take into account any consultation feedback and if so how?
3. What impact might this proposal have on staff?
4. What impact might this proposal have on other schools, colleges and/or the local authority and neighbouring authorities?
5. What impact might this proposal have on parents/carers and any other stakeholders?

**Section E: Resourcing**

1. If the proposal might incur costs, how would these be funded? Have you secured funding to cover the cost of this proposal?
2. Is the proposal likely to lead to any resource savings? If so, how will the savings be re-invested?

**Section F: Monitoring**

1. What measures do you propose to use to monitor the effect on educational standards and measure progress?
2. How will you monitor the effects and measure progress of other aspects of the proposal?
3. What are the potential risks of this project and how do you intend to manage these?

**Section G: Evaluation**

1. How do you intend to assess the overall effectiveness of your project and its impact? Please include timescales for undertaking the assessment.

**Section H: Exit strategy**

1. If necessary, how do you propose to switch to the general legal position applicable at the end of the pilot period?

**Section I: Contact information and declaration**

This is the person / organisation to which any correspondence about this application will be sent. In the case of a joint application, each qualifying body must complete this declaration.

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| Full name:Position:Establishment address:Telephone:Email:  |

Is the applicant a headteacher of a maintained school? Yes No

If so, does the governing body consent to the application? Yes No

I confirm that the applicant has consulted with the bodies it must consult with and with those which the applicant considers it appropriate to consult, having had regard to the Welsh Minister’s guidance (see section 4(2) of the Education Act 2002 and the guidance WG24153 published 27 February 2015) (please tick).

I confirm that the information given in this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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| Signature: | Date: |
| Print name: | Position: |

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