



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

Withdrawal of OCR qualifications ITQ Levels 1 – 3 in IT User Skills – 03991-03999, 13995 (incorporating CLAiT) – Frequently Asked Questions

Following a review, and changes to funding, we have decided to withdraw these qualifications. The last date for entries is 31st December 2023.

We will continue to support and assess these qualifications up to the last certification dates which will be as follows:

OCR entry code	Title	Qualification Number	Last date for entries	Last certification date
03991	OCR Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ)	500/6684/5	31/12/2023	31/12/2024
03992	OCR Level 1 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)	500/6683/3	31/12/2023	31/12/2024
03993	OCR Level 1 Diploma in IT User Skills (ITQ)	500/6742/4	31/12/2023	31/12/2024
03994	OCR Level 2 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ)	500/6685/7	31/12/2023	31/12/2024
03995	OCR Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)	500/6743/6	31/12/2023	31/12/2024
13995	OCR Level 2 Extended Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)	600/1062/9	31/12/2023	31/12/2024
03996	OCR Level 2 Diploma in IT User Skills (ITQ)	500/6744/8	31/12/2023	31/12/2024
03997	OCR Level 3 Award in IT User Skills (ITQ)	500/6588/9	31/12/2023	31/12/2025
03998	OCR Level 3 Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ)	500/6758/8	31/12/2023	31/12/2025
03999	OCR Level 3 Diploma in IT User Skills (ITQ)	500/6757/6	31/12/2023	31/12/2025

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

The last date to enter a student for these qualifications is **31 December 2023**. You should ensure sufficient unnamed/named entries are made by 31 December 2023 to enable you to submit work for your final students.

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

The final certification dates for these qualifications are listed in the table above.

Please be aware that the last certification date is the final date OCR will produce certificates. Centres should complete all students' assessments and submit claims to your moderator at least two months before the last certification date.

3. Why is OCR withdrawing these qualifications?

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

4. Are all Awarding Organisations withdrawing these qualifications or is it just OCR?

[Funding has been withdrawn](#) for existing Entry Level and Level 1 qualifications in this area for all awarding organisations.

Funding is being withdrawn for Level 2 and Level 3 ITQ qualifications from August 2022.

Qualifications at Level 1 in this area are being replaced by Essential Digital Skills.

Withdrawing these qualifications 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 the last certification date. 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?

OCR will not offer a replacement for the qualifications being withdrawn; however alternative qualifications within this sector are available.

We have available the:

[Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in IT](#) (for 14-16 students in England)

[Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in Creative iMedia](#) (for 14-16 students in England)

[Level 2 and Level 3 Cambridge Technicals in Information Technology](#) (for 16+ students)

Essential Digital Skills are replacing current digital qualifications at Level 1. OCR are not offering Essential Digital Skills, other awarding organisations offering these qualifications can be found on the [Ofqual register](#).

7. What if a student completes their portfolio, but we haven't made a qualification entry for that student and it is after the final qualification entry date?

Student must be entered via OCR Interchange before the last entry date. If the last entry date has passed please [contact us](#).

8. What will happen if a student 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.

9. 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.