

## Changes to the Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector suite of qualifications Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Qualification title	Scheme code
OCR Level 3 Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector	06459
OCR Level 3 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector	04510
OCR Level 4 Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector	06612
OCR Level 4 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector	06613
OCR Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector	10173
OCR Level 5 Diploma in Teaching English (Literacy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	10174
OCR Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	10175
OCR Level 5 Subsidiary Diploma in Teaching English (Literacy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	10216
OCR Level 5 Subsidiary Diploma in Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	10217

### 1. What is the last date I can register candidates?

The final registration date for these qualifications is 31/12/2013.

### 2. What is the last date I can certificate candidates?

31/12/2016

Please note that the final certification date is the last date in which OCR will produce certificates and therefore it is advised that centres plan for completion of all candidate assessment at least 2 months prior to this date.

**3. I have DCS / ACS – how does this affect the last certification / assessment dates?**

All candidate portfolios will still be subject to the full quality assurance process i.e. an External Verifier will need to visit your centre to review any DCS portfolios before these can be accepted. If you have already had your two free\* visits a year you will have to arrange a final visit to your centre by your EV – a fee will be charged for this. Your EV will notify OCR to remove DCS following this final visit.

\* This is subject to minimum candidate numbers. EQA visits for small centres with low candidate numbers may be chargeable.

**4. We are a centre in Wales / Northern Ireland – are we affected in the same way?**

Yes. There is no difference.

**5. Why is OCR withdrawing these qualifications?**

There are replacement OCR qualifications for schemes 06459, 04510, 06612, 06613, 10173 as detailed in the table below and these have been available to centres from September 2012.

However, as from 31/12/2013, centres will no longer be able to register candidates for the Specialist Level 5 Diplomas and Subsidiary Diplomas in Teaching English (Literacy) and Mathematics (Numeracy) with OCR. The decision to withdraw from these qualifications has been taken as there has not been the uptake originally anticipated.

Qualification code and title	Final registration date	Final certification date	Replacement qualification code and title	Final registration date	Final certification date
06459 - OCR Level 3 Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31/12/2013	31/12/2016	10318 – OCR Level 3 Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31/12/2015	31/12/2018
04510 - OCR Level 3 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (related 06614 is certification only and expires for certification on 31/12/2013)	31/12/2013	31/12/2016	10319 – OCR Level 3 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31/12/2015	31/12/2018
06612 - OCR Level 4 Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31/12/2013	31/12/2016	10320 – OCR Level 4 Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31/12/2015	31/12/2018
06613 - OCR Level 4 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31/12/2013	31/12/2016	10321 - OCR Level 4 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31/12/2015	31/12/2018

10173 - OCR Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (related 06756 is certification only and expires for certification on 31/12/2013)	31/12/2013	31/12/2016	10322- OCR Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31/12/2015	31/12/2018
10174 – OCR Level 5 Diploma in Teaching English (Literacy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector (related 06943 is certification only and expires for certification on 31/12/2013)	31/12/2013	31/12/2016	No replacement provision	n/a	n/a
10175 – OCR Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector (related 06945 is certification only and expires for certification on 31/12/2013)	31/12/2013	31/12/2016	No replacement provision	n/a	n/a
10216 – OCR Level 5 Subsidiary Diploma in Teaching English (Literacy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector (related 06944 is certification only and expires for certification on 31/12/2013)	31/12/2013	31/12/2016	No replacement provision	n/a	n/a
10217 - OCR Level 5 Subsidiary Diploma in Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector (related 06946 is certification only and expires for certification on 31/12/2013)	31/12/2013	31/12/2016	No replacement provision	n/a	n/a

**6. Does this mean OCR is withdrawing all qualifications in this vocational area / sector?**

No, OCR will continue to offer the replacement generic Level 3, 4 and 5 Awards, Certificates and Diplomas in Preparing to teach/teaching in the lifelong learning sector (scheme codes 10318, 10319, 10320, 10321, 10322) as outlined above until they expire for registration and certification.

**7. Are all awarding organisations withdrawing these qualifications or is it just OCR?**

This is an OCR decision. Please check on the Register for Qualifications for alternative providers:

<http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/>

**8. What if a candidate completes their portfolio, but we haven't made a qualification entry for that candidate and it is after the qualification last entry date?**

Candidates need to be registered before the last entry date and claims must be made before the final certification date (see Questions 1 and 2 above).

**9. What alternative OCR qualification(s) could I offer to my learners instead?**

There are replacement OCR qualifications for schemes 06459, 04510, 06612, 06613, 10173 as detailed in the table in Point 5.

However, as from 31/12/2013, centres will no longer be able to register candidates for the Specialist Level 5 Diplomas and Subsidiary Diplomas in Teaching English (Literacy) and Mathematics (Numeracy) with OCR and there are no alternative OCR qualifications.

For details of other awarding organisations offering these specialist diplomas, please view the Ofqual register on the following link: <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/>

**10. What are the changes in assessment between the alternative qualification/s and the qualifications being withdrawn and so what do I need to deliver differently?**

There are no alternative OCR qualifications for schemes 10174, 10175, 10216, 10217.

There are replacement qualifications available for schemes 06459, 04510, 06612, 06613, 10173. These were launched by OCR in September 2012 and the scheme codes are 10318, 10319, 10320, 10321, 10322. The replacement qualifications follow the same assessment model as the earlier versions. They are internally assessed in the centre and externally verified by OCR external verifiers.

Full details of the assessment of these qualifications can be found in the Centre Handbooks on the website – link provided below:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-type/vocational-qcf/teaching-and-lecturing/>

**11. Where do I get information on this alternative qualification(s)?**

Information on the replacement Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector qualifications can be found on the OCR website – link provided below:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-type/vocational-qcf/teaching-and-lecturing/>

**12. If our learners have only achieved half of the qualification in complete units, can they transfer that achievement over to the alternative qualification?**

The replacement Teaching in the Lifelong Learning suite of qualifications do not share units with the earlier versions, so achievement cannot be directly transferred.

However, LSIS has agreed that the six (6) and twelve (12) credit PTLLS qualifications as meeting the same requirements. Therefore Recognition of Prior Learning will apply to the fullest extent between the two versions of the qualification when learners progress to CTLLS and DTLLS. Learners will not be required to present new evidence during this process.

**13. What is the approval process for these alternative qualifications – am I already approved or what do I need to do to get approval?**

OCR's Customer Contact Team will be able to check your approval status for the replacement Teaching in the Lifelong Learning suite of qualifications. If you need to apply for approval you can get further details of the process to follow here:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/i-want-to/do/become-an-approved-centre/>

**14. What employer / sector recognition do the alternative qualifications have and can you reassure me that these qualifications have the same equivalent 'currency' with the qualifications being withdrawn, i.e. will local employers recognise this as a qualification of the same quality?**

The Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector qualifications are supported by the Sector Skills Council, Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS).

The aims and purposes of the replacement generic Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector qualifications are similar to previous versions. Further information on the aims and purpose of the qualifications can be found in the Centre Handbooks on the website – link provided below:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-type/vocational-qcf/teaching-and-lecturing/>

**15. What is the difference in administration of the alternative qualifications to the qualifications being withdrawn? Who can help me understand how to make candidate entries for the alternative qualifications?**

The replacement Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector qualifications follow a similar assessment and quality assurance model, ie candidates have to build portfolios of evidence which are assessed in the centre and externally quality assured by OCR external verifiers.

Full details of the assessment of these qualifications can be found in the Centre Handbooks on the website – link provided below:

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**16. Will I still have the same assessor for the alternative qualification(s)?**

Although some external verifiers will cover both sets of qualifications, we cannot confirm who your verifier will be until you have made entries and we allocate a verifier to your centre.

**17. Who can I talk to, to get more information on this?**

To learn more about the Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector qualifications you can talk to our Customer Contact Centre on 024 76 851509 or email [vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk](mailto:vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk)

You may also want to contact your Regional Account Manager whose details can be found here:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/contact-us/regional-account-managers/>

**18. What alternative qualifications from other awarding organisations could I offer to my learners?**

There are a number of other awarding organisations offering the specialist Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector qualifications. For full details please view the Ofqual register:

<http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/>