

CHIEF MODERATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

OCR Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools – 04464

OCR Level 3 Award in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools – 04467

September 2010 – August 2011

Introduction

This report is based on feedback from OCR Moderators following submissions from centres through the year. Centres are reminded that all documentation for this qualification is available to download from the OCR website – www.ocr.org.uk.

Centre Profile

Since 1 September 2010, there are currently 19 active centres for 04464 and 10 active centres for 04467, these include FE colleges and private training providers. A number of centre personnel have attended the training available for the QCF qualifications over the past twelve months, and feedback suggests that they have found this useful when designing assignments, especially in terms of the depth required. The Awards have provided a progression route for those candidates who may wish to complete the Level 2 or Level 3 Certificate.

Centre Performance

Centres and candidates are presenting evidence that fully meets the learning outcomes and the assessment criteria with evidence, where possible, linked to their own experiences within their respective schools. Some excellent assignments have been devised necessitating candidates to carry out research, especially with the Schools as Organisations unit at both Level 2 and Level 3. Research using the internet has been clearly referenced to show the source of the information.

Where the assessor has identified errors or omissions the candidates have been given the opportunity to revisit their evidence to make the necessary amendments or additions. Centres would, however, be advised to carry out internal moderation before submitting evidence.

Centres should ensure that candidates only include evidence that is relevant to the learning outcomes and the assessment criteria and be reminded that quality of evidence and the assessment of it, is more important than quantity of evidence.

The original plan by OCR to provide exemplar assignments was later decided against due to difficulties in producing an assignment that could be used in all school contexts. Some centres found this problematic but many have produced some excellent assignments that meet their candidate needs and are to be applauded at the high standard of work produced by candidates.

Administration

Centres need to ensure that all the correct paperwork has been completed and the claim has been made electronically on Interchange. Units can be submitted at any point in the year and there is no need to wait until all the units have been completed before submitting a candidate's work. OCR will automatically award the full 'certificate' once all the units have been completed.

Summary of Recommendations for Centres

Centres should ensure that:

- All parts of the assessment criteria are clearly and explicitly met and referenced.
- Material which does not relate to the assessment criteria should not be submitted
- A full check should be made to ensure the paperwork has been completed correctly before submission to both OCR and the Moderator

Future Changes

The Training and Development Agency (TDA) does not as yet envisage any amendments being made to the current qualifications.

The TDA are producing support documents for both Level 2 and 3 units. These are due for completion in November 2011. They will be available on the TDA website and OCR will ensure a link to these documents is made available on the OCR website.

OCR are working on producing a 'Support Pack' which examples of real candidate work which will be added to the website in the coming months.

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