

What can NOCN accreditation offer Employers?



Having the right skills in your workforce is essential in today's competitive environment. The National Open College Network (NOCN) is the leading credit and unit based Awarding Body in the UK. The National Open College Network through your local Open College Network (OCN) works with provider organisations, employers and other agencies to design and develop accredited programmes and qualifications to meet national standards. These include Vocationally Related Qualifications and the flexible Qualifications for Progression which allow you to map your induction and generic training to national qualification units. We can also supply tailor made units and qualifications to match the exact needs of your workforce.

NOCN qualifications consist of units of assessment, each with an assigned level and credit value, which allow learners to achieve at their own pace and build towards a full qualification over time. Each 10 hours of learning has one credit attached.

NOCN offers units of assessment to match in house training for employees, each with a specific level and credit value

The Government is driving up the skills profile of the UK in response to the Leitch Review. All employers are encouraged to make a Skills Pledge to promise that they will enable all staff to achieve a minimum of Level 2 qualification. NOCN can support you to fulfill this Pledge and meet your own needs at the same time.

Many employers are running or funding unaccredited training which is not recorded or assessed. OCN accreditation can be used to provide a framework which signposts individual employees to the training you want them to undertake, coupled with the benefits of quality assurance and transferable certification.

As you know what skills your employees need, we can work with you so that the content and focus of the learning suit exactly what you need. Programmes can cover all levels of employee training from induction to specific skill related sessions, including events for managerial posts. OCN accreditation is flexible so your programmes can be as short as one day or a longer module, with achievements recorded and certificated at every step along the way.

OCN accreditation can be used to link into and operate alongside other professional and technical qualifications, for instance, for team working or leadership skills or the development of specific topics you need at different levels in your organisation.

OCN Quality Assurance processes provide externality and nationally recognised and comparable certification. Your local OCN will work with you to be responsive and innovative to benefit your workforce whether you are a business, public sector organisation or a third sector employer. OCNs are already working with the NHS, large commercial firms, FE Colleges, the Security Industry, Local Authorities and other major employers.



Are you developing new training for your workforce?

Do you have unaccredited training?

Is your training:

- not part of existing qualifications
- in specialist areas developed by your company
- designed to cover skills gaps in your workforce
- to support your workforce in improving their general level of education or skills for life?

The OCN offer:

- Bite sized learning tailor-made for your workplace
- National credibility because units have a level and credit value
- Units in a framework to show your workforce how to progress and what is required for a specific job role
- Assurance that they have achieved at the right level for their position and role
- Confirmation of transferable skills and national standards

Why use the OCN?

- Your workforce will know exactly what the training activity is intended to achieve
- The assessment methods can be chosen to match the needs of your workforce
- Your workforce will get a transferable national certificate with clear level and credit value
- Your training will be quality assured.



For further information contact our national website nocn.org.uk and your regional/national OCN

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.

NOCN licenses nine regional OCNs in England, one in Wales and one in Northern Ireland.


OCN staff have the experience and expertise to offer support and advice on the use of all NOCN qualifications. OCNs also offer continuing professional development for staff in provider organisations from all sectors by providing training in the assessment of credit and internal quality assurance.

To find out more

For more information about what can NOCN accreditation offer Employers contact your nearest Open College Network (OCN).

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

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