

# **Vocational Qualifications**

ITQ Levels 1 - 3 in IT User Skills - 03991-03999,13995

Moderators' report 2021/2022

## **About this Moderators' report**

This report on the 2021/22 assessments aims to highlight:

- areas where students were more successful
- main areas where students may need additional support and some reflection
- points of advice for future assessments.

It is intended to be constructive and informative and to promote better understanding of the specification content, of the operation of the scheme of assessment and of the application of assessment criteria.

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#### Overview

It has been confirmed that OCR have decided to withdraw all ITQ qualifications. The final date for entries will be **31 December 2023**. The final certification date for levels 1 and 2 will be **31 December 2024** and for level 3 **31 December 2025**. For more detailed information please refer to the <a href="ITQ withdrawal">ITQ withdrawal</a> notice.

| Entry Code | Qualification Title                                  | Qualification Number |
|------------|--|----------------------|
| 3991       | Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ)                | 500/6684/5           |
| 3992       | Level 1 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)          | 500/6683/3           |
| 3993       | Level 1 Diploma in IT User Skills (ITQ)              | 500/6742/4           |
| 3994       | Level 2 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ)                | 500/6685/7           |
| 3995       | Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)          | 500/6743/6           |
| 13995      | Level 2 Extended Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ) | 600/1062/9           |
| 3996       | Level 2 Diploma in IT User Skills (ITQ)              | 500/6744/8           |
| 3997       | Level 3 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ)                | 500/6588/9           |
| 3998       | Level 3 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)          | 500/6758/8           |
| 3999       | Level 3 Diploma in IT User Skills (ITQ)              | 500/6757/6           |

The ITQ centre handbook and CLAIT and CLAIT plus handbooks have all been updated with any changes highlighted. The ITQ webpages now contain the new updated centre handbooks and CLAIT and CLAIT Plus marking handbooks. Centres should be aware of the changes and use these when marking CLAIT and CLAIT Plus and assessing ITQ.

There are new examples of mandatory units, centre assignments, real work and CLAIT/CLAIT Plus assignments showing good practice and moderators' comments. <a href="http://ocr.org.uk/itq">http://ocr.org.uk/itq</a>

PLEASE BE AWARE <u>Level 1 CLAiT 2005-2006 Set A and B</u>, <u>Level 2 CLAiT Plus 2005-2006 Set A and B</u> have now been withdrawn as live assessments for ITQ – candidates should now only complete 2006-2010 assignments as live assessments.

#### **General comments**

The qualification is vocational and assessed in a variety of ways – OCR set assignments including CLAIT and CLAIT Plus, centre-set assignments, OCR example assignments, BBC WebWise assessments and real work. All of the information regarding the ITQ is available electronically on <a href="www.ocr.org.uk/itq">www.ocr.org.uk/itq</a> except the CLAIT and CLAIT Plus and WebWise assessments which are stored securely on OCR Interchange.

In September 2022 OCR released updated handbooks for ITQ and CLAIT marking handbooks along with example work and commentaries for all types of evidence including the mandatory unit.

Assessment materials used by centres are mainly CLAIT assignments which are from 2006-2010. There are a couple of tasks on assessments for which there is extra guidance on the ITQ website, unit 81 and 31 as the software updates may mean candidates cannot complete parts of these assessments as expected. Most centres are very familiar with the assignments and marking criteria, so they are usually marked to a high standard. The most popular units are 18,19,30,31,33,39,58.59.69,70,77 and 78.

A few centres do not seem to make full use of the CLAIT and CLAIT Plus tutor marking scheme when marking assignments and some moderators have found numerous errors within a batch, which can sometimes result in the withdrawal of a unit if it has more than the permitted error tolerance. Assessors should mark all the errors and use the tutor handbook as guidance.

CLAIT 2005/2006 a and b assignments were used for adapted assessments due to Covid circumstances and should no longer be used as live assessments which is fed back to centres and most centres now comply with this.

Some assessment materials are centre based and are usually of suitable quality.

Some of the evidence supplied by centres needs clarifying/additional information and we use the centre request letter or feedback to centres for this e.g., screenshots need to be large enough to read and reminding centres to include a printout of the Interchange claim (and ideally use it a check to ensure that all the work has been sent and that the correct units have been claimed).

Centres submit work using electronic portfolios or hard copy. Those using online portfolios should check they have met the evidence requirements on the OCR checklist as well as the criteria and that the work is well referenced and marked. Those submitting hard copies should ensure work is marked and packaged securely. For more information on submitting work see ITQ tutor handbook.

Centres can use Webwise as assessments for 4 units however very few still use this option. Resources for BBC WebWise - The WebWise assessments will continue to be available on Interchange, but as the WebWise course resources have been withdrawn by the BBC, resource links can now be found on the ITQ webpage: <a href="http://ocr.org.uk/itq">http://ocr.org.uk/itq</a>

Assessment queries can be sent to <u>vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk</u> and this is being used regularly by centres to clarify interpretation issues on units and evidence requirements.

Further guidance on OCR ITQ website under <a href="https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/vocational-qualifications-qcf-itq-2009-levels-1-3-in-it-user-skills-03991-03999-1399">https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/vocational-qualifications-qcf-itq-2009-levels-1-3-in-it-user-skills-03991-03999-1399</a>

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Moderators process the claim on Interchange and complete a centre feedback report which is stored on Interchange – most centres check these regularly and respond appropriately to any actions set by the moderator. It is important that these are checked and shared with all assessors.

#### Comments on individual units

For the mandatory units 1 and 2 it is important that the up-to-date OCR evidence review form is used (stored on the OCR ITQ website). It should be signed and dated (electronic or wet signatures are both acceptable) by assessor and candidate.

The units are worth 3 credits at level 1 and 4 at level 2 so it is important they are completed to reflect this. There are examples in the new guides showing good practice and moderators' comments. http://ocr.org.uk/itq

### Sector update

The qualification was written in 2009 and was designed to be future-proof. The end dates for ITQ schemes 03991-03999, 13995 are 31 December 2023 in England and Northern Ireland. (Please refer to Qualifications in Wales for the latest information in Wales). OCR have updated the handbooks and produced some further guidance to support centres using assessments and marking. This will also hopefully encourage centres to continue to work with OCR and encourage new centres to try ITQ with OCR.

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