

To: All Approved Policing NVQ Centres  
All Policing External Verifiers

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Dear Colleague

### **Launch of Level 3 Certificate in Policing (Police Community Support Officers)**

Further to previous general information regarding changes to the OCR Policing NVQs, I write to give specific information on the progress of the development of OCR's Level 3 Certificate in policing for Police Community Support Officers (PCSO).

All of OCRs current Policing NVQs will be replaced by new qualifications in the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) one by one during 2010 and additional qualifications in Policing will be launched. The development and launch of each new qualification is dependent on the availability of shared National Units and OCR is pleased to announce that the OCR Level 3 Certificate in Policing (PCSO) will be open for registrations on 1 June 2010. Full details of this new Certificate in Policing are shown below:

### **OCR LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN POLICING (PCSO)(03358)**

#### **Qualification Structure**

To achieve a full OCR Level 3 Certificate in Policing (PCSO), candidates must gain 18 credits from the achievement of six mandatory units, as shown in the following table.

<b>Unit number</b>	<b>Accreditation code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Unit Credit value</b>
AB1	F/601/2422	Communicate effectively with people maintaining the security of information	3
BE2	R/502/5732	Provide initial support to victims and witnesses	3
CB1	D/502/5734	Gather and submit information to support law enforcement objectives	2
CD1	H/601/4793	Provide an initial response to incidents (level 2 unit)	3
CD3	D/601/4842	Prepare for, and participate in, planned enforcement operations	4
GC10	L/502/5731	Manage Conflict in a policing context	3

If a candidate has achieved any credits in these units through another Awarding Body, OCR will accept the unit certificates issued by that body. Only credit from units with the same accreditation reference number can be accepted towards this qualification.

## Centre Approval and Direct Claims Status (DCS)

Centres who are currently satisfactorily operating the OCR Level 3 NVQ in Policing (06615) and/or the OCR Level 4 NVQ in Policing (03769) or the OCR Level 3 Diploma in Policing (02947) will be given automatic approval for the OCR Level 3 Certificate in Policing (PCSO) (03358) on 1 June 2010. Where these centres have been granted Direct Claims Status for the expiring NVQs, this will also be automatically granted for the OCR Level 3 Certificate in Policing (PCSO) (03358). You will receive notification during June 2010 that these approvals have been granted.

Centres who have approval for the OCR Level 3 NVQ in Policing (06615) and/or the OCR Level 4 NVQ in Policing (03769), but have been inactive, will need to apply to gain approval to operate the OCR Level 3 Certificate in Policing (PCSO) (03358). The procedure and forms to apply for centre approval may be downloaded from the examinations officer area of the OCR website. [www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk).

### Fees

The following fees, due in advance, will apply:

Full Certificate fee	£43.10
Unit entry fee	£17.50

### Support materials

Resources will be available on the OCR website [www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk) to support the OCR Level 3 Certificate in Policing (PCSO). These include a Centre Handbook and Datasheet. The revised file-o-fax size 'All you ever wanted to know about OCR Qualifications in Policing' is relevant to this qualification and a 'Level 3 Certificate (PCSO) Unit Pack' is being prepared. The file-o-fax size binder will continue to be available to purchase from OCR Publications. Further information about the Qualifications and Credit Framework are available on the OCR website [www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk).

Yours faithfully



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### Movement of Policing NVQs to the QCF

As you may be aware, **the remaining policing NVQs will expire for registration during 2010**. The majority of vocational qualifications will move to the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) in 2010 and we are therefore redeveloping many policing NVQs in line with the requirements of the QCF.

The following information will be posted on new qualification web pages as and when it is available during the run up to the launch date. This includes:

- qualification code
- unit titles
- qualification structure
- rules of combination
- assessment method
- draft unit content
- notification of formal accreditation
- qualification datasheet
- centre handbook
- evidence requirements

Regular information updates for all QCF qualifications will be added to our '**What's New? - QCF Migration Guide**' which is available on our website at:

- [http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/type/qcf/qual\\_migration/index.html](http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/type/qcf/qual_migration/index.html)

The guide lists our existing vocational qualifications within the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and shows the planned QCF qualifications that will replace them. It will be updated on a regular basis with developments as and when they take place, which will help with curriculum planning.

Further information on the QCF can be found on the Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency (QCDA) website at:

- [www.qcda.gov.uk/8150.aspx](http://www.qcda.gov.uk/8150.aspx)

**Please note that you will need to regularly check the individual qualification web pages as these will be updated when information becomes available. In the meantime please send any queries regarding the QCF redevelopment to our dedicated QCF team at [qcf@ocr.org.uk](mailto:qcf@ocr.org.uk)**

**To receive e-alerts regarding developments as they happen please send your email address to [qcf@ocr.org.uk](mailto:qcf@ocr.org.uk) stating any qualification areas you have a particular interest in.**

**N.B** The information within this letter should be distributed to all staff involved with the administration and/or the assessment of **Policing NVQs**.