

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officer/Head of Department for Skills

Date: April 2014

Subject: Future of OCR Essential Skills Wales and Wider Key Skills (Wales) qualifications

FUTURE OF OCR ESSENTIAL SKILLS WALES AND WIDER KEY SKILLS (WALES) QUALIFICATIONS

- OCR Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number
- OCR Essential Skills Wales in Communication
- OCR Essential Skills Wales in Information and Communication Technology
- OCR Key Skill in Working with Others
- OCR Key Skill in Improving own Learning and Performance
- OCR Key Skill in Problem Solving.

Following the announcement from the Welsh Government regarding the withdrawal of Essential Skills Wales qualifications from the Welsh baccalaureate, OCR have decided not to participate in the future redevelopment of Essential Skills Wales. This redevelopment will include incorporating Wider Key Skills into Essential Skills Wales.

OCR will, therefore, be withdrawing from provision of both suites of qualifications when the Welsh Government pilots the new Essential Skills Wales qualifications in September 2015. **This means that the last date for entry for OCR Essential Skills Wales and OCR Wider Key Skills qualifications will be 31 August 2015.**

OCR will of course continue to support and assess the qualifications up to the final certification date for these qualifications as detailed below.

Please be aware that the last certification date is the final date OCR will produce certificates. Centres are therefore advised to plan for completion of all candidate assessment and submit claims at least two months prior to the last certification date. Be aware that OCR assessors are not available to conduct any assessment in the last two weeks of August each year, so **we advise submitting claims by mid-June 2016**. The specific dates for the annual assessor downtime are published annually in the Essential Skills Wales and vocational qualifications admin guides, available at www.ocr.org.uk/admin-guides.

OCR will continue to offer a wide range of skills-based qualifications covering a variety of life and work skills. This offering includes Cambridge Progression and Cambridge Employability. For further details, please visit the OCR website at www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-type/cambridge-employability.

Please note that a Welsh medium version of this notice will be made available on the website as soon as possible.

If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 02476 851509.

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ESSENTIAL SKILLS WALES

Entry code	Qualification title	Qualification number	Last date for entries	Last certification date
04091	OCR Entry Level Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number (Entry 1)	600/1126/9	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04092	OCR Entry Level Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number (Entry 2)	600/1127/0	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04093	OCR Entry Level Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number (Entry 3)	600/1128/2	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04094	OCR Entry Level Essential Skills Wales in Communication (Entry 1)	600/1129/4	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04095	OCR Entry Level Essential Skills Wales in Communication (Entry 2)	600/1130/0	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04096	OCR Entry Level Essential Skills Wales in Communication (Entry 3)	600/1131/2	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04448	OCR Entry Level Essential Skills Wales in Information and Communication Technology (Entry 1)	600/1132/4	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04449	OCR Entry Level Essential Skills Wales in Information and Communication Technology (Entry 2)	600/1153/1	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04450	OCR Entry Level Essential Skills Wales in Information and Communication Technology (Entry 3)	600/1133/6	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04490	Access to all Essential Skills Wales qualifications	N/A	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04491	OCR Level 1 Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number	500/7967/0	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 2 Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number	500/7968/2	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 3 Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number	500/7969/4	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04492	OCR Level 1 Essential Skills Wales in Communication	500/7962/1	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 2 Essential Skills Wales in Communication	500/7963/3	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 3 Essential Skills Wales in Communication	500/7970/0	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04493	OCR Level 1 Essential Skills Wales in Information and Communication Technology	500/7964/5	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 2 Essential Skills Wales in Information and Communication Technology	500/7965/7	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 3 Essential Skills Wales in Information and Communication Technology	500/7966/9	31/08/2015	31/08/2016

WIDER KEY SKILLS (WALES)

Entry code	Qualification title	Qualification number	Last date for entries	Last certification date
03904	OCR Level 1 Key Skill in Working with Others	100/4004/3	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 2 Key Skill in Working with Others	100/4005/5	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 3 Key Skill in Working with Others	100/4006/7	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 4 Key Skill in Working with Others	100/4007/9	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
03905	OCR Level 1 Key Skill in Improving own Learning and Performance	100/3996/X	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 2 Key Skill in Improving Own Learning and Performance	100/3997/1	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 3 Key Skill in Improving Own Learning and Performance	100/3998/3	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 4 Key Skill in Improving Own Learning and Performance	100/3999/5	31/08/2015	31/08/2016

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03906	OCR Level 1 Key Skill in Problem Solving	100/4000/6	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 2 Key Skill in Problem Solving	100/4001/8	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 3 Key Skill in Problem Solving	100/4002/X	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
	OCR Level 4 Key Skill in Problem Solving	100/4003/1	31/08/2015	31/08/2016
04499	Access to Wider Key Skills (Wales)	N/A	31/08/2015	31/08/2016