Withdrawal of OCR Digital Employability qualifications – Frequently Asked Questions

Following a review, and changes to funding, we have decided to withdraw these qualifications.

We will continue to support and assess these qualifications up to the last certification date, identified below:

Entry Code	Qualification Title	Qualification Number	Last date for entries	Last certification date
05807	OCR Entry Level Award in Digital Employability (Entry 1)	601/6295/8	31 December 2021	31 December 2022
05808	OCR Entry Level Award in Digital Employability (Entry 2)	601/6296/X	31 December 2021	31 December 2022
05809	OCR Entry Level Award in Digital Employability (Entry 3)	601/6297/1	31 December 2021	31 December 2022
05810	OCR Level 1 Award in Digital Employability	601/6298/3	31 December 2021	31 December 2022

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 2021**.

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

   The last date that OCR will produce certificates is on **31 December 2022**.

   Centres should complete all students' assessments and submit claims at least two months before the last certification date (November 2022).

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?**

    Qualifications at Entry Level and Level 1 in this area are being replaced by Essential Digital Skills. Funding is being withdrawn for existing Entry Level and Level 1 qualifications in this area for all awarding organisations.

    Withdrawing these specific 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 if a student has completed the work but we haven't made an entry for that student by the last entry date?**

    Students must be entered via OCR Interchange before the last entry date 31 December 2021. If the last entry date has passed, please contact us.

6. **What about the mandatory tested unit at entry level 3 and Level 1?**

    Students must be entered for the qualification via OCR Interchange before the last entry date 31 December 2021. If the last entry date has passed, please contact us.

    You do not enter for the mandatory tested unit on Interchange. If students are entered for the qualification on Interchange, the tested unit can be taken on surpass until the end of December 2022.

7. **What do we need to consider as the last certification date approaches?**

    You should plan to complete all assessments at least two months before 31 December 2022. Please make sure your students have completed their portfolios of work, which must meet all the assessment criteria.

8. **Where can I find information about alternative qualifications?**

    Essential Digital Skills are replacing current digital qualifications at Entry 3 and Level 1. OCR are not offering Essential digital Skills, other awarding organisations offering these qualifications can be found on the Ofqual register.

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.