



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Head of Department/Centre Manager

Date: January 2015

Subject: Residential childcare

NEW QUALIFICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE

New qualifications for those working in residential childcare are being introduced on 1 February 2015. They are the required qualifications for the workforce and will be named in new Regulations from April 2015. The new qualifications are:

10405 - OCR Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare (England) - 601/5383/0 – for care workers

10406 - OCR Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management for Residential Childcare (England) – 601/5384/2 – for managers

The Department for Education expects all new staff commencing work in children's homes, who do not hold a relevant qualification, to undertake one of these qualifications.

For those working in Residential Childcare, these qualifications will replace:

- Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce with the children's social care pathway (OCR scheme code 10392) **or equivalent**; and
- Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services with the children and young people's residential management (OCR scheme code 10396 and 09621) **or equivalent**.

The Department for Education considers the new qualifications to be 'equivalent' qualifications.

This means that as of 1 February 2015, any learners wishing to work in residential child care should **not** be registered on the current Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce social care pathway (OCR scheme code 10392). This qualification, however, will continue to be offered to those learners who wish to work in child care outside of the residential setting.

The OCR Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (Children and Young People's Residential Management) – 10396 and 09621 will be closed for entry with a final entry date of 31 January 2015.

Learners registered on either 10392 or 10396 prior to 31 January 2015 will not be affected and will be allowed to complete their qualification.

For further information on the replacement qualifications, please visit the OCR website, <http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-subject/child-development/>

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