

Withdrawal of OCR Business Venture and Business Enterprise qualifications.

Following a review of the Business Venture and Business Enterprise qualifications we have made the difficult decision to withdraw the following qualifications:

Scheme code	Qualification title	Qualification number	Last entry date	Last certification date
09898	OCR Level 3 Award in Preparing for a Business Venture	600/1094/0	30/04/2017	30/04/2018
09899	OCR Level 3 Certificate in Preparing for a Business Venture	600/1095/2	30/04/2017	30/04/2018
10313	OCR Level 2 Award in Business Enterprise	600/5584/4	30/04/2017	30/04/2018
10314	OCR Level 3 Award in Business Enterprise	600/5439/6	30/04/2017	30/04/2018
10315	OCR Level 1 Award in Understanding Business Enterprise	600/5512/1	30/04/2017	30/04/2018
10316	OCR Level 2 Award in Understanding Business Enterprise	600/5582/0	30/04/2017	30/04/2018
10317	OCR Level 3 Award in Understanding Business Enterprise	600/5583/2	30/04/2017	30/04/2018

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the last date I can enter learners?

The final date to enter learners for these qualifications is **30/04/2017**.

2. What is the last date I can certificate learners?

The final certification dates for these qualifications are **detailed in the table above**.

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 learner assessment and submit claims at least two months prior to the last certification date.

3. Why are the Level 2 Preparing for a Business Venture qualifications not on this list?

The Level 2 Preparing for a Business Venture qualifications are in the process of being extended and will continue to be available. The new review date will be **30/04/2018**:

Scheme code	Qualification title	Qualification number	New Review Date
09896	OCR Level 2 Award in Preparing for a Business Venture	600/1120/8	30/04/2018
09897	OCR Level 2 Certificate in Preparing for a Business Venture	600/1093/9	30/04/2018

4. Why is OCR withdrawing these qualifications?

These are being withdrawn following a review of the Business Venture and Enterprise qualifications. There has been declining uptake for these qualifications and there is no indication that uptake will improve.

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

Although OCR is withdrawing these qualifications, we will continue to offer a range of Vocational qualifications in this sector. From this suite, the Level 2 Preparing for a Business Venture qualifications remain available and OCR offers a range of other vocational Business qualifications that can be found by following this link

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-type/vocational-qualifications/business/>

6. Are all Awarding Organisations withdrawing these qualification or is it just OCR?

This is an OCR decision. For details of other awarding organisations offering similar qualifications, please view the Ofqual register on the following link:

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

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

Yes, these qualifications are approved to be offered in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The end dates are the same for all three nations.

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

Learners must be entered via OCR Interchange before the last entry date of 30/04/2017.

Unnamed entries are available (with the exception of 10313 Level 2 Award in Business Enterprise and 10314 Level 3 Award in Business Enterprise). If the last entry date has passed please [contact us](#).

9. I want to enter learners now but don't know exactly how many I will have. If I enter them through the unnamed option and can't use them up by the last assessment date what happens with my unused entries?

We advise that you carefully plan any purchases of unnamed entries in line with the last assessment dates as they are not refundable. For both unnamed and named routes, entries can be made until **30/04/2017**.

10. What will happen if a learner has a unit withdrawn and wants to claim the unit at a later date?

Named entry - If the claim has been withdrawn and the learner wishes to achieve the qualification, then a new claim can be made and new additional or improved evidence re-submitted until the end certification date, providing that the full qualification has not already been achieved.

Unnamed entry - If the claim has been withdrawn and the learner wishes to achieve the qualification, then a new claim can be made and new additional or improved evidence re-submitted until the end certification date. To do this, you will need to submit the claim using another unnamed entry.

11. Competence qualifications (10313/10314) only: I have Direct Claims Status (DCS) – how does this affect the last certification / assessment dates?

Direct Claims Status (DCS) is removed three months prior to last certification date. This will be removed on **31/01/2018** or at the final EQA visit (whichever is earlier) as all learner portfolios will still be subject to the full quality assurance process.

12. Competence qualifications (10313/10314) only: What do we need to consider as the last certification date approaches?

The last certification date for these qualifications **30/04/2018**. This is the last date we will produce certificates and we suggest you plan to complete all candidate assessment at least two months before this. Please ensure your candidates have completed all portfolios of work in order to meet the assessment criteria.

To make sure you're prepared you may like to consider these key points:

- Remember to make your certification claims at least 3 weeks before the last certification date. As part of the quality assurance process, ensure all your claims are part of a sample seen by our external quality assurer (EQA).
- Ensure all your EQA visits take place at least two weeks before the last certification date to allow certificates to be processed.
- If you have any issues arranging visits, or contacting your EQA directly, please contact our allocation team: opsalloc@ocr.org.uk.

13. Who can I talk to, to get more information on alternative OCR qualifications?

To learn more about the options available to you please talk to our Customer Contact Centre on **02476 851509** or email vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk