

## Withdrawal of OCR Creative Media and iMedia qualifications (QCF).

Following a review of the Creative iMedia suite of qualifications we have made the difficult decision to withdraw the following qualifications:

Scheme code	Qualification title	Qualification number	Last entry date	Last certification date
01729	OCR Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Creative Media	500/8221/8	31/12/2017	31/12/2020
04304	OCR Level 1 Award in Creative iMedia	500/8532/3	31/12/2017	31/12/2018
04305	OCR Level 1 Certificate in Creative iMedia	500/8533/5	31/12/2017	31/12/2018
04306	OCR Level 1 Diploma in Creative iMedia	500/8534/7	31/12/2017	31/12/2018
04307	OCR Level 2 Award in Creative iMedia	500/8535/9	31/12/2017	31/12/2019
04308	OCR Level 2 Certificate in Creative iMedia	500/8529/3	31/12/2017	31/12/2019
04309	OCR Level 2 Diploma in Creative iMedia	500/8531/1	31/12/2017	31/12/2019
04310	OCR Level 3 Award in Creative iMedia	500/8413/6	31/12/2017	31/12/2020
04311	OCR Level 3 Certificate in Creative iMedia	500/8389/2	31/12/2017	31/12/2020
04312	OCR Level 3 Diploma in Creative iMedia	500/8414/8	31/12/2017	31/12/2020
10323	OCR Level 3 Diploma In Creative and Digital Media Competence	500/8357/0	31/12/2017	31/12/2020

**Please note: this notice does not apply to Cambridge Nationals Creative iMedia**

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

The final date to enter learners for these qualifications is **31/12/2017**.

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

The final certification dates for these qualifications are **detailed in the table above**.

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?**

These are being withdrawn following a review of the Creative iMedia suite. There has been declining uptake for these qualifications and there is no indication that uptake will improve.

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

Although OCR is withdrawing these qualifications we will continue to offer a range of Vocational qualifications in this sector.

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

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

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

**6. What are the alternative OCR qualifications I could offer to my learners instead?**

OCR offers a range of creative iMedia qualifications that can be found by following this link:  
<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-subject/media-and-communication/>.

These qualifications include:

**Level 1 and Level 2**

Our Cambridge Nationals Creative iMedia qualifications have a great deal of crossover with the Level 1 and Level 2 Creative iMedia (QCF) qualifications. As combined Level 1 and 2 qualifications, the performance of the candidate determines the level achieved and learners do not need to be entered for a particular level in advance. They are available in Award, Certificate and Diploma sizes, suitable for Key Stage 4 onwards and more information can be found at:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/creative-imedia-level-1-2-award-certificate-j807-j817/>

**Level 3**

OCR Cambridge Technical qualifications in Media/Digital Media are available to post 16 learners and two suites are available:

[Level 3 Cambridge Technicals in Media \(2012 suite\)](#)

The 2012 suite is 100% internally assessed, has learner focused internal assessment rules, and attracts UCAS points. The qualification is moderated by visit, enabling centre feedback and support from your visiting moderator with two free visits per subject per year.

[Level 3 Cambridge Technicals in Digital Media \(2016 suite\)](#)

The 2016 suite qualifications contain external assessment (as they are designed to meet the DfE technical guidance for Applied General and Tech Level qualifications at 16-19) and are eligible for 16-19 performance tables from 2018. The internally assessed units are moderated by visit, enabling centre feedback and support from your visiting moderator with two free visits per subject, per year available and the qualifications attract UCAS points.

**7. 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 are the same for all three nations.

**8. 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 of 31/12/2017. Unnamed entries are available (with the exception of the competence diploma). If the last entry date has passed please [contact us](#).

**9. I want to enter learners now but don't know exactly how many I will have. If I enter them through the unnamed option and can't use them up by the last assessment date what happens with my unused entries?**

We advise that you carefully plan any purchases of unnamed entries in line with the last assessment dates as they are not refundable. For both unnamed and named routes, entries can be made until 31/12/2017.

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

**Named entry** (*Competence qualifications only*) - If the claim has been withdrawn and the learner wishes to achieve the qualification, then a new claim can be made and new additional or improved evidence re-submitted until the end certification date, providing that the full qualification has not already been achieved.

**Unnamed entry** - If the claim has been withdrawn and the learner wishes to achieve the qualification, then a new claim can be made and new additional or improved evidence re-submitted until the end certification date. To do this, you will need to submit the claim using another unnamed entry or an existing, full unnamed entry for a learner.

**11. *Competence qualifications only*: 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 scheme 10323 OCR Level 3 Diploma in Creative and Digital Media Competence qualification this will be removed on **30/09/2020** or at the final EQA visit (whichever is earlier) as all learner portfolios will still be subject to the full quality assurance process.

**12. *Competence qualifications only*: What do we need to consider as the last certification date approaches?**

The last certification date for scheme 10323 OCR Level 3 Diploma in Creative and Digital Media Competence qualification is **31/12/2020**. 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](mailto:opsalloc@ocr.org.uk).

**13. 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](mailto:vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk)