

Cambridge Technicals

IT

Level 4 Cambridge Technical Diploma IT 05805

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1. Overview:

Centres are advised to make full use of the number of verification visits rather than wait until the end of the programme to submit all units for a candidate. Centres accessing interim moderation of completed units have found the process to be beneficial in terms of obtaining feedback on candidate progress to date and the assessment approaches used by the centre.

Centres new to the specification have found the advisory support to be useful. Full details of the support available is available on the Cambridge Technicals section of the website <u>www.ocr.org.uk</u>.

2. General Comments

Centres appear to be entering candidates who are at the correct level for the specification and undertaking units which are relevant to the candidates. Candidates have produced a variety of types of evidence based upon their assessment opportunities.

On a few occasions the assessment decisions by centres has been harsh in relation to merit and distinction criteria. This has been fed back to centres during the moderation visit and in the report to the centre.

The number of candidates taking the qualification remains small.

3. Comments on Individual Units

No issues have been identified by centres or moderators in relation to any of the units which have been submitted for moderation. A variety of evidence has been presented, much of which is related to work roles undertaken by the candidates.

4. Sector Update

The 2012 suite of qualifications will remain current for the Cambridge Technicals in IT at Level 4; there is no 2016 suite of qualifications at Level 4.

As published on the Ofqual website and the OCR website, the last date to register candidates for this qualification is 31 August 2017 and the last certification date is 31 December 2019.

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