

Accreditation of Distance Learning Programmes by UK Open Learning

Open College Network

UK Open Learning is a registered centre with Open College Network North West Region.

OCNNWR is licensed with the National Open College Network which is approved as an awarding body with the Qualifications and curriculum Authority (QCA). Many of our courses are fully accredited by the OCN.



OCN Credit Levels	Skill Level	Broadly equivalent to the level of study required for the following examples.
Level 1	The consolidation of existing skills, and the introduction of new skills, competences and areas of learning.	GCSE grade D-G, Foundation GNVQ, Level 1 NVQ/SVQ
Level 2	The extension and application of skills and competences and the introduction of independent learning techniques	GCSE grade a*-C, Intermediate GNVQ/VCE Level 2 NVQ/SVQ First Diploma
Level 3	The development and independence application of a range of critical, reflective, creative and problem solving skills and competences.	AS/A Level Advanced GNVQ/VCE Level 3 NVQ/SVQ National Diploma

Level 4	Learning at this level is appropriate for people working in technical or professional jobs and/or managing or developing others. Level 4+ scheme validates courses at undergraduate level with support from member Universities and HE Colleges.	Level 4 Qualifications are comparable to certificates of higher Education or first year undergraduates study.
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Accreditation for some of our courses will be provided through Study House Limited which is a registered centre for the awarding bodies listed below.

Once you have registered for your course we will ensure that you are registered with the appropriate awarding body and that your accreditation and certification is undertaken in accordance with awarding body regulations.

These notes are intended to answer many of the questions which students frequently ask about the accreditation of their course but you can contact UK Open Learning directly if you would like clarification of any points:

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Awarding bodies

All of the awarding bodies with UK Open Learning are recognised by the UK Qualifications and Curriculum Authority.

ASET:

A leading awarding body providing accredited awards and qualifications as follows:

- ASET Qualifications- qualifications listed on the UK National Qualifications Framework
- ASET National Awards – programmes designed, quality-assured and certificated by ASET with learning outcomes accredited by ASET at a level equivalent to the UK national levels as described below.
- ASET Awards – Designed and delivered by ASET licensed centres and accredited & certificated by ASET. Learning outcomes are accredited by ASET at a level equivalent to the UK national levels as described below. Students who complete and ASET aware receive a nationally recognised certificate.

ABC Awards

- ABC Qualifications – qualifications listed on the UK National Qualifications Framework
- ABC Awards – designed and delivered by ABC licensed centres and accredited & certified by ABC. Learning outcomes are accredited by ABC at a level equivalent to the UK National levels described below.

The logo for ABC Awards, featuring the letters 'ABC' in a stylized, blue, cursive font.

IAB

- IAB Qualifications- qualifications listed on the UK National Qualifications Framework



Levels of Qualifications and Awards

All of the awards and qualifications for which study house is a licensed centre are accredited according to the levels defined by The National Qualifications Framework which is the education framework defined by the three UK regulatory authorities (QCA, ACCAC & CCEA) and it defines levels of learning in terms of both academic and vocational qualifications. The NQF defines levels of learning in terms of both academic and vocational qualifications.

Level	Courses offered	Indicator
Entry	ASET National Awards	Qualifications and awards recognise basic knowledge and skills and the ability to apply learning in everyday situations under direct guidance or supervision. Learning at this level involves building basic knowledge and skills and is not geared towards specific occupations
1	No awards offered at this level	Qualifications and awards recognise basic knowledge and skills and the ability to apply learning with guidance or supervision. Learning at this level is about activities which mostly relate to everyday situations and may be linked to job competence.
2	ASET certificated AQA GCSE ABC	Qualifications and awards recognise the ability to gain a good knowledge and understanding of a subject area of work or study, and to perform varied tasks with some guidance or supervision.

	Qualifications	Learning at this level involves building knowledge and/or skills in relation to an area of work or a subject area and is appropriate for many jobs roles
3	ASET diploma AQA A Levels IAB Qualifications GOAL Qualifications	Qualification and awards recognise the ability to gain, and where relevant apply a range of knowledge, skills and understanding. Learning at this level involves obtaining detailed knowledge and skills. It is appropriate for people wishing to go to University, people working independently, or in some areas supervising and training others in their field of work.

Other Awarding Bodies

ICB

Our Book-Keeping courses are accredited by the International Associations of Book-Keepers and exam details can be found at www.book-keepers.org



Certified Internet Webmaster Course (CIW)



Certified Internet Web
Professional Program

All our course materials are official courseware and always map to the very

latest exams which can be taken at Prometric Testing Centres, which can be found at www.prometric.com

CompTia A+ and Network +



We only use official CompTia approved courseware for our A+ and N+ training packages and you can sit your exams at a prometric centre

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