

## Withdrawal of OCR Teaching and Assessing Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) Levels 5 & 7 qualifications

Following a review of our qualification offer in the light of changes to market demand, OCR has made the decision to withdraw the OCR Teaching and Assessing Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) Levels 5 & 7 qualifications as of 30th September 2018.

We will continue to support and assess the qualifications up to the final certification dates shown below.

Entry Code	Qualification Title	Qualification Number	Last Entry Date	Final Certification Date
10218	OCR Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Learners with Dyslexia/Specific Learning Difficulties	600/3017/3	30 September 2018	30 September 2020
10219	OCR Level 7 Diploma in Teaching and Assessing Learners with Dyslexia/Specific Learning Difficulties	600/3018/5	30 September 2018	30 September 2020

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

The final date to enter learners for these qualifications is **30/09/2018**.

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

The final certification date for these qualifications is **30/09/2020**.

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 8 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OCR will not offer a replacement for the qualifications being withdrawn. However, the British Dyslexia Association, amongst other providers, will be offering programmes in this subject area.

A link to all course providers is available at:

<http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/services/professional-accreditation/course-providers>

For more information see: <http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/> or contact [helenb@bdadyslexia.org.uk](mailto:helenb@bdadyslexia.org.uk)

**5. 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](#).

**6. What if a learner starts their Level 5 portfolio but then want to move to Level 7 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).