

Accreditation for Life and Living

Introduction

The OCR Accreditation for Life and Living scheme is a profiling framework designed for both young people and mature candidates with severe or profound and multiple learning difficulties. The scheme includes a range of personal, social and practical skill areas containing 'bite-size' modules that allow candidates to build a profile of achievement best suited to their individual needs and skills. It offers maximum flexibility as candidates have the option of achieving as many or as few modules as are appropriate to their individual needs. Each module is free from any barriers that restrict access or progression.

Structure

The scheme contains ten skill areas that are intended to provide an accreditation structure. There are four key skill areas and six life and living skill areas:

Key skill areas
Communication
Numeracy
ICT
Personal skills
Life and Living skill areas
The Community
Creative Arts
The Environment
Home Management
Leisure
World of Work

Each skill area contains five modules at two levels, introductory grade and first grade, which are broadly comparable with QCA's P scales and, where applicable, the Adult pre-entry curriculum framework for Literacy and Numeracy (Milestones).

There are no restrictions on combinations of modules and no minimum requirements in terms of the number of modules to be achieved. However candidates must be capable of meeting the required standards.

Form of Assessment

All modules are centre-assessed, usually by the candidate's tutor, and externally moderated by an OCR Moderator. Centres are required to attend an annual moderation meeting (organised by OCR).

Progression opportunities

The scheme has been designed to encourage progression through its own structure. However it is not assumed that candidates will start at introductory grade and progress to first grade. For some candidates, progression may be horizontal across skill areas.

Those candidates who are successful in achieving modules at first grade may be able to progress vertically to the OCR National Skills Profile scheme. For more information on this scheme, contact OCR's Customer Contact Centre on 024 76 851509.

Support

The Centre Handbook provides a comprehensive guide to the administration, assessment and internal moderation of Accreditation for Life and Living. This is available to download free of charge from our website, www.ocr.org.uk

Our website contains all the most up to date and relevant information about the scheme including the Centre Handbook and the detailed content for each module.

OCR runs regular programmes of training workshops to help tutors maintain best practice in the assessment and internal

moderation of Accreditation for Life and Living. For more details, contact OCR Training on 024 76 496398.

If in doubt over any aspect of the content, assessment or administration of this scheme, please contact OCR's Customer Contact Centre where staff will help. Telephone 024 76 851509.

Fees

Centre approval	Free
Certification	For current fees look in the OCR Fees List (A250)

What to do next?

To seek approval to offer the qualification(s), please apply on-line following the step-by-step guide to applying for approval for vocational qualifications indicated on our 'Centre Approval' webpage.

You might be interested to know that OCR staff are available to help with any aspect of setting up a vocational assessment centre. Through an advisory telephone call or a centre visit, we can assist, not only with the completion of the form, but also provide advice on the following areas:

- identifying potential candidates and marketing opportunities
- meeting OCR requirements
- identifying resourcing levels, both in terms of staff and equipment
- the documents you might need for the benefit of the candidates and a smooth running centre operation

For further information, please get in touch with our **Customer Contact Centre** by phone: **(024 7685 1509)**; email: **vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk**; or in writing: **OCR Customer Contact Centre, OCR, Westwood Way, Coventry, CV4 8JQ.**

A summary of how the approval process works is provided in our **Admin Guide for Vocational Qualifications** (publication ref. code: A850). Our **Fees List** contains the charges for centre evaluation, candidate entries and certification. Both documents are available to download from our website **www.ocr.org.uk**

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