



Cambridge National Certificate in ICT and 2017 Performance Tables – FAQs

Following ongoing discussions with the DfE and support from teachers about the impact of Cambridge Nationals ICT qualification not continuing to be included on performance tables, we are delighted to announce that our Cambridge Nationals in ICT has now been included on Key Stage 4 performance tables for 2017.

As there is some overlapping content between three of the optional units (the technical strand) and GCSE Computer Science, we have agreed with the DfE to remove these units from the Cambridge Nationals ICT qualification.

Key points:

- Only the Cambridge National Certificate in ICT (120 GLH) qualification is affected. The Award (60 GLH) and Diploma (240 GLH) in ICT are not affected.
- This news is relevant to those who are due to complete Key Stage 4 in the summer of 2016 and summer of 2017.
- The centre's points for an individual student's achievement of a Cambridge National Certificate is counted at the end of the student's Key Stage 4.

This means:

- Students starting the Cambridge Nationals Certificate in ICT in September 2015 and completing Key Stage 4 in Summer 2017 cannot choose to take units R008, R009 or R010.
- Students who have already taken one or more of units R008, R009 or R010 and complete Key Stage 4 in summer 2016 can still use these units when making a certification entry ('cashing in') for the Cambridge National Certificate in ICT, J810.



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Why has this happened?

The DfE said that units R008, R009 and R010 in the Cambridge Nationals Certificate in ICT were similar in content with the GCSE in Computer Science. The DfE states that the study of EBacc subjects is best served through the teaching of reformed GCSEs. This meant that performance points were withdrawn for the Cambridge National Certificate in ICT for 2017 tables. OCR appealed to the DfE and it was agreed that we would remove the units R008, R009 and R010 to ensure that performance points are available in 2017.

What shall I do about my current year 9s that started in Sept 2014?

If you have taught and entered them for any units except R008, R009 and R010 then they are unaffected and can continue to complete the Cambridge National Certificate in ICT and get performance points when they finish in the summer of 2017.

We have taught/entered our Year 9s on units R008 or R009 or R010 what happens to us?

Unfortunately these units cannot be claimed towards the Certificate in 2017. You could teach other units from the remaining strands to enable you to claim the Certificate or alternatively you could use these units towards a claim for the Diploma.

If I claim early for my Year 9s in 2015 or 2016 will I still be able to use the technical strand units toward the Certificate and get performance points?

No, your school/college will not be able to get performance points if your current year 9 students use any one or two of units R008, R009 and R010 towards the Cambridge National Certificate in ICT. Performance points for a

student's achievements are attributed only in the summer when they finish Key Stage 4. As your current year 9 students complete Key Stage 4 in summer 2017 they are affected by these arrangements.

What about my current year 10 and 11?

Current year 10 and 11 students are unaffected as they are due to complete Key Stage 4 in either 2015 or 2016, and therefore they are not affected by these arrangements for the 2017 tables. They can still choose to use these units if they wish towards their Cambridge National Certificate in ICT qualification.

If your year 11 candidates are scheduled to be assessed in these units in January or June 2016 please contact us on **02476 851509** to talk about your options

Can my students take resits in units R008, R009 and R010?

We will be allowing a resit opportunity for those students who have already been assessed and marked for these units by us. The resit opportunity for these units will be in November 2015 only.

Does it affect my students doing the Diploma?

There is no impact on students opting to do the Diploma. Units R008, R009 and R010 continue to be available for the Diploma, the structure of this qualification has not changed.

Does it affect my students doing the Award?

No, as they would only be doing units R001 and R002.

I am in Northern Ireland or Wales, this performance table issue has not affected me, can I still choose these units for my new intake in September?

We have decided to apply a consistent approach to all geographical areas and therefore students starting the Certificate-sized (120 GLH) qualification in September 2015 will be unable to choose units R008, R009 or R010. This does not affect those learners doing the Cambridge Nationals Award or Diploma in ICT.

Do I still use J810 to claim for the Certificate?

Yes, our codes have not changed.

Why can I still see units R008, R009 and R010 on interchange?

These units can still be entered for if learners are working towards the Diploma in ICT (240 GLH / J820) and we are offering a resit opportunity in November 2015 for students who have already taken the units in 2014/15 or earlier and who complete Key Stage 4 in Summer 2016.

Will the Cambridge Nationals Certificate in ICT be on the 2018 performance tables?

Tables are updated and published annually.

If you have any further questions then contact us on **02476 851509** or email us on vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk or visit answers@ocr.org.uk

The DfE will be publishing their list of all qualifications that count toward the 2018 performance tables in autumn 2015. We expect that this qualification will remain on the tables and therefore attract performance points.

Can I still move over to Cambridge Nationals Creative iMedia?

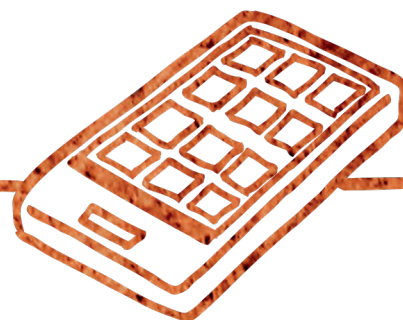
Yes, Cambridge Nationals in Creative iMedia is a separate qualification and is included in performance tables in its own right. You would also be able to teach both as the discount codes are different and both contribute towards performance points. We have produced materials that help you to move over

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The choice of course depends on what is best for your students.

We want a qualification that covers computing and programming?

We removed the technical strand of units from the Cambridge Nationals Certificate in ICT because of overlap with the GCSE in Computer Science. We would recommend that if your students wanted to study programming, that they take a GCSE in Computer Science.



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