

Withdrawal of Selected OCR Health and Social Care qualifications

Following a review of the Health and Social Care suite of qualifications we have made the difficult decision to withdraw the following qualifications:

Scheme code	Qualification title	Qualification number	Last entry date	Last certification date
05919	OCR Level 2 Award in Awareness of Dementia	501/0319/2	30/06/2017	30/06/2018
05920	OCR Level 2 Certificate in Dementia Care	501/0320/9	30/09/2016	30/09/2017
05921	OCR Level 3 Award in Awareness of Dementia	501/0318/0	30/06/2017	30/06/2019
05922	OCR Level 3 Certificate in Dementia Care	501/0321/0	30/06/2017	30/06/2018
05924	OCR Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) Wales and Northern Ireland	501/2119/4	30/06/2017	30/06/2018
05925	OCR Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for Wales and Northern Ireland	501/1345/8	30/06/2017	30/06/2018
05927	OCR Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Children and Young People) for Wales and Northern Ireland	501/1414/1	30/06/2017	30/06/2018
09622	OCR Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (England) (Children and Young People's Management)	600/1250/X	31/03/2015	31/12/2017
10397	OCR Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (England) (Children and Young People's Management)	601/4578/X	30/06/2017	30/06/2019
09623	OCR Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (England) (Children and Young People's Advanced Practice)	600/1250/X	31/03/2015	31/12/2017
10398	OCR Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (England) (Children and Young People's Advanced Practice)	601/4578/X	30/06/2017	31/12/2017
10396	OCR Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (England) (Children and Young People's Residential Management)	601/4578/X	31/01/2015	31/12/2017
10406	OCR Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management for Residential Childcare (England)	601/5384/2	30/06/2017	30/06/2019

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

The final date to enter learners for these qualifications is **30/06/2017** with the exception of schemes 09622, 09623 and 10396. These schemes have already passed the last entry date as they were previously replaced by 10397, 10398 and 10406.

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. I have Direct Claims Status (DCS) – how does this affect the last certification / assessment dates?

All learner 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. OCR will remove DCS three months prior to last certification date.

* This is subject to minimum learner numbers. External quality assurance (EQA) visits for small centres with low learner numbers may be chargeable.

4. Why is OCR withdrawing these qualifications?

OCR has taken this decision in the light of changes in market demand and funding arrangements.

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

OCR will continue to offer qualifications in Health and Social Care but due to the on-going significant changes in Wales and Northern Ireland, use of alternative OCR Health and Social Care qualifications may be restricted in some nations.

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

All awarding organisations are withdrawing the Level 2 and Level 3 Awards and Certificates in Awareness of Dementia and Dementia Care.

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

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

For up to date information about qualifications offered in Wales, please visit www.QiW.wales

7. What will happen if a learner fails and wants to claim the unit / qualification?

As long as they were entered before the last entry date and the last certification date has not passed they can continue to claim units/the full qualification. Claims must be made before the end certification date (see point 2 above).

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

Learners must be entered via OCR Interchange before the last entry date.

Unnamed entries are available for the Awards in Dementia but not for any of the externally verified qualifications. If the last entry date has passed please [contact us](#).

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

England

There are no direct replacements for the qualifications being withdrawn. There will be crossover of content with our remaining Health and Social Care qualifications and the qualifications below are being extended with a new review date of 31 December 2017. If a unit is present in both the withdrawn qualifications and the qualifications below, the unit can still be used towards the qualification.

OCR Scheme Code	Qualification Title	Qualification Number
05923	OCR Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England	501/1244/2
05926	OCR Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England	501/1729/4
10393	OCR Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (England) (Adults' Residential Management)	601/4578/X
10394	OCR Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (England) (Adults' Management)	601/4578/X
10395	OCR Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (England) (Adults' Advanced Practice)	601/4578/X

We also have Cambridge Technical qualifications in Health and Social Care at Level 2 and Level 3. More information can be found at <http://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-type/cambridge-technicals/>

Wales

Due to significant changes in Health and Social Care provision in Wales, we would advise you to contact Care Council for Wales for information on suitable alternative qualifications:

<http://www.ccwales.org.uk/social-care-worker/>

<http://www.ccwales.org.uk/qualifications-and-nos-finder/qualification.php?id=19>

Northern Ireland

Due to significant changes in Health and Social Care provision in Northern Ireland, we would advise you to contact Northern Ireland Social Care Council for information on suitable alternative qualifications:

<http://www.niscc.info/>

http://www.niscc.info/storage/resources/workforcedevelopmentdocumentfinal_27_04_2015-1.pdf

also <http://www.niscc.info/registration-standards> - all social care workers must be registered by 31.03.17

10. Where do I get information on these alternative qualification(s)?

Details of the Health and Social Care qualifications can be found here:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-type/vocational-qualifications/health-and-social-care/>

11. What do we need to consider as the last certification date approaches?

The last certification date 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.

Externally Verified qualifications

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.

Awards in Dementia (remotely moderated qualifications)

We suggest you plan to complete all candidate assessment at least two months before the last certification date. Your examiner-moderator has 21 working days to complete moderation and this must be complete before the last certification date.

12. Who can I talk to, to get more information on alternative qualification(s)?

To learn more about our qualifications you can talk to our Customer Contact Centre on 02476 851509 or email vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk.