

**Withdrawal of scheme 10214 – Level 3 Award for Supporting clients to overcome barriers to learning and work**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**1. What is the last date I can register candidates?**

The final registration date for this qualification is 31/12/2013.

**2. What is the last date I can certificate candidates?**

The final certification date for this qualification is 31/12/2016.

Please note that the final certification date is the last date in which OCR will produce certificates and therefore it is advised that you plan for completion of all candidate assessment at least 2 months prior to this date.

**3. I have DCS – how does this affect the last certification / assessment dates?**

All candidate portfolios will still be subject to the full quality assurance process i.e. an External Verifier will need to visit your centre to review any DCS portfolios before these can be accepted. If you have already had your two free\* visits a year you will have to arrange a final visit to your centre by your EV – a fee will be charged for this. Your EV will notify OCR to remove DCS following this final visit.

\* This is subject to minimum candidate numbers. EQA visits for small centres with low candidate numbers may be chargeable.

**4. We are a centre in Wales/Northern Ireland – are we affected in the same way?**

Yes. There is no difference.

**5. Why is OCR withdrawing these qualifications?**

Due to falling market demand, OCR has reluctantly decided to withdraw this qualification.

**6. Does this mean OCR is withdrawing all qualifications in this vocational area / sector?**

No, OCR will continue to offer the other qualifications in the suite, namely:

- 04512 - OCR Level 4 Diploma in Career Information and Advice
  - 10215 - OCR Level 6 Diploma in Career Guidance and Development
- Schemes 04512 and 10215 have been extended for registration until 31/12/2015.

OCR will continue to support the assessment of the qualifications in this suite up to the final certification dates.

**7. Are all awarding organisations withdrawing this qualification or is it just OCR?**

This is an OCR decision. For details of other awarding organisations offering this qualification, please view the Ofqual register on the following link:

<http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/>

**8. What if a candidate completes their portfolio, but the centre has not registered the candidate and it is after the qualification last registration date?**

Candidates need to be registered before the final registration date and claims must be made before the final certification date (see Questions 1 and 2 above).

**9. What alternative OCR qualification(s) could I offer to my learners instead?**

OCR does not offer any direct alternative qualification at this level. For details of other awarding organisations offering this qualification, please view the Ofqual register on the following link:

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**10. Who can I talk to, to get more information on this?**

The Sector Skills Council, LSIS, will be able to advise on qualifications in this sector:

<http://www.lsis.org.uk/>

**11. What alternative qualifications from other awarding organisations could I offer to my learners?**

There are a number of other awarding organisations offering Career Guidance qualifications. For full details please view the Ofqual register:

<http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/>