

Qualification:	OCR Level 6 Diploma in Career Guidance and Development
QAN:	603/7561/9
Qualification size(GLH):	410 GLH
Qualification's content, structure and outcomes:	This is a vocationally related, credit-based qualification that provides valuable opportunities for individuals to develop skills and knowledge in the workplace. It has been specifically designed for those working in professional roles providing career development to clients, and who are required to apply career development theories and models to support clients in making realistic and informed decisions and plans regarding new learning or training opportunities and career planning.  Full details of the qualification's structure and units can be found on pages 7 and 8 of the centre handbook.  Learners must take the required 7 mandatory units, totalling 48 credits, (Group A on page 7) plus a choice of optional units totalling 12 credits, as appropriate to their own individual learning needs (Group B on page 8).  Each unit document details the unit's purpose and aim, along with the learning outcomes associated with that unit's learning. The units are on the qualification webpage.
Explanation of how thequalification supports the identified outcomes:	<ul> <li>The qualification has a core of mandatory units that will be applicable to all those working in the career development sector. The wide range of optional units allow for specialisation as appropriate.</li> <li>This qualification is designed for learners who are:         <ul> <li>studying in preparation for employment in the career development sector in a range of contexts</li> <li>employed in the career development sector and wish to undertake professional development</li> <li>wishing to gain a Level 6 qualification to support further study in Further Education (FE) and Higher Education (HE) in the career development sector</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Comparison to similar qualifications offeredby OCR:	OCR also offers the OCR Level 4 Diploma in Career Information and Advice which is aimed at those working in para-professional roles providing career information and advice to clients.
Other ways to achieve the same outcome:	As an alternative to the vocational route, learners could complete a Career development qualification at university. These may combine academic study with work-based learning placements.  Learners can also complete Career Development Professional (Level 6) apprenticeship.
Organisations thatsupport the qualification:	Career Development Institute (CDI).
UCAS points tariff (if applicable)	This qualification is not on the UCAS tariff.