

## Withdrawal of OCR Learning and Development qualifications including Assessor/Quality Assurance Awards

Following a review of our qualification offer in the light of changes to market demand, OCR has made the difficult decision to withdraw Learning and Development qualifications as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

OCR will of course continue to support and assess the qualifications up to the final certification dates which will be as follows:

Scheme Code	Qualification Title	Qualification Number	Last Entry Date	Final Certification Date
08353	OCR Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment	500/9944/9	31 December 2017	31 December 2018
08354	OCR Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement	500/9942/5	31 December 2017	31 December 2018
08355	OCR Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement	500/9941/3	31 December 2017	31 December 2018
08357	OCR Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	500/9943/7	31 December 2017	31 December 2018
08359	OCR Level 4 Award in the External Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	500/9945/0	31 December 2017	31 December 2018
08360	OCR Level 4 Certificate in Leading the External Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	501/0455/X	31 December 2017	31 December 2018
08361	OCR Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	501/0454/8	31 December 2017	31 December 2018
10229	OCR Level 3 Award in Facilitating Learning and Development	600/2663/7	31 December 2017	31 December 2018
10230	OCR Level 3 Certificate in Learning and Development	600/2664/9	31 December 2017	31 December 2018
10231	OCR Level 4 Award in Learning and Development	600/2665/0	31 December 2017	31 December 2018
10232	OCR Level 4 Diploma in Learning and Development	600/2545/1	31 December 2017	31 December 2018

### 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 date for these qualifications **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, OCR has made the difficult decision to withdraw these qualifications

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

OCR will not offer a replacement for the qualifications being withdrawn.

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

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

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

For up to date information about qualifications offered in Wales, please visit:

[www.QiW.wales](http://www.QiW.wales)

### **6. 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. If the last entry date has passed please [contact us](#).

### **7. 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, for externally verified qualifications, before your final external quality assurance visit.

### **8. 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 or at the final EQA visit (whichever is earlier) as all learner portfolios will still be subject to the full quality assurance process.

### **9. What do we need to consider as the last certification date approaches?**

The last certification date 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.

## The qualifications are Externally Verified

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).

### **10. 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)