

National Service Local Solutions



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 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.
- **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.
- **Quality Assurance Solutions;** we operate an inclusive quality process which gears centres towards quality improvement which ensures that our qualifications are nationally recognised.
- **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.
- **Local & National Service;** we assist providers of adult learning & training in meeting the bespoke needs of their organisation. Accreditation of these programmes is approved by OCN NI & is housed within the larger framework of a Qualifications & Credit Framework. All local OCNs are part of a national network (NOCN) that provides a service in the use of its national qualifications.

- **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.
- **Champion Learning;** to reward learning is to champion the efforts of anyone who engages in the learning process. The OCN NI system of accreditation & certification has been created to provide a flexible learner centred system that not only addresses gaps in the traditional curriculum through innovative programme development, but promotes confidence & self esteem in the ability to learn.
- **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.

Key Benefits for Centres

- Flexibility in delivery can be tailored to the needs of centres and learners in order to encourage progression.
- National qualifications are on the National Database of Accredited Qualifications (NDAQ) and therefore eligible for DEL/DENI funding and available to schools.
- Bite-sized learning tailor-made for your needs.
- Flexible routes to gaining full qualifications which enables learners to achieve in small steps over a manageable period of time.
- OCN NI offers expertise in unit development which is bespoke to your organisational requirements and can endorse units within the QCF.
- Professional advice and expert support in developing and maintaining quality structures to enhance learning and promote individual learner achievement.
- Qualification development for individual organisations tailored to suit their needs.
- Events promote inclusiveness and encourage networking and the sharing of good practice.

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.

How do I find out more?

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