Withdrawal of OCR qualification Entry Level Award in Using ICT (01679) – Frequently Asked Questions

Following a review, and changes to funding, we have decided to withdraw this qualification. The last date for entries is 31st December 2021.

We will continue to support and assess the qualification up to the last certification date of 31st December 2022.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

   The last date to enter a student for this qualification is **31 December 2021**. You should ensure sufficient unnamed entries are made by 31 December 2021 to enable you to submit work for your final students.

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

   The last date that OCR will produce certificates is on **31 December 2022**.

   Centres should complete all students' assessments and submit assessment record folders to your moderator at least two months before the last certification date (November 2022).

3. **Why is OCR withdrawing this qualification?**

   Following a review of our qualification offer, and in the light of changes to funding and market demand, OCR has decided to withdraw this qualification.

4. **Are all Awarding Organisations withdrawing this qualification or is it just OCR?**

   Qualifications at Entry Level and Level 1 in this area are being replaced by Essential Digital Skills. Funding is being withdrawn for existing Entry Level and Level 1 qualifications in this area for all awarding organisations.

   Withdrawing this specific qualification is an OCR decision. However, other awarding organisations that offer similar qualifications may also be changing the qualifications they have available, please see the Ofqual Register.

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

   For up to date information about qualifications offered in Northern Ireland, please visit NIEFQAN.

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

   You should plan to complete all assessments at least two months before 31 December 2022. Please make sure your students have completed their portfolios of work, which must meet all the assessment criteria.

6. **Where can I find information about alternative qualifications?**

   Essential Digital Skills are replacing current digital qualifications at Entry 3. OCR are not offering Essential Digital Skills, other awarding organisations offering these qualifications can be found on the Ofqual register.

7. **Who do I contact for enquiries about last entries and certification?**

   Please contact our Customer Support Centre on **01223 553998** or email support@ocr.org.uk.