

Withdrawal of OCR NVQ Occupational Languages

We recently announced plans to withdraw the NVQ Occupational Languages suite of qualifications from 31 December 2016.

A further review has highlighted there are some languages and skills levels with very low uptake. We have, therefore, been guided by the regulator of qualifications and examinations in England (Ofqual) to bring forward the last entry dates to 30 September 2016 for:

- Entry Level, Level 3 and Level 4 NVQ Languages in Welsh
- Entry Level and Level 4 NVQ Languages Spanish
- Level 4 NVQ Languages in French
- Level 4 NVQ Languages in German

The last date to claim certificates will stay in line with the remainder of the NVQ Occupational Languages suite as 31 December 2018.

Qualification language and Entry Codes	Qualification level	Last date for entries	Last date for certification
French (NVQ) 04740–04744	Entry Level	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04745–04749	Level 1	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04775–04779	Level 2	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04780–04784	Level 3	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04785–04789	Level 4	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
German (NVQ) 04966–04970	Entry Level	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06143–06147	Level 1	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06148–06152	Level 2	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06805–06809	Level 3	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06835–06839	Level 4	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
Spanish (NVQ) 08369–08373	Entry Level	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
08385–08389	Level 1	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08620–08624	Level 2	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08742–08746	Level 3	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08757–08761	Level 4	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
Welsh (NVQ) 10100–10104	Entry Level	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10105–10109	Level 1	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
10110–10114	Level 2	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
10115–10119	Level 3	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10120–10124	Level 4	30/09/2016	31/12/2018

OCR will of course continue to support and assess the qualifications up to the final certification date.

For a full list of qualifications, qualification numbers and last entry dates, please see [Appendix A](#).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the last date I can enter learners?

This depends on the language and level of qualification; the final date to enter learners for these qualifications is either **30/09/2016** or **31/12/2016**.

2. What is the last date I can certificate learners?

The final certification date for these qualifications is **31/12/2018**.

Please be aware that the last certification date is the final date OCR will produce certificates. Centres are therefore advised to plan for completion of all learner assessment and submit claims at least two months prior to the last certification date. Please see question 10 for further information.

3. Why is OCR withdrawing these qualifications?

Following a review of our qualification offer in the light of changes to market demand and funding arrangements, OCR has reluctantly decided that all qualifications in this suite are being withdrawn.

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

OCR NVQ qualifications for other languages were withdrawn for entries in December 2014 so once the qualifications listed above and in Appendix A end, we will not be offering a vocational language option.

5. Are all Awarding Organisations withdrawing these qualifications or is it just OCR?

This is an OCR decision. Other awarding organisations continue to offer vocational languages qualifications. For details of the other awarding organisations, please view the Ofqual register on the following link:

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

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

Yes, these qualifications are approved to be offered in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The end dates will be the same for all three nations.

7. What if a learner completes their portfolio, but we haven't made a qualification entry for that learner and it is after the final qualification entry date?

Learners must be entered via OCR Interchange before the last entry date. Unnamed entries are not available for these qualifications. If the last entry date has passed please [contact us](#).

8. What will happen if a learner has a unit withdrawn and wants to claim the unit at a later date?

As long as they were entered before the last entry date and the last certification date has not passed you can continue to claim units. Claims must be made before the end certification date and before your final external quality assurance visit.

9. I have Direct Claims Status (DCS) – how does this affect the last certification / assessment dates?

Direct Claims Status (DCS) is removed three months prior to last certification date. For NVQ Languages this will be removed on 30th September 2018 or at the final EQA visit (whichever is earlier) as all learner portfolios will still be subject to the full quality assurance process.

10. What do we need to consider as the last certification date approaches?

The last certification date for OCR Occupational language qualifications is **31/12/2018**. This is the last date we will produce certificates and we suggest you plan to complete all candidate assessment at least two months before this. Please ensure your candidates have completed all portfolios of work in order to meet the assessment criteria.

To make sure you're prepared you may like to consider these key points:

- Remember to make your certification claims at least 3 weeks before the last certification date. As part of the quality assurance process, ensure all your claims are part of a sample seen by our external quality assurer (EQA).
- Ensure all your EQA visits take place at least two weeks before the last certification date to allow certificates to be processed.
- If you have any issues arranging visits, or contacting your EQA directly, please contact our allocation team: opsalloc@ocr.org.uk.

11. Who can I talk to, to get more information on alternative OCR qualifications?

To learn more about the options available to you please talk to our Customer Contact Centre on **02476 851509** or email vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk

You may also want to contact your Regional Account Manager whose details can be found here: <http://www.ocr.org.uk/contact-us/regional-account-managers/>

For a full list of qualifications and qualification numbers, please see Appendix A on the next page.

Appendix A

French

Scheme code	Qualification Title	Qualification Number	Last date for entries	Last date for certification
04740	OCR Entry Level Award in French (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0963/7	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04741	OCR Entry Level Award in Speaking French (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0905/4	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04742	OCR Entry Level Award in Understanding Spoken French (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0929/7	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04743	OCR Entry Level Award in Reading French (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0917/0	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04744	OCR Entry Level Award in Writing French (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0966/2	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04745	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in French (QCF)	501/0154/7	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04746	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Speaking French (QCF)	501/0330/1	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04747	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken French (QCF)	501/0363/5	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04748	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Reading French (QCF)	501/0362/3	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04749	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Writing French (QCF)	501/0360/X	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04775	OCR Level 2 NVQ Certificate in French (QCF)	501/0107/9	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04776	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Speaking French (QCF)	501/0353/2	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04777	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken French (QCF)	501/0356/8	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04778	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Reading French (QCF)	501/0354/4	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04779	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Writing French (QCF)	501/0175/4	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04780	OCR Level 3 NVQ Certificate in French (QCF)	500/9970/X	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04781	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Speaking French (QCF)	501/0204/7	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04782	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken French (QCF)	501/0001/4	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04783	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Reading French (QCF)	501/0005/1	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04784	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Writing French (QCF)	501/0007/5	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04785	OCR Level 4 NVQ Diploma in French (QCF)	501/0206/0	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
04786	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Speaking French (QCF)	501/0053/1	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
04787	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken French (QCF)	501/0066/X	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
04788	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Reading French (QCF)	501/0057/9	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
04789	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Writing French (QCF)	501/0062/2	30/09/2016	31/12/2018

German

Scheme code	Qualification Title	Qualification Number	Last date for entries	Last date for certification
04966	OCR Entry Level Award in German (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0916/9	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04967	OCR Entry Level Award in Speaking German (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0913/3	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04968	OCR Entry Level Award in Understanding Spoken German (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0912/1	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04969	OCR Entry Level Award in Reading German (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0899/2	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
04970	OCR Entry Level Award in Writing German (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0919/4	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06143	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in German (QCF)	501/0155/9	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06144	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Speaking German (QCF)	501/0279/5	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06145	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken German (QCF)	501/0361/1	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06146	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Reading German (QCF)	501/0331/3	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06147	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Writing German (QCF)	501/0358/1	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06148	OCR Level 2 NVQ Certificate in German (QCF)	501/0078/6	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06149	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Speaking German (QCF)	501/0348/9	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06150	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken German (QCF)	501/0352/0	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06151	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Reading German (QCF)	501/0401/9	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06152	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Writing German (QCF)	501/0280/1	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06805	OCR Level 3 NVQ Certificate in German (QCF)	500/9972/3	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06806	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Speaking German (QCF)	500/9999/1	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06807	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken German (QCF)	501/0011/7	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06808	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Reading German (QCF)	501/0014/2	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06809	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Writing German (QCF)	501/0025/7	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06805	OCR Level 3 NVQ Certificate in German (QCF)	500/9972/3	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
06835	OCR Level 4 NVQ Diploma in German (QCF)	501/0200/X	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
06836	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Speaking German (QCF)	501/0054/3	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
06837	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken German (QCF)	501/0064/6	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
06838	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Reading German (QCF)	501/0070/1	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
06839	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Writing German (QCF)	501/0063/4	30/09/2016	31/12/2018

Spanish

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08369	OCR Entry Level Award in Spanish (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0902/9	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
08370	OCR Entry Level Award in Speaking Spanish (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0909/1	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
08371	OCR Entry Level Award in Understanding Spoken Spanish (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0907/8	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
08372	OCR Entry Level Award in Reading Spanish (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0967/4	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
08373	OCR Entry Level Award in Writing Spanish (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/0920/0	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
08385	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Spanish (QCF)	501/0156/0	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08386	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Speaking Spanish (QCF)	501/0335/0	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08387	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken Spanish (QCF)	501/0328/3	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08388	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Reading Spanish (QCF)	501/0359/3	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08389	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Writing Spanish (QCF)	501/0365/9	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08620	OCR Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Spanish (QCF)	501/0109/2	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08621	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Speaking Spanish (QCF)	501/0350/7	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08622	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken Spanish (QCF)	501/0351/9	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08623	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Reading Spanish (QCF)	501/0402/0	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08624	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Writing Spanish (QCF)	501/0641/7	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08742	OCR Level 3 NVQ Certificate in Spanish (QCF)	501/0079/8	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08743	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Speaking Spanish (QCF)	500/9998/X	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08744	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken Spanish (QCF)	501/0012/9	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08745	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Reading Spanish (QCF)	501/0006/3	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08746	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Writing Spanish (QCF)	501/0028/2	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
08757	OCR Level 4 NVQ Diploma in Spanish (QCF)	501/0205/9	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
08758	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Speaking Spanish (QCF)	501/0069/5	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
08759	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken Spanish (QCF)	501/0059/2	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
08760	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Reading Spanish (QCF)	501/0055/5	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
08761	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Writing Spanish (QCF)	501/0058/0	30/09/2016	31/12/2018

Welsh

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10100	OCR Entry Level Award in Welsh (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/1917/5	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10101	OCR Entry Level Award in Speaking Welsh (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/1878/X	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10102	OCR Entry Level Award in Understanding Spoken Welsh (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/1879/1	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10103	OCR Entry Level Award in Reading Welsh (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/1880/8	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10104	OCR Entry Level Award in Writing Welsh (Entry 3) (QCF)	501/1877/8	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10105	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Welsh (QCF)	501/2198/4	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
10106	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Speaking Welsh (QCF)	501/1918/7	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
10107	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken Welsh (QCF)	501/1919/9	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
10108	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Reading Welsh (QCF)	501/1921/7	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
10109	OCR Level 1 NVQ Award in Writing Welsh (QCF)	501/1920/5	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
10110	OCR Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Welsh (QCF)	501/2199/6	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
10111	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Speaking Welsh (QCF)	501/1913/8	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
10112	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken Welsh	501/1915/1	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
10113	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Reading Welsh (QCF)	501/1916/3	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
10114	OCR Level 2 NVQ Award in Writing Welsh (QCF)	501/2058/X	31/12/2016	31/12/2018
10115	OCR Level 3 NVQ Certificate in Welsh (QCF)	501/2053/0	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10116	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Speaking Welsh (QCF)	501/1922/9	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10117	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken Welsh (QCF)	501/2347/6	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10118	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Reading Welsh (QCF)	501/1924/2	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10119	OCR Level 3 NVQ Award in Writing Welsh (QCF)	501/1923/0	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10120	OCR Level 4 NVQ Diploma in Welsh (QCF)	501/2052/9	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10121	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Speaking Welsh (QCF)	501/1914/X	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10122	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Understanding Spoken Welsh (QCF)	501/1912/6	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10123	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Reading Welsh (QCF)	501/1910/2	30/09/2016	31/12/2018
10124	OCR Level 4 NVQ Award in Writing Welsh (QCF)	501/1911/4	30/09/2016	31/12/2018