

## Using Information and Communications Technology Entry 3 (01679) and (05582) 2009-2010

The session 2009-10 was a transition year with the Entry 3 Scheme 05582 being phased out and the new Entry 3 Scheme 01679 replacing it. The number of entries in 2009-10 for the new scheme (01679) closely matches the entries for the old scheme (05582) in 2008-09 being 14,288 and 14,856 respectively. This is an indication that the Using ICT Entry 3 scheme has maintained its market share and continues to be popular with centres. The range of centre types has also remained very broad and includes FE Colleges, Adult Education Centres, Training Organisations, Industrial/Commercial organizations and Secondary Schools.

The new scheme continues to provide the same flexibility for centre's to enter candidates for a Full Award (minimum 3 Units) or a Single Unit Award. As mentioned above, the number of full certificate entries has remained relatively stable with over 14,000 in each of the last two years. The data for individual units for the new scheme 01679 for 2009-10 is displayed in Table 1 below.

**Table 1**

### Scheme 01679 – OCR Entry Level Award in Using ICT (Entry 3) – Unit Results 2009/10.

Unit No	Title	Pass	Fail	Total	% Pass	% Fail
1	Displaying information using ICT	10238	3	<b>10241</b>	100.0%	0.0%
2	Using ICT to find information	7326	8	<b>7334</b>	99.9%	0.1%
3	Communicating information using ICT	8035	18	<b>8053</b>	99.8%	0.2%
4	Producing charts using ICT	6246	39	<b>6285</b>	99.4%	0.6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>31845</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>31913</b>	99.8%	0.2%

The overall pass rate has continued to be very high at 99.8% in 2009-10 compared with 99.5% in 2008-09. This very high pass rate is desirable for a scheme where candidates may receive formative advice and guidance on the production of suitable evidence of achievement. Unit 1, Displaying information using ICT, continues to be the most popular unit

within the scheme. The content of this unit lends itself to inducting those new to using computer technology and/or those taking a first assessment in the use of ICT.

Unit 3, Communicating information using ICT, involves using email and it achieves around 80% of the total for Unit 1 entries. Unit 2, Using ICT to find information, usually involves using the internet and it achieves around 70% of the total entries for Unit 1. Unit 4, Producing charts using ICT, is the least popular of the 4 units achieving around 60% of the total entries for Unit 1.

A stable, very experienced, core team of Examiner-Moderators continue to work on the scheme. Normal OCR standardisation processes are carried out to ensure common procedures and standards across the team of Examiner-Moderators. Examiner-Moderators provide valuable feedback to centre assessors on administrative processes and procedures and on the quality and appropriateness of evidence supplied. This advice is particularly helpful for Local Assessors who are new to the scheme.

The use of a frequently asked questions section on the OCR website continues to provide up-to-date information for Centre Markers and Administrators and Examiner-Moderators.

OCR Customer Training and Support advertise and facilitate training workshops for Centre Markers as demand determines.

### ***Recommendations for 2009-10***

- Consolidate the successful transition from the old scheme (05582) to the new scheme (01679)
- Continue to develop the frequently asked questions section of the OCR website as any new concerns are identified and/or additional advice and guidance is prepared
- Monitor entries within the new scheme to evaluate any changes within the data gathered for unit and full entry qualification.