

The UK's leading credit-based Awarding Body

NOCN is the leading credit-based Awarding Body in the UK. There are 2,500 centres nationally offering NOCN qualifications, which collectively certificate over 800,000 successful learners every year.

OCN NI has the experience and expertise to offer support and advice on the use of all NOCN qualifications including training in the assessment of credit and internal quality assurance.

Our Mission

"The Open College Network supports learning and widens opportunity by recognising achievement through credit based courses and qualifications." We are a not for profit organisation, this enables us to promote social inclusion, widen participation and enable community transformation.

Details can be found
at www.ocnni.org.uk

How do I find out more?

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The **Diversity** of Learning

OCN Northern Ireland offers high quality, flexible, credit-based qualifications. We work with national and local organisations to develop and widen access to high quality and flexible education, training and learning within a national quality framework.

Features of Our Solutions

- **National Provision;** OCN NI is licensed by the National Open College Network (NOCN), the leading credit and unit-based Awarding Body in the UK and Ireland.
- **Local Provision;** based in Northern Ireland we have a comprehensive team offering experience and expertise in registration, certification and business development.
- **Flexibility;** all NOCN qualifications are delivered within a credit based unitised framework, which enables learners and providers to select units according to individual needs.
- **Assessment Guides;** NOCN qualifications are built from units of assessment, which have clearly defined learning outcomes and associated assessment criteria. The assessment requirements of the qualifications are clearly spelt out in the Qualification Guides.
- **Professional Training;** we offer a range of training to support Customers providing staff with the knowledge and competence to deliver, assess and manage QCF approved qualifications.
- **Quality Assurance Solutions;** we operate an inclusive quality process which gears centres towards quality improvement which ensures that our qualifications are nationally recognised.

- **Learning and Development;** we recognise the empowering nature of learning that meets the needs of individuals & organisations. This is why we work closely with members of the Network to develop a comprehensive support programme that provides progression routes & further learning opportunities.
- **Qualifications Credit Framework (QCF);** OCN NI offers customers and providers a service that links their learning and development needs to the QCF, building a route from individual learning into national programmes.
- **Continual Professional Development;** Local & National Service; we assist providers of learning & training in meeting the bespoke needs of their organisation or their customers. Accreditation of these programmes is approved by OCN NI & is housed within the larger framework of a Qualifications & Credit Framework.
- **Curriculum Development;** OCN NI provides a wide range of support to all learning providers who are looking to build a flexible, responsive and learner centred curriculum. OCN NI works with Schools, FE, Employers, Community and Voluntary organisations and Training Organisations.
- **Qualifications;** we offer a range of innovative qualifications in the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), including the Qualifications for Progression and the Step Up qualifications available for 14 plus.
- **Standardisation;** regional standardisation events promote the sharing of good practice in quality procedures by bringing centre quality staff together to help streamline the practice of centres within qualification sectors.

INITIAL CENTRE RECOGNITION FEE - £500

This fee is applicable to new customers and includes the first year's Annual Centre Recognition Fee. It covers OCN support for the Centre in completing the centre recognition application, OCN administration to support the recognition process and associated training.

ANNUAL CENTRE RECOGNITION FEE

This is an annual fee, banded according to type of organisation:

Band A	All Non FE Centres	£375
Band B	FE Centres with 2 merged colleges	£750
Band C	FE Centres with 3 merged colleges	£1,000

The Annual Centre Recognition Fee covers: quality audit and centre risk assessment; access to a unit library; curriculum advice; national qualifications and bespoke accreditation; administration and account management costs.

LEARNER REGISTRATION FEES

Intended credit targets are based on 10-hour credits. These fees are levied at the point of registration of learners and include standardisation, verification and certification costs.

Intended Total Credit Target	Charge per Learner (£)
1-3	20
4-6	25
7-9	30
10-12	40
13-15	45
16-18	50
19-21	50
22-24	50
25-30	50
31+	50
Access to HE Learner Fee	90

LATE REGISTRATION FEE:*

£12 per learner registration.

REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATION FEE:

£25 per certificate

*Please refer to learner registration form for deadline dates.