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QUALIFICATION GUIDE

Level 4 Award in Skills for Service Managers
Working in Gender Based Services



**OCNLR Level 4 Award in Skills for Service Managers Working in
Gender Based Services
Qualification No: 603/2439/9**

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General Information

This qualification guide contains details of everything you need to know about the **OCNLR Level 4 Award in Skills for Service Managers Working in Gender Based Services**. It makes reference to the curriculum areas covered, identifies the learners for whom the qualification has been developed and specifies the rules of combination for achievement of the qualification. The guide also covers any important aspects of assessment and moderation that are particular to this qualification. The guide should be used by all of those involved in the delivery and assessment of the qualification.

The Curriculum and Relationship Development Manager (CRDM) for your Centre will provide support and advice on how to seek approval to offer this qualification. 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 this qualification, then please contact the administrative team at OCN London for details of the Centre Approval application process.

Qualification Overview

The **OCNLR Level 4 Award in Skills for Service Managers Working in Gender Based Services** has been developed to provide a nationally recognised qualification for service managers working in gender based services in the specialised sector of dealing with domestic abuse.

The **OCNLR Level 4 Award in Skills for Service Managers Working in Gender Based Services** is regulated by Ofqual, the qualifications regulator for England, and is registered on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).

Qualification details

This qualification is available at Level 4 only.

OCNLR Level 4 Award in Skills for Service Managers Working in Gender Based Services

- Qualification Number: 603/2439/9
- Qualification credit value: 12
- Operational start date: 1st October 2017
- Review date: 30th September 2022
- Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 32
- Total Qualification Time (TQT): 120
- Assessment requirements: Internally assessed, internally and externally moderated.

Purpose of the qualification

The purpose of this qualification is to provide service managers with the skills they need to manage gender based services. The qualification aims to prepare learners for employment as a service manager in this specialised field, and support existing service managers to improve their management skills and encourage their personal growth and engagement in learning.

This qualification has been developed in partnership with SafeLives, a national charity dedicated to ending domestic abuse.

Who the qualification is for

The qualification is suitable for service managers working in gender based/domestic abuse services, or those wishing to become service managers in this specialised field.

Entry guidance

The qualification is suitable for learners age 19+.

Progression and related qualifications

The qualification provides the theoretical knowledge for working as a service manager in gender based/domestic abuse services. This will support learners in their current role and/or prepare them for employment in this role.

Guidance on delivery of the qualification

Trainers/tutors must have worked as a practitioner in the domestic abuse sector for at least three years and be competent in the areas for which they are delivering training. They must have previous experience of providing training and assessment and be members of a register of approved domestic abuse practitioners.

Structure of the Qualification

Rules of combination for achievement

To achieve the [OCNLR Level 4 Award in Skills for Service Managers Working in Gender Based Services](#) learners must achieve 12 credits from the two mandatory units.

Qualification units

Ofqual Unit Reference Number	OCNLR Unit Code	Unit Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH
Mandatory					
H/616/4743	AB1/4/LQ/002	Understanding Operational Issues for Service Managers	4	6	16
D/616/4742	AB1/4/LQ/001	A Strategic Approach for Service Managers of Domestic Abuse Services	4	6	16

Assessment and Moderation

Assessment process

The assessment process for this qualification 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 this qualification.

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 this qualification 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 this qualification, please click on the link below.

[Level 4 Assessment Guidance and Ofqual's Level Descriptors](#)

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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.

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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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