

OCR Nationals in ICT Level 2 - Unit 7 - Databases - design and use – Change Matrix

Changes have been made to the unit in response to feedback from centres, the introduction of new and emerging technology and to address regulatory requirements. In making these changes we have clarified and updated the assessment requirements, enhanced the Knowledge, Understanding and Skills (KUS) and improved the guidance for centres.

To assist centres the new units, for Level 2 Nationals in ICT 2010, have the key changes highlighted in yellow. The changes for this unit are detailed in the table below.

AO	Section	Change	Rationale
AO1	Assessment Objective, Grading grid, KUS and Guidance	<p>Removed requirement for the design of a relational database for Pass level.</p> <p>Added a statement that relational database software to be made available for candidates to enable them to move from Pass to higher grades without having to change the application used.</p>	Increases clarity and provides a greater range of opportunities for candidates to demonstrate the breadth and depth of their knowledge, understanding and skills.
AO2	KUS	Rewritten to specify requirements and elements to be included in the construction of the database.	
	Grading grid	Removed details of numbers of records in each table and replaced with the following requirement: 'They will ensure the database includes sufficient records to meet the specified needs.'	Emphasises that the focus should be on having sufficient records to meet the specified needs rather than an arbitrary number.
	Guidance	Clear guidance on numbers of records required for meeting user needs and the requirement for candidates to carry out meaningful sorts and searches using the data in the database system.	
	Guidance	Added examples given of what is meant by customisation of data entry forms for the higher grades.	

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AO3	Grading grid	Rewritten grade requirements to specify exactly what is expected at each grade.	Increases clarity and provides a greater range of opportunities for candidates to demonstrate the breadth and depth of their knowledge, understanding and skills. Improved differentiation between grades.
	Guidance	Clear definition of simple, complex and multiple queries given in guidance section.	
AO4	Grading grid	Rewritten grade requirements to specify exactly what is expected at each grade.	
	KUS	Added details about of types of reports.	Increases clarity.
AO5	Grading grid	Rewritten grade requirements to specify exactly what is expected at each grade.	Increases clarity and provides a greater range of opportunities for candidates to demonstrate the breadth and depth of their knowledge, understanding and skills. Improved differentiation between grades.
AO6	Grading grid and guidance	Rewritten grade requirements to specify exactly what is expected at each grade.	