



Qualification Specification for:

OCN NI Level 2 Award in Understanding the Role of a Youth Council

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Qualification Regulation Information

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Qualification operational start and end dates indicate the lifecycle of a regulated qualification. The operational end date is the last date by which learners can be registered on a qualification and the certification end date is the last date by which learners can claim their certificate.

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Foreword

This document explains OCN NI's requirements for the delivery and assessment of the following regulated qualification:

→ **OCN NI Level 2 Award in Understanding the Role of a Youth Council**

This specification sets out:

- Qualification features
- Centre requirements for delivering and assessing the qualification
- The structure and content of the qualification
- Unit details
- Assessment requirements for the qualification
- OCN NI's quality assurance arrangements for the qualification
- Administration

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About Regulation

OCN NI

Open College Network Northern Ireland (OCN NI) is a regulated Awarding Organisation based in Northern Ireland. OCN NI is regulated by CCEA Regulation to develop and award professional and technical (vocational) qualifications from Entry Level up to and including Level 5 across all sector areas. In addition, OCN NI is regulated by Ofqual to award similar qualification types in England.

The Regulated Qualifications Framework: an overview

The Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) was introduced on 1st October 2015: the RQF provides a single framework for all regulated qualifications.

Qualification Level

The level indicates the difficulty and complexity of the knowledge and skills associated with any qualification. There are eight levels (Levels 1-8) supported by three 'entry' levels (Entry 1-3).

Qualification Size

Size refers to the estimated total amount of time it could typically take to study and be assessed for a qualification. Size is expressed in terms of Total Qualification Time (TQT), and the part of that time typically spent being taught or supervised, rather than studying alone, is known as Guided Learning Hours (GLH).

For further information about the RQF see:

<https://www.ocnni.org.uk/blog/regulated-qualifications-framework-rqf/>

Qualification Summary

The OCN NI Level 2 Award in Understanding the Role of a Youth Council is designed to provide learners with the necessary skills and knowledge to undertake an active role within a youth council. It provides an introduction into the roles and responsibilities within a youth council and enables learners to plan, organise and deliver events.

Sector Subject Area

13.1 Teaching and lecturing

Grading

Grading for this qualification is pass/fail.

Qualification Target Group

The qualification is targeted at individuals who are interested in undertaking a role within a youth council.

Progression Opportunities

The OCN NI progression to further learning in this area or into employment. The qualification will encourage learners to take an active role within a youth council, providing an opportunity for young people to get more involved in solving local problems and engaging with the local community.

Grading

Grading for this qualification is pass/fail.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal restrictions on entry. However, learners must be at least 14 years of age to achieve this qualification.

Qualification Support

A Qualification Support pack is available for OCN NI centres within the login area of the OCN NI website (<https://www.ocnni.org.uk/my-account/>), which includes additional support for teachers, eg planning and assessment templates, guides to best practice, etc.

Delivery Languages

This qualification is available in English only at this time. If you wish to offer the qualification in Welsh or Irish (Gaeilge) then please contact OCN NI who will review demand and provide as appropriate.

Centre Requirements for Delivering the Qualification

Centre Recognition and Qualification Approval

New and existing OCN NI recognised centres must apply for and be granted approval to deliver the qualification prior to the commencement of delivery.

Centre Staffing

Centres are required to have the following roles in place as a minimum, although a member of staff may hold more than one role*:

- Centre contact
- Programme Co-ordinator
- Tutor
- Assessor
- Internal Verifier

*Note: A person cannot be an internal verifier for their own assessments.

Tutors

Tutors delivering the qualification should be occupationally competent at a higher level than the qualification and have appropriate experience in the area of youth work.

Assessors

The qualifications are assessed within the centre and are subject to OCN NI's quality assurance processes. Units are achieved through internally set, internally assessed, and internally verified evidence.

Assessors must:

- be occupationally competent and qualified to at least one level higher than the qualification and have appropriate experience in the area of youth work.
- have a minimum of one year's relevant experience in the area they are assessing
- have direct or related relevant experience in assessment
- assess all assessment tasks and activities

Internal Verification

OCN NI qualifications must be scrutinised through the centre's internal quality assurance processes as part of the recognised centre agreement with OCN NI. The centre must appoint an experienced and trained centre internal verifier whose responsibility is to act as the internal quality monitor for the verification of the delivery and assessment of the qualifications.

The centre must agree a working model for internal verification with OCN NI prior to delivery of the qualifications.

Internal Verifiers must:

- have at least one year's occupational experience in the areas they are internally verifying
- attend OCN NI's internal verifier training if not already completed

Internal verifiers are required to:

- support tutors and assessors
- sample assessments according to the centre's sampling strategy
- ensure tasks are appropriate to the level being assessed
- maintain up-to-date records supporting the verification of assessment and learner achievement

Structure and Content

Level 2 Award in Understanding the Role of a Youth Council

Learners must achieve a total of 9 credits, ie both mandatory units.

Total Qualification Time (TQT) for this qualification: 90 hours
 Guided Learning Hours (GLH) for this qualification: 72 hours

Unit Reference Number	OCN NI Unit Code	Unit Title	TQT	Credit Value	Level
Core Skills					
Y/508/3583	CBD538	Planning and Organising an Event for Others	30	3	Two
D/508/3584	CBD532	Understanding the Role and Responsibilities of a Youth Council	60	6	Two

Unit Details

Title	Planning and Organising an Event for Others	
Level	Two	
Credit Value	3	
Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	24	
OCN NI Unit Code	CBD538	
Unit Reference No	Y/508/3583	
<i>Unit purpose and aim(s):</i> This unit will enable the learner to plan, organise and deliver an event for others.		
Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria	
1. Be able to organise and plan an event for others.	1.1. Describe and demonstrate the skills and techniques required to plan and organise an event for others. 1.2. Summarise the planned event outcomes.	
2. Be able to deliver and evaluate an event for others.	2.1. Document each stage of the event delivery including materials, equipment and actions required. 2.2. Use your skills and techniques to deliver the activity. 2.3. Describe any difficulties encountered during event delivery and how they were resolved. 2.4. Assess the event in terms of planned outcomes.	
3. Be aware of the policy requirements for own chosen event.	3.1. Describe the Health & Safety requirements for own event. 3.2. Describe the Child Protection/Safe Keeping requirements for own event 3.3. Carry out a risk assessment for own event. 3.4. Follow safe working practices.	
4. Be able to review own development.	4.1. Review own skills and techniques used during the activity identifying areas for improvement. 4.2. Assess any changes you would make to improve/change the activity.	
Assessment Guidance		
The following assessment method/s may be used to ensure all learning outcomes and assessment criteria are fully covered.		
Assessment Method	Definition	Possible Content
Portfolio of evidence	A collection of documents containing work undertaken to be assessed as evidence to meet required skills outcomes OR A collection of documents containing work that shows the learner's progression through the course	Learner notes/written work Learner log/diary Peer notes Record of observation Record of discussion

Practical demonstration/assignment	A practical demonstration of a skill/situation selected by the tutor or by learners, to enable learners to practise and apply skills and knowledge	Record of observation Learner notes/written work Learner log
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Title	Understanding the Role and Responsibilities of a Youth Council	
Level	Two	
Credit Value	6	
Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	48	
OCN NI Unit Code	CBD532	
Unit Reference No	D/508/3584	
<i>Unit purpose and aim(s):</i> This unit will enable the learner to understand the role and responsibilities of a youth council. Learners will be required to develop a recruitment strategy and carry out a community mapping exercise.		
Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria	
1. Know how to develop a local recruitment strategy for a youth council.	1.1. Develop a local recruitment strategy taking into account a range of job roles and specifications. 1.2. Develop a local recruitment action plan specifying how it contributes to the effective functioning of the youth council.	
2. Understand the roles and responsibilities of committee members.	2.1. Describe the roles and responsibilities of committee members and office bearers. 2.2. Illustrate how committee members and office bearers may contribute to a cohesive and sustainable youth council group.	
3. Understand the principles of Equity, Diversity and Interdependence within a youth council.	3.1. Outline own understanding of the interlinking principles of Equity, Diversity and Interdependence for youth council members. 3.2. Illustrate how members can actively participate in representing the views of young people within the youth council. 3.3. Carry out a community mapping exercise within own District/Borough Council. 3.4. Develop an action plan identifying and prioritising issues of concern within own District/Borough Council.	
4. Know how to engage with the wider youth population.	4.1. Illustrate a range of approaches which may be used to engage the wider youth population including: a) research b) event management c) consultation	
5. Know how to effectively engage with decision makers.	5.1. Summarise local and national political processes. 5.2. Outline a range of approaches which may be used to engage with decision makers. 5.3. Demonstrate one approach to engage decision makers.	
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Coursework	Research or projects that count towards a learner's final outcome and demonstrate the skills and/or knowledge gained throughout the course	Record of observation Learner notes/written work Tutor notes/record Learner log/diary

Quality Assurance of Centre Performance

External Verification

All OCN NI recognised centres are subject to External Verification. External verification visits and monitoring activities will be conducted annually to confirm continued compliance with the conditions of recognition, review the centre's risk rating for the qualifications and to assure OCN NI of the maintenance of the integrity of the qualifications.

The External Verifier will review the delivery and assessment of the qualifications. This will include the review of a sample of assessment evidence and evidence of the internal verification of assessment and assessment decisions. This will form the basis of the EV report and will inform OCN NI's annual assessment of centre compliance and risk. The External Verifier is appointed by OCN NI.

Standardisation

As a process, standardisation is designed to ensure consistency and promote good practice in understanding and application of standards. Standardisation events:

- make qualified statements about the level of consistency in assessment across centres delivering a qualification
- make statements on the standard of evidence that is required to meet the assessment criteria for units in a qualification
- make recommendations on assessment practice
- produce advice and guidance for the assessment of units
- identify good practice in assessment and internal verification

Centres offering units of an OCN NI qualification must attend and contribute assessment materials and learner evidence for standardisation events if requested.

OCN NI will notify centres of the nature of sample evidence required for standardisation events (this will include assessment materials, learner evidence and relevant assessor and internal verifier documentation). OCN NI will make standardisation summary reports available and correspond directly with centres regarding event outcomes.

Administration

Registration

A centre must register learners within 20 working days of commencement of a qualification.

Certification

Certificates will be issued to centres within 20 working days of receipt of correctly completed results marksheets. It is the responsibility of the centre to ensure that certificates received from OCN NI are held securely and distributed to learners promptly and securely.

Charges

OCN NI publishes all up to date qualification fees in its Fees and Invoicing Policy document. Further information can be found on the centre login area of the OCN NI website.

Equality, Fairness and Inclusion

OCN NI has considered the requirements of equalities legislation in developing the specification for these qualifications. For further information and guidance relating to access to fair assessment and the OCN NI Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations policies, centres should refer to the OCN NI website.

Retention of Evidence

OCN NI has published guidance for centres on the retention of evidence. Details are provided in the OCN NI Centre Handbook and can be accessed via the OCN NI website.

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