

# Qualification Guide

## OCNLR Level 1 Award in Exploring Careers in the Green Industries

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Qualification No: 610/0684/1

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- 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

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This qualification guide contains details of everything you need to know about the **OCNLR Level 1 Award in Exploring Careers in the Green Industries**. It makes reference to the curriculum areas covered and identifies the learners for whom the qualification has been developed. The guide also covers important aspects of assessment and moderation that are particular to the qualification. The guide should be used by all involved in the delivery and assessment of the qualification. The Account Manager for your Centre will provide support and advice on how to seek approval to offer the qualification.

If you are not yet an OCN London Approved Centre but wish to use this qualification, then please contact us on [enquiries@ocnlondon.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ocnlondon.org.uk) for details of the Centre Approval application process.



## Qualification Overview

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The **OCNLR Level 1 Award in Exploring Careers in the Green Industries** qualification is one of a group of Awards that have been developed in 'green' topic areas. Collectively, the Awards aim to provide learners with knowledge and understanding in the basic principles of sustainability and environmental impacts. They introduce learners to key issues and raise awareness of the topic and their role in helping make sustainable choices, thereby helping them to develop basic green skills required for jobs and a career in the green sector.

The Awards are intended to enhance the personal growth and employability of learners. They can be delivered to a diverse group of learners at Entry 3, Level 1 and Level 2 in a number of contexts, such as induction, full study programmes as part of an enrichment programme, supported internships, traineeships and apprenticeships.

The **OCNLR Awards in Exploring Careers in the Green Industries** focus specifically on gaining knowledge of the green industries and the career opportunities they offer and understanding the range of employment opportunities available in this high priority, growth area.

The **OCNLR Level 1 Award in Exploring Careers in the Green Industries** qualification is regulated by Ofqual, the qualifications regulator for England, and are registered on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF). It is not a licence to practise.

### Qualification details

This Qualification is also available at Entry Level 3 and Level 2.

### Level 1 Award in Exploring Careers in the Green Industries

- Qualification Number: 610/0684/1
- Qualification credit value: 1
- Operational start date: 1st April 2022
- Review date: 31<sup>ST</sup> May 2029
- Total Qualification Time (TQT): 10 hours
- Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 8
- Assessment requirements: internally assessed, internally and externally moderated

### Purpose of the qualification

The purpose of the **OCNLR Level 1 Award in Exploring Careers in the Green Industries** qualification is to encourage learners to explore the range of employment opportunities available in the green industries, consider their own suitability for a specific job role and create a personal development plan to gain employment in the green sector.

### Who the qualification is for

The **OCNLR Level 1 Award in Exploring Careers in the Green Industries** qualification is suitable for are suitable for a diverse range of learners, including:

- those who are interested in sustainability and green issues;
- those who wish to explore careers in the green industries;
- those who wish to gain employment in the green industries;
- those who wish to progress to further study in the green sector;
- young people aged 14-19 in various educational settings;
- learners in Supported Learning (E3); and
- adults, e.g., long-term unemployed, those facing redundancy, those with no previous qualifications or educational experience.

### Entry guidance

The qualifications are suitable for learners of all ages. No previous experience or qualifications required.

### Progression and related qualifications

This qualification provides learners with transferable skills for exploring careers and creating action plans for gaining employment in general, and specifically in the green industries. Progression from these Awards would ultimately be gaining employment (paid or voluntary) in a chosen role in a green industry, or engaging in further study in a 'green' related area.

## Structure of the qualification

### Rules of combination for achievement

The **OCNLR Level 1 Award in Exploring Careers in the Green Industries** qualification comprises one mandatory unit. Learners must achieve 1 credit from the mandatory unit.

### Qualification units

| Ofqual Unit Reference Number | OCNLR Unit Code | Unit Title                                | Level | Credit Value | GLH |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|-----|
| Mandatory                    |                 |                                           |       |              |     |
| <a href="#">T/618/3376</a>   | QA1/1/LQ/002    | Exploring Careers in the Green Industries | L1    | 1            | 9   |

## 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 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 this 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 tutor/assessors**

#### **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.

**To be 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.

## **Assessment Guidance and Ofqual Level Descriptors**

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For OCN London's Assessment Guidance and Ofqual's Level Descriptor relevant to this qualification, please click on the link below.

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



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