Qualification Specification for:

OCN NI Level 4 Certificate in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

➢ **Qualification No: 610/2542/2**

Qualification Regulation Information

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Operational start date: 17 April 2023
Operational end date: 31 March 2028
Certification end date: 31 March 2032

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 4 Certificate in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning**

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).

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Qualification Features

Sector Subject Area

6.1   ICT for practitioners

This qualification relates to the following National Occupational Standards:

NOS - Artificial Intelligence

Qualification Aim

The OCN NI Level 4 Certificate in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning qualification will enable the learner to understand artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning and how they may be used to build AI solutions.

Qualification Objectives

The objectives of the OCN NI Level 4 Certificate in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are to enable learners to understand:

- AI and machine learning
- the application of AI to computer vision
- conversational AI
- machine learning algorithms

Grading

Grading for this qualification is pass/fail.

Qualification Target Group

The qualification is targeted at learners who wish to develop skills in artificial intelligence in order to enhance employment opportunities within the IT industry.

Progression Opportunities

The OCN NI Level 4 Certificate in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning qualification enables progression into the OCN NI Level 5 Certificate in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Services and higher level qualifications in information technology or into employment.

Entry Requirements

Learners must be at least 18 years old and have a level 3 qualification.

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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 this qualification in Welsh or Irish (Gaeilge) then please contact OCN NI who will review demand and provide as appropriate.

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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 and qualified to at least one level higher than the qualification and have a minimum of one year's relevant experience.

Assessors

The qualification is assessed within the centre and is 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 to at least one level higher than the qualification
- have a minimum of one year's experience in the area they are assessing
- have direct or related relevant experience in assessment
- assess all assessment tasks and activities

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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

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Structure and Content

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In order to achieve the qualification learners must complete the one unit - 13 credits.

Total Qualification Time (TQT) for this qualification: 130 hours
Guided Learning Hours (GLH) for this qualification: 64 hours

Unit Reference Number	OCN NI Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Value	GLH	Level
D/650/6623	CBG182	Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning	13	64	Four

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Unit details

Title	Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
Level	Four
Credit Value	13
Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	64
OCN NI Unit Code	CBG182
Unit Reference No	D/650/6623
Learn Direct Code	CY0

Unit purpose and aim(s): This unit will enable the learner to understand artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning and how they may be used to build AI solutions.

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria

1. Understand AI and machine learning.	1.1 Explain using examples what is meant by AI and machine learning.
	1.2 Explain the following types of AI:
	  a) machine learning
	  b) anomaly detection
	  c) computer vision
	  d) Natural Language Processing (NLP)
	  e) knowledge mining
	1.3 Explain two different types of machine learning.
	1.4 Analyse the principles of responsible AI.
	1.5 Evaluate a given cloud-based service's automated machine learning capability to train a machine learning model.

2. Understand the application of AI to computer vision.	2.1 Explain using examples computer vision.
	2.2 Research and evaluate the following in relation to computer vision:
	  a) an AI applications platform
	  b) a cognitive service to analyse images

3. Understand conversational AI.	3.1 Explain what is meant by conversational AI.
	3.2 Explain using examples Natural Language Processing (NLP).
	3.3 Explain conversational language in terms of its three core concepts:
	  a) utterances
	  b) entities
	  c) intents
	3.4 Explain how the core concepts identified in AC 3.3 are affected by:
	  a) training a model
	  b) prediction
	  c) provisioning
	3.5 Research and evaluate the analysis of text by a given language service.

4. Understand machine learning algorithms.	4.1 Explain the application of machine learning algorithms to the following:
	  a) prediction
	  b) finding unusual data
	  c) determining how values change over time
	  d) similarities within data
	  e) classification
	4.2 Research and evaluate at least three different machine learning algorithms.

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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
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
E-assessment	The use of information technology to assess learners' work	Electronic portfolio E-tests

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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.

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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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