# OCN LONDON

# **QUALIFICATION GUIDE**

Level 1 and Level 2 Awards in Developing Leadership Skills





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OCNLR Level 1 Award in Developing Leadership Skills Qualification No: 603/2689/X

OCNLR Level 2 Award in Developing Leadership Skills Qualification No: 603/2686/4 OCN London aims to support learning and widening opportunities by recognising achievement through credit-based courses and qualifications, promoting high standards of excellence and inclusiveness.

We are proud of our long-term role and unique history in providing, innovative learning solutions for a wide range of learners and particularly those who have not previously benefitted from education.

#### At the heart of what OCN London offers is:

- A commitment to inclusive credit-based learning;
- The creative use of credit with responsive, demand-led qualification development;
- High quality service and support;
- Respect for and encouragement of diversity in learners and learning approaches, partners and settings;
- The development of people, capacity and resources that will ensure effective business partnerships.

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#### **General Information**

This qualification guide contains details of everything you need to know about the OCNLR Awards in Developing Leadership Skills. 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 any important aspects of assessment and moderation that are particular to the The guide should be used by all of those 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, then please contact the administrative team at OCN London for details of the Centre Approval application process.

### **Qualification Overview**

The OCNLR Awards in Developing Leadership Skills are aimed at developing the leadership skills of learners, enriching their employability skills and personal growth.

The Awards are available at Level 1 and Level 2 to make the topic accessible to the broad range of abilities and needs.

The Award can be delivered to learners on full study programmes, particularly to 16-18 year olds, as part of an enrichment programme and in preparation for employment.

The OCNLR Awards in Developing Leadership Skills are regulated by Ofqual, the qualifications regulator for England, and are registered on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).

#### **Qualification details**

The OCNLR Awards in Developing Leadership Skills are available at Level 1 and Level 2.

#### **OCNLR Level 1**

- Qualification Number: 603/2689/X
- Qualification credit value: 1
- Operational start date: 1st December 2017
- Review date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 8
- Total Qualification Time (TQT): 10
- Assessment requirements: Internally assessed, internally and externally moderated.

#### **OCNLR Level 2**

- Qualification Number: 603/2686/4
- Qualification credit value: 2
- Operational start date: 1st December 2017
- Review date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 16
- Total Qualification Time (TQT): 20
- Assessment requirements: Internally assessed, internally and externally moderated.

#### **Purpose of the qualifications**

The purpose of the qualifications is to develop the leadership skills of learners, to apply in the workplace and other situations, thereby enhancing their prospects of gaining employment or progressing with their studies, or within their current role, whether employed, voluntary or as an active citizen.

#### Who the qualifications are for

The OCNLR Awards in Developing Leadership Skills are suitable for all learners wishing to develop their leadership skills, as preparation for employment, education, personal growth or life skills.

#### **Entry guidance**

The minimum age to access the qualifications is 14. There are no entry requirements.

#### Progression and related qualifications

These qualifications provide learners with a greater knowledge of leadership skills and the confidence to apply and develop them in a variety of contexts such as work, education, leisure, and in the community.

On successful completion of the Awards, learners may wish to study leadership skills as a subject in its own right, for example, team leadership, or as part of related areas such as business, management, or sports leadership.

### **Structure of the Qualifications**

#### Rules of combination for achievement

#### Level 1 Award

To achieve the OCNLR Level 1 Award in Developing Leadership Skills learners must complete 1 credit from the mandatory unit.

#### **Qualification unit**

Ofqual Unit Reference Number	OCNLR Unit Code	Unit Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH
Mandatory					
L/616/7524	HB6/1/LQ/003	Developing Leadership Skills	1	1	8

#### Level 2 Award

To achieve the OCNLR Level 2 Award in Developing Leadership Skills learners must complete 2 credits from the mandatory unit.

#### **Qualification unit**

Ofqual Unit Reference Number	OCNLR Unit Code	Unit Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH
Mandatory					
T/616/7520	HB6/2/LQ/006	Developing Leadership Skills	2	2	16

#### **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 information on the types of assessment activities that can (indicated as 'Optional' or 'O') and/or must (indicated as 'Prescribed' or 'P') be used to assess learners against the unit. Tutor assessors must always 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.

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 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 of 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 assessors
- Promotes consistent judgements by different 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 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 can be found on our website at: Access to Fair Assessment Policy and Procedure and 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 assessors**

Assessors of the qualification are expected to be:

#### Sufficiently competent

In addition to being qualified to make assessment decisions, each 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 assessor.

#### Sufficiently knowledgeable

Each 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 the qualifications, please click on the links below.

Level 1 Assessment Guidance and Ofqual's Level Descriptors

Level 2 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 get 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.

OCN London is regulated by Ofqual and the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education.

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

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