Qualification Guide

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General Information

This qualification guide contains details of everything you need to know about the **OCNLR Level 1 Award in Critical Thinking Skills for the Digital World.** 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** for details of the Centre Approval application process.

Qualification Overview

The **OCNLR Level 1 Award in Critical Thinking Skills for the Digital World** qualification has been developed to offers learners the opportunity to develop their digital media literacy skills and become discerning users of the internet as a source of information. People of all ages need to be able to question how the information they access reaches them and to differentiate between fact, misinformation and disinformation.

"Online media and digital literacy can equip users with the skills they need to spot dangers online, critically appraise information and take steps to keep themselves and others safe online. It can also have wider benefits, including for the functioning of democracy by giving users a better understanding of online content and enabling them to distinguish between facts and opinions online." [1]

The OCNLR Level 1 Award in Critical Thinking Skills for the Digital World is intended to empower learners to consider the validity, reliability and trustworthiness of the information they are accessing and receiving in the digital world; to be able to recognise when they are being advertised to and to have the confidence to challenge misinformation. The qualification also aims to raise awareness of the use of social media algorithms to manipulate thinking and spread disinformation which can present a threat to health and to democracy.

The **OCNLR Level 1 Award in Critical Thinking Skills for the Digital World** 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 available at this level only

Level 1 Award

- Qualification Number: 603/6138/4
- Qualification credit value: 1
- Operational start date: 1st August 2020
- Review date: 31 October 2029
- Total Qualification Time (TQT): 10
- 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 Critical Thinking Skills for the Digital World** qualification is to help learners develop their critical thinking skills in relation to the information they access and receive through digital media.

Who the qualification is for

The **OCNLR Level 1 Award in Critical Thinking Skills for the Digital World** qualification is suitable for all those who use the internet as a source of information.

Entry guidance

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 14+.

Progression and related qualifications

This qualification provides continuing professional development for learners to apply their critical skills to information they access and receive, improving their learning skills and their ability to progress further in learning. The qualification complements, and can run alongside, any of the OCN London suite of digital skills qualifications.

[1] *'Digital Technology and the Resurrection of Trust', June 2020, Democracy and Digital Technologies Committee*

Structure of the qualification

Rules of combination for achievement

The **OCNLR Level 1 Award in Critical Thinking Skills for the Digital World qualification** comprises one mandatory unit. Learners must achieve 1 credit in total.

Qualification units

Ofqual Unit Reference Number	OCNLR Unit Code	Unit Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH
M/618/3053	HB1/1/LQ/066	Critical Thinking Skills for the Digital World	1	1	8

For unit content please click the Ofqual Unit Reference Number

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

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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