

Cambridge Technicals

IT

Level 4 Cambridge Technical Diploma IT **05805**

OCR Report to Centres: 2016 – 2017

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1. Overview

Centres are advised to make full use of the number of verification visits rather than wait until the end of the programme to submit all the units for a learner. Centres accessing interim moderation of completed units have found the process to be beneficial in terms of obtaining feedback on learner progress to date and the assessment approaches used by the centre.

Learner work seen at centre visits this year was well organised. This aided the moderation process.

Some good examples of holistic assessment were seen with learners completing a number of units around the same work-based scenario.

Full details of the support available to centres is available on the Cambridge Technicals section of the website www.ocr.org.uk.

2. General Comments

Centres appear to be entering learners who are at the correct level for the specification and undertaking units which are relevant to the learners. Learners have produced a variety of types of evidence based upon their assessment opportunities. Centres are presenting evidence for moderation in both electronic and hard copy format, depending on the units undertaken by the learners. Clear evidence of assessment has been seen at centre visits.

On a few occasions the assessment decisions by centres has been harsh in relation to merit and distinction criteria. This has been fed back to centres during the moderation visit and in the report to the centre. Similarly, centres have been provided with advice relating to how to move the learners beyond a pass grade to achieve a merit or distinction grade in a unit.

The number of learners taking the qualification remains low.

3. Comments on Individual Units

No issues have been identified by centres or moderators in relation to any of the units which have been submitted for moderation. A variety of evidence has been presented, much of which is related to work roles undertaken by the learners. Frequently the evidence presented is based on real work undertaken by learners in their workplace with clear links between the optional units being completed by learners and the opportunity to gather appropriate evidence in the workplace.

4. Sector Update

The 2012 suite of qualifications will remain current for the Cambridge Technicals in IT at Level 4; there is no 2016 suite of qualifications at Level 4.

As published on the Ofqual website and the OCR website, the last date to register learners for this qualification was 31 August 2017 and the last certification date is 31 December 2019.

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