

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Withdrawal of OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Diploma in ICT, J820.

Entry code	Qualification title	Qualification number	Final assessment opportunity	Retake opportunity
J820	Level 1/2 Cambridge National Diploma in ICT	600/4778/1	June 2018	No additional retake opportunity

1. What is the last assessment opportunity?

The final assessment opportunity for this qualification is **June 2018**.

2. Are there any retake opportunities?

No, there are no additional retake opportunities.

3. Can I start learners on this qualification in September 2017?

No, new learners should not be started on this this qualification.

As the qualification is designed for delivery over a two year period, the last opportunity for year 10s to start a 2 year programme was September 2016.

4. Why is OCR withdrawing this qualification?

We continually review the uptake and performance of all our qualifications, we have seen a large decline in the number of candidates taking this qualification in recent years and unfortunately this has resulted in the decision to withdraw.

5. Does this mean OCR is withdrawing all qualifications in this vocational area / sector? Although OCR is withdrawing this qualification, we will continue to offer a range of Vocational qualifications in this sector. The Award (J800) and the Certificate (J810) are still available.

We have developed the Cambridge National Certificate in Information Technologies (J808) for learners aged 14-16 years. The DfE are now reviewing our draft materials for the 2019 KS4 performance tables. We will keep you updated on the progress of this review.

For more information about the new qualification please visit our <u>qualification page</u> and download the specification and sample assessment materials.

6. We are a centre in Wales/Northern Ireland – are we affected in the same way? Yes, this qualification is approved to be offered in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The qualification ends at the same time for all three nations.

7. What if a candidate completes their evidence, but we haven't made an entry for the final series?

Candidates must be entered for the final series. If this date has passed please contact us.

8. Who can I talk to, to get more information on alternative OCR qualifications?

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