

Withdrawal of OCR New Product Design and Development

Following a review of the OCR New Product Design and Development suite, we have set the final entry and certification for these qualifications. We will continue to support and assess the qualifications up to the final certification date below:

Entry Code	Qualification Title	Qualification Number	Last date for entries	Last certification date
10258	OCR Level 2 Award In New Product Design and Development (QCF)	600/3845/7	30/09/2016	31/07/2017
10259	OCR Level 2 Certificate In New Product Design and Development (QCF)	600/3712/X	30/09/2016	31/07/2017
10260	OCR Level 2 Diploma In New Product Design and Development (QCF)	600/3737/4	30/09/2016	31/07/2017

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

The final date to enter learners for these qualifications is **30/09/2016**.

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

The final certification date for these qualifications is **31/07/2017**.

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.

3. Why is OCR withdrawing these qualifications?

OCR constantly reviews the uptake and performance of all its qualifications. As a regulated awarding body, we have a responsibility to remove qualifications that no longer meet the needs of employers and students. We are therefore withdrawing some vocational qualifications that have small and declining numbers of students.

4. 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.

5. 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 this suite DCS will be removed on 30th April 2017 or at the final EQA visit (whichever is earlier) as all learner portfolios will still be subject to the full quality assurance process.

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

The last certification date is **31/07/2017**. 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.

7. 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/>