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## QUALIFICATION GUIDE

Level 1 Award and Certificate in Skills for  
Professions in Creative and Digital Industries



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## General Information

This qualification guide contains details of everything you need to know about the [OCNLR Level 1 Award and Certificate in Skills for Professions in Creative and Digital Industries](#). It makes reference to the curriculum areas covered, identifies the learners for whom the qualifications have been developed and specifies the rules of combination for achievement of the qualifications. The guide also covers important aspects of assessment and moderation that are particular to the qualifications. The guide should be used by all involved in the delivery and assessment of the qualifications.

The Curriculum and Relationship Development Manager (CRDM) for your centre will provide support and advice on how to seek approval to offer these qualifications. Please contact the main switchboard for the name of your CRDM if you do not already know it. If you are not yet an OCN London Approved Centre but wish to use these qualifications, please contact the administrative team at OCN London for details of the Centre Approval application process.

## Qualification Overview

The [OCNLR Level 1 Award and Certificate in Skills for Professions in Creative and Digital Industries](#) have been developed to provide a flexible approach to study using a range of vocational units in the creative and digital industries combined with units in learning skills and 'green' units. The qualifications are suitable for use in a range of learning situations and lend themselves to the development of individualised learning programmes.

The qualifications have been designed to provide the study skills and introductory vocational knowledge to learners who wish to progress within the field of creative and digital industries, but who may not yet be at a Level 2 standard. This may be because they have previously not achieved at Level 2, or because they have been out of education for some time. They also include a number of 'green' unit options designed to enhance awareness of 'green' issues.

The [OCNLR Level 1 Award in Skills for Professions in Creative and Digital Industries](#) is a qualification for learners wishing to explore vocational study alongside learning skills. The size of the qualification makes it ideal for learners who are not yet ready to commit to a larger qualification.

The [OCNLR Level 1 Certificate in Skills for Professions in Creative and Digital Industries](#) has been designed to fit with the requirements of the Department for Education's 16–19 study programme initiative as the substantial core qualification element for learners who are not yet at a Level 2 standard. This means that the size of the qualification allows for the other required elements of maths, English, work experience and enrichment activities to be taken simultaneously. For further information about 16–19 study programmes, please see the DfE publication by clicking [here](#).

The [OCNLR Level 1 Award and Certificate in Skills for Professions in Creative and Digital Industries](#) are regulated by Ofqual, the qualifications regulator for England, and are registered on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).

### Qualification details

The [OCNLR Qualifications in Skills for Professions in Creative and Digital Industries](#) can be achieved at Level 1 or Level 2. For the [Level 2 qualifications](#) please see the separate qualification guide.

#### Level 1 Award

- Qualification Number: 603/2529/X
- Qualification credit value: 9
- Operational start date: 1st November 2017
- Review date: 31st January 2026
- Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 70 hours
- Total Qualification Time (TQT): 90 hours
- Assessment requirements: internally assessed, internally and externally moderated.

### Level 1 Certificate

- Qualification Number: 601/8474/7
- Qualification credit value: 32
- Operational start date: 1st March 2016
- Review date: 31st January 2024
- Total Qualification Time (TQT): 320 hours
- Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 281 hours
- Assessment requirements: internally assessed, internally and externally moderated.

### Purpose of the qualifications

The **OCNLR Level 1 Award and Certificate in Skills for Professions in Creative and Digital Industries** have been designed to provide learners with the underpinning skills and knowledge required to progress to further study in creative and digital industries and ultimately to work in this or other related sectors.

### Who the qualifications are for

The qualifications are for learners of all ages who wish to progress in the creative and digital Industries. They offer an opportunity to develop essential study skills along with vocational units to create a firm foundation for successful progression to Level 2 qualifications. The Award is ideal for learners who are not yet ready to commit to a larger qualification.

Learners may be:

- 14–19 years old in full-time study;
- adults who wish to progress to higher level qualifications in creative and digital industries;
- currently employed in a role within the creative and digital industries and wish to progress;
- currently not in employment and looking to improve their future career prospects.

### Entry guidance

There are no specific entry requirements for these qualifications, however, providers must assess the suitability of units for younger learners before delivery.

### Additional information

Indicative content, tutor guidance, schemes of work and assessment tasks have been developed for a number of units within these qualifications. These are available on request. For further information please contact your Curriculum and Relationship Development Manager.

### Progression and related qualifications

On completion of the **OCNLR Level 1 Qualifications in Skills for Professions in Creative and Digital Industries** learners will have the required skills and knowledge to successfully study the Level 2 qualifications in the same suite or other vocational qualifications at Level 2. These qualifications represent the first step in a clear progression route through vocational

learning or higher education. Alternatively, learners may progress to employment in entry level roles within the creative and digital Industries.



## Structure of the Qualifications

### Rules of combination for achievement

The **OCNLR Level 1 Award in Skills for Professions in Creative and Digital Industries** comprises the choice of one study skills unit or a range of optional 'green' units, and a number of optional vocational units. Learners must achieve 9 credits in total:

- 3 credits from either the 'Introduction to Study Skills' unit OR 3 credits from the Group 3 'Green' units;
- 6 credits from the vocational units in Group 1.

The **OCNLR Level 1 Certificate in Skills for Professions in Creative and Digital Industries** comprises mandatory and a number of optional units. Learners must achieve at least 32 credits in total:

- 5 credits must be taken from the mandatory units;
- 12 credits from vocational units in Group 1;
- 6 credits from learning units in Group 2.
- the remaining 9 credits may be taken from Groups 1, 2 or 3.

**Qualification units**

Ofqual Unit Reference Number	OCNLR Unit Code	Unit Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH
<b>Mandatory</b>					
<a href="#">H/508/0637</a>	HC7/1/LQ/013	Introduction to Study Skills	1	3	27
<a href="#">K/508/0638</a>	HC7/1/LQ/014	Time Management Skills	1	2	18
<b>Optional Group 1</b>					
<b>Sub-group A</b>					
<a href="#">D/508/1950</a>	LK4/1/LQ/003	DJ Skills	1	3	30
<a href="#">T/508/1937</a>	LF1/1/LQ/004	Develop Performance Skills	1	4	30
<a href="#">H/508/1948</a>	LC7/1/LQ/001	Directing and Devising Drama	1	4	35
<a href="#">H/508/1951</a>	LC4/1/LQ/012	Drama and Theatre Workshop	1	4	35
<a href="#">K/508/1952</a>	LC1/1/LQ/007	Explore Acting Skills	1	3	27
<a href="#">L/508/1958</a>	LF1/1/LQ/003	Introduction to Composing Music	1	6	54
<a href="#">H/508/1965</a>	LB5/1/LQ/001	Introduction to Planning and Leading a Dance Activity	1	2	18
<a href="#">M/508/1967</a>	LE2/1/LQ/001	Introduction to Set Design and Construction	1	3	27
<a href="#">T/508/1968</a>	LH3/1/LQ/001	Introduction to Song Writing Skills	1	3	24
<a href="#">A/508/1969</a>	LF4/1/LQ/003	Introduction to the Theory of Music	1	6	54
<a href="#">T/508/1971</a>	LC4/1/LQ/011	Taking Part in a Rehearsal Process	1	3	27
<a href="#">A/508/1972</a>	LF1/1/LQ/005	Technical Skills for Performance	1	3	27
<a href="#">Y/508/2000</a>	LF1/1/LQ/002	Using the Internet as a Medium for Music	1	3	27
<b>Sub-group B</b>					
<a href="#">R/508/1931</a>	JA2/1/LQ/003	Art Project	1	3	23
<a href="#">Y/508/1932</a>	JA2/1/LQ/005	Colour Theory and Design	1	3	26
<a href="#">D/508/1933</a>	JF1/1/LQ/005	Craft Design Project	1	3	27
<a href="#">H/508/1934</a>	JF1/1/LQ/003	Craft Workshop Practice	1	3	27
<a href="#">A/508/1938</a>	JF1/1/LQ/004	Creative Craft	1	3	27
<a href="#">M/508/1953</a>	JF1/1/LQ/006	Explore Craft Ideas	1	2	20
<a href="#">M/508/1998</a>	JA2/1/LQ/004	Imaging Software	1	3	20
<a href="#">J/508/1957</a>	JA2/1/LQ/002	Introduction to Colour	1	1	9
<a href="#">R/508/1959</a>	JB3/1/LQ/001	Introduction to Creating Sculpture	1	3	27

J/508/1960	JC6/1/LQ/001	Introduction to Designing and Producing Textiles	1	3	27
Y/508/1963	JA3/1/LQ/001	Introduction to Fine Art Painting	1	3	27
F/508/1956	JA2/1/LQ/006	Introduction to Graphic Design	1	3	24
M/508/1970	JA2/1/LQ/001	Introduction to Urban, Street or Graffiti Art Practice	1	3	27
<b>Sub-group C</b>					
M/508/1936	KA2/1/LQ/001	Creating Articles for the Media	1	3	27
T/508/1940	KC3/1/LQ/001	Creative Writing	1	2	18
T/508/1954	KA1/1/LQ/001	Exploring a Career in the Creative Sector	1	3	27
L/508/1975	KH5/1/LQ/001	Images and Design in Newspapers and Magazines	1	3	27
R/508/1962	KJ2/1/LQ/001	Introduction to Film Making	1	3	27
K/508/1966	KJ3/1/LQ/001	Introduction to Radio Production and Interviewing	1	3	27
R/508/1802	BA1/1/LQ/001	Marketing	1	3	27
F/508/1973	KD1/1/LQ/001	Understanding Journalistic Writing	1	4	36
J/508/1974	KA1/1/LQ/002	Understanding the Purpose of Advertising	1	1	9
T/508/1999	KB2/1/LQ/001	Using Social Media	1	1	10
<b>Sub-group D</b>					
K/508/1935	CR1/1/LQ/001	Creating and Publishing Web Pages	1	3	27
F/508/1939	KB2/1/LQ/002	Creative Media Production Skills	1	4	32
A/508/1941	KJ3/1/LQ/002	Developing Animation	1	3	27
F/508/1942	KB2/1/LQ/003	Developing Multimedia Products	1	4	40
J/508/1943	CQ6/1/LQ/004	Digital 3D Modelling for Creative Media Industries	1	6	42
L/508/1944	CQ5/1/LQ/006	Digital Graphics Editing	1	4	30
R/508/1945	CQ5/1/LQ/007	Digital Image Manipulation	1	3	30
Y/508/1946	KJ1/1/LQ/002	Digital Photography	1	3	24
D/508/1947	KJ2/1/LQ/002	Digital Video	1	3	27
A/508/1955	CS0/1/LQ/001	Game Engine Technologies for Creative Media Industries	1	6	42
L/508/1961	KJ1/1/LQ/003	Introduction to Digital Photograph Processing	1	2	20

<a href="#">D/508/1964</a>	KJ3/1/LQ/003	Introduction to Interactive Media Products	1	3	27
<b>Optional Group 2</b>					
<a href="#">M/508/0687</a>	HB1/1/LQ/063	Action Planning for own Development	1	2	16
<a href="#">A/508/5181</a>	HD4/1/LQ/028	Action Planning to Improve Performance in Mathematics	1	1	9
<a href="#">K/616/6509</a>	PA9/1/LQ/012	Awareness of Mental Health and Wellbeing	1	1	8
<a href="#">F/616/8251</a>	CN0/1/LQ/007	Collaborative Working Using Digital Technology	1	3	27
<a href="#">K/508/1935</a>	CR1/1/LQ/001	Creating And Publishing Web Pages	1	3	27
<a href="#">A/508/0689</a>	HB1/1/LQ/064	Critical Thinking	1	3	24
<a href="#">K/503/0967</a>	HB1/1/LQ/031	Developing Confidence and Self-Esteem	1	1	9
<a href="#">L/616/8253</a>	CN0/1/LQ/009	Digital Content Creation – Audio and Video	1	4	36
<a href="#">R/616/8254</a>	CN0/1/LQ/010	Digital Content Creation – Text and Image	1	3	27
<a href="#">M/508/0690</a>	CN0/1/LQ/010	Essay Writing	1	3	21
<a href="#">A/505/9129</a>	HC4/1/LQ/036	Following Instructions	1	1	9
<a href="#">H/616/8257</a>	CN0/1/LQ/013	Improving Personal Productivity	1	3	27
<a href="#">A/615/6776</a>	CN0/1/LQ/003	Internet Safety for IT users	1	3	20
<a href="#">K/616/8258</a>	CN0/1/LQ/014	Introduction to Programming	1	3	27
<a href="#">T/508/0691</a>	HC7/1/LQ/006	Note Taking	1	3	24
<a href="#">A/508/0692</a>	HC7/1/LQ/007	Organisational Skills	1	3	27
<a href="#">R/508/1542</a>	HC7/1/LQ/008	Planning and Carrying Out Research	1	2	10
<a href="#">M/508/0639</a>	HC7/1/LQ/009	Presentation Skills	1	2	18
<a href="#">J/508/0694</a>	HC7/1/LQ/010	Problem Solving Skills	1	3	24
<a href="#">L/508/0695</a>	HD3/1/LQ/025	Punctuation and Grammar	1	2	16
<a href="#">R/508/0696</a>	HD3/1/LQ/026	Reading	1	3	27
<a href="#">Y/508/0697</a>	HB1/1/LQ/065	Resilience Skills	1	1	9
<a href="#">D/508/0698</a>	HC7/1/LQ/011	Revision and Exam Skills	1	3	24
<a href="#">H/508/069</a>	HD2/1/LQ/001	Speaking and Listening Skills	1	3	27
<a href="#">L/508/0700</a>	HD3/1/LQ/028	Spelling	1	3	24
<a href="#">T/508/0710</a>	CP3/1/LQ/002	Spreadsheets	1	3	24
<a href="#">F/508/0709</a>	HC7/1/LQ/012	Teamwork Skills	1	3	27
<a href="#">D/504/8866</a>	HC1/1/LQ/020	Undertaking an Enterprise Project	1	3	27
<a href="#">F/508/0712</a>	CP0/1/LQ/003	Word Processing	1	3	24

<a href="#">J/508/0713</a>	HD3/1/LQ/027	Writing	1	3	27
<b>Optional Group 3 – ‘Green’ Units</b>					
<a href="#">R/618/3370</a>	QA2/1/LQ/003	Environmental Issues	1	3	27
<a href="#">A/618/3377</a>	QA1/1/LQ/003	Ethical and Political Issues Relating to Land-Based Activities	1	2	18
<a href="#">T/618/3376</a>	QA1/1/LQ/002	Exploring Careers in the Green Industries	1	1	9
<a href="#">F/618/3378</a>	QA1/1/LQ/004	Global Warming and Climate Change	1	2	18
<a href="#">R/618/3367</a>	QA2/1/LQ/001	Introduction to Sustainability	1	1	9
<a href="#">T/650/1987</a>	QA1/1/LQ/005	Investigate an Environmental Issue	1	3	27
<a href="#">J/505/2040</a>	QA1/1/LQ/001	Project in Sustainability	1	3	30
<a href="#">F/650/2032</a>	AA3/1/LQ/007	Supporting Sustainability in an Office Environment	1	2	18
<a href="#">T/650/2010</a>	QA1/1/LQ/006	Sustainability Issues in Industry	1	2	18

*For unit content please click the Ofqual Unit Reference Number*

## Barred combinations

**The following units cannot be taken together**

Unit Title	Ofqual Unit Reference Number		Unit Title	Ofqual Unit Reference Number
Digital Content Creation – Text and Image	<a href="#">R/616/8254</a>	May not be taken with	Word Processing	<a href="#">F/508/0712</a>

## Assessment and Moderation

### Assessment process

The assessment process for these qualifications is as follows:

- the learners are assessed through activities that are internally set by tutor/assessors;
- the activities must be designed to enable learners to meet the assessment criteria of the unit;
- learners' portfolios of assessed evidence must be internally moderated at the centre;
- the portfolios of assessed evidence will be externally moderated by an OCN London External Moderator.

There is no additional external assessment for these qualifications.

### Devising assessments

Each unit has a supplementary page with suggestions for the types of assessment activities that can be used to assess learners against the unit. Tutor/assessors should refer to this page before devising assessment tasks.

OCN London assessment guidance relevant to the units in the qualifications is in the [OCNLR Assessment Guidance and Ofqual Level Descriptors](#) section of this qualification guide. The guidance includes a general description of the activity and the type of evidence that is appropriate. The activity or activities set must enable the learners to meet the standards detailed in the assessment criteria. Please contact OCN London for further guidance on devising appropriate assessments.

Centre-devised assessments should be scrutinised by the Internal Moderator before use to ensure that they are fit for purpose. Centre-devised assessments will be scrutinised by the External Moderator to ensure reliability and validity of assessment.

### Marking assessment activities

Each activity must be marked against the identified assessment criteria in the unit and judged to be either achieved or not achieved.

Tutor/assessors need to ensure that the work in a learner's portfolio is:

- authentic – it is the result of the learner's own performance or activity;
- sufficient – enabling the tutor/assessor to make a consistent and reliable judgement;
- adequate – appropriate to the level.

Where a series of activities are set, learners must demonstrate the achievement of the required standard identified in the assessment criteria in all activities. All the assessment criteria in a unit must be met before the unit is deemed achieved.

The unit achievement is not graded. Units are either achieved or not achieved.

## Standardisation

Standardisation is a process that promotes consistency in the understanding and application of standards in relation to assessment. It:

- compares assessment judgements from different tutor/assessors
- promotes consistent judgements by different tutor/assessors;
- identifies good practice in assessment;
- promotes the sharing of good practice in assessment between centre staff.

Standardisation events should be held periodically within centres to ensure consistent and effective assessment practice. Standardisation events may also be held by OCN London and it is a requirement that each centre offering units from the qualification must contribute assessment materials and learners' evidence for standardisation, if requested.

OCN London will notify centres of the required sample for standardisation purposes and assessment materials, learners' evidence and tutor/assessor feedback may be collected by External Moderators.

## Learners with particular requirements

If learners have particular requirements the centre should refer to the [Access to Fair Assessment Policy and Procedure](#) which gives clear guidance on the reasonable adjustments and arrangements that can be made to take account of disability or learning difficulty, without compromising the achievement of the assessment criteria.

## Requirements for tutor/assessors

### To be sufficiently competent

In addition to being qualified to make assessment decisions, each tutor/assessor must be capable of carrying out the full requirements within the competency of the units they are assessing. This competence should be maintained annually through clearly demonstrable continuing learning and professional development.

Expert witnesses can be used where they have suitable expertise for specialist areas. The use of expert witnesses should be determined and agreed by the tutor/assessor.

### To be sufficiently knowledgeable

Each tutor/assessor should possess relevant knowledge and understanding of the subject and so be able to make robust and reliable assessment decisions in relation to the subject.

## OCNLR Assessment Guidance and Ofqual Level Descriptors

For OCN London's Assessment Guidance and Ofqual's Level Descriptors relevant to these qualifications, please click on the link below.

[Level 1 Assessment Guidance and Ofqual's Level Descriptors](#)



## About OCN London

OCN London is a well-established national awarding organisation with over 25 years' experience in accrediting learning. We are a not-for-profit organisation with charitable status, dedicated to widening participation in learning and training, social inclusion and employability. We are also a market leader in the recognition of achievement through credit-based units and qualifications. Based in London we work with centres both across the UK and abroad, offering national qualifications and accredited programmes.

Our mission is to provide opportunities for people from across society to benefit from learning, particularly those who have not previously benefitted from education.

### Why work with us?

- We are agile and responsive. This means you will get a personal service with direct access to a named contact and a quick turnaround.
- We pride ourselves on our close relationships with centres. The people we work with see us as a trusted partner, not just a supplier.
- We want to help you secure the best from your learners and employees.
- We have a reputation for high quality. The OCN London brand carries national recognition and kudos.
- We are flexible and recognise the importance of accommodating the needs of different learners and different learning styles.
- We offer exceptional value for money. Just ask the people we work with.
- We are committed to the belief that learning can change lives.

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If you would like to deliver any of these qualifications please contact our Curriculum Development Team on **020 7689 5867**.

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