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New Qualifications



We are excited to announce the launch of two new qualifications Level 7 in Artificial Intelligence and Extended Level 5 in Early Childhood Development

Centre Visits



Our Partnerships Team recently visited many of our partner centres in Singapore, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka.

New Partnerships



We have been busy behind the scenes finalizing new progression pathways with universities. These partnerships will soon provide your learners with enhanced progression routes and further opportunities.

Behind the Scenes



Our Quality Assurance Team continue to support our centres in joining or continuing their journey as an OTHM Approved Centre. We have been busy working with new centres who will provide great high quality study experiences to students.

A word from our COO

A warm welcome to our autumn newsletter.

After the summer period, we have been very busy with so much activity. Many of our team have been travelling to meet with our approved centres and university progression partners. We have also been busy with new qualifications being made available and more in the pipeline.

There is never a quiet spell for the quality team who are continually ensuring that we deliver good quality for our centres and their students and therefore we are excited to tell you about a special discount for our Assessor and Quality Assurance qualifications so do take advantage as soon as possible.

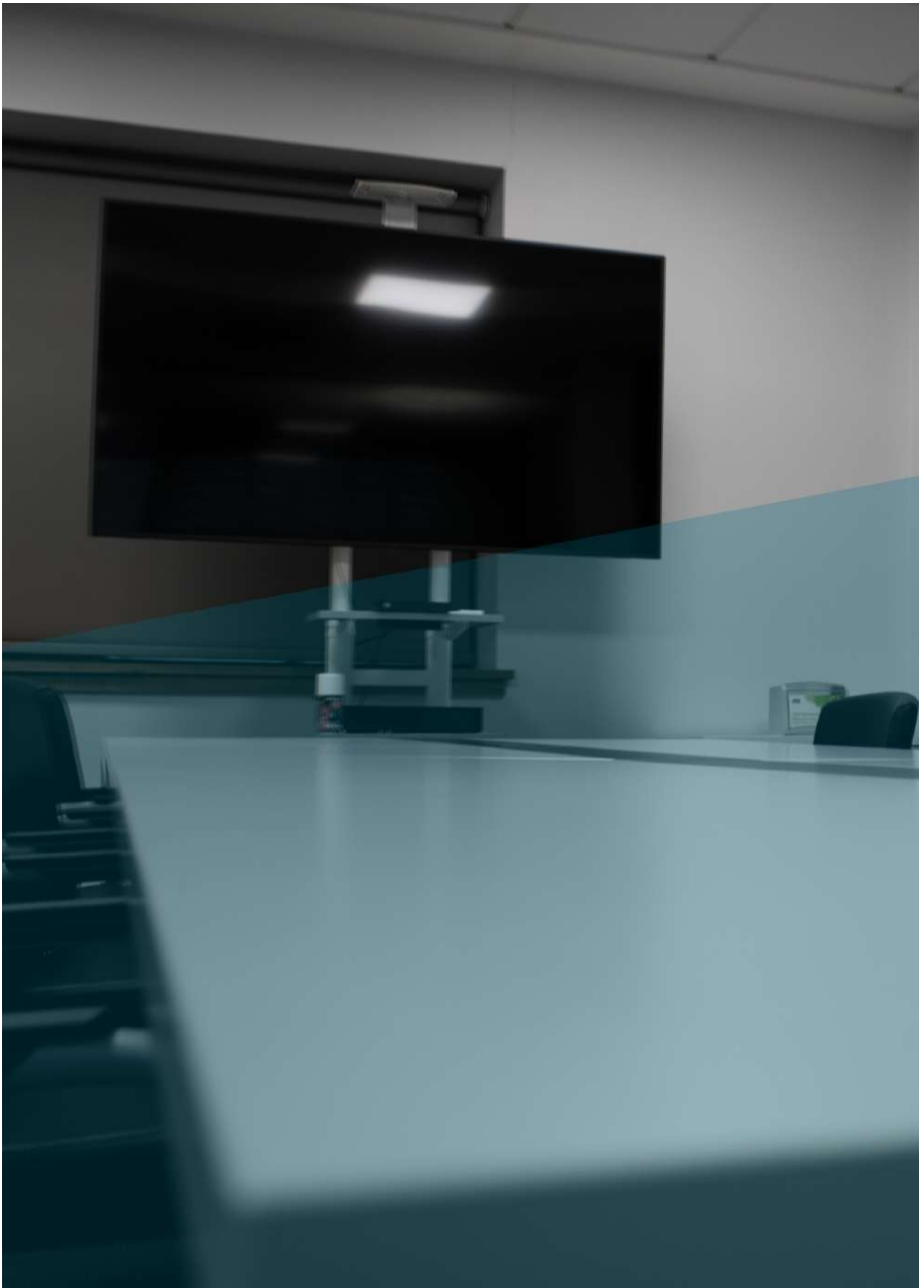
We are very proud of all students, past and present, who have achieved OTHM qualifications and programmes and are always delighted to see their achievements at awards and graduation ceremonies as well as hear how they have gone on to develop their careers. We try to mention as many as we can on social media to show case their success.

As a team we love getting together particularly where we can share food together and this newsletter is just a small snapshot of some of our activities so do enjoy!

With Best Wishes
Patricia Land, COO



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New Qualifications

Level 7 Diploma in Artificial Intelligence

The OTHM Level 7 Diploma in Artificial Intelligence is an advanced qualification, equivalent to a master's degree, that provides learners with comprehensive knowledge and practical skills in AI. It covers key areas like deep learning, intelligent agents, and AI ethics through six mandatory units, totalling 120 credits and requiring 1200 hours of study, including 600 Guided Learning Hours (GLH). The diploma is regulated by Ofqual, ensuring it meets high educational standards.

The qualification is assessed through coursework, focusing on applying AI theories to practical challenges. It emphasises the development of responsible AI solutions, addressing critical issues such as bias, algorithmic fairness, and data privacy.

Graduates of the diploma can pursue careers in AI consultancy, data science, or machine learning engineering, or continue their studies with top-up master's programs. The course also prepares learners to tackle sustainable AI solutions, aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), ensuring they are ready to lead in AI-driven industries like healthcare, finance, and technology.

Level 4, Level 5 and Extended Level 5 Diploma's in Early Childhood Education

The OTHM Level 5 Diploma in Early Childhood Development is a qualification aimed at enhancing learners' knowledge of key theories and practices related to early childhood development. The qualification focuses on a wide range of areas, including children's personal, social, and emotional development, early years pedagogy, and learning through play. Learners also explore contemporary theories, inclusion, diversity, and safeguarding practices.

The qualification consists of 12 mandatory units, accumulating to a total of 240 credits and 2400 hours of total qualification time (TQT), with 1200 guided learning hours (GLH). It is equivalent to a Higher National Diploma (HND) or the second year of a UK bachelor's degree.

Upon completion, learners will be equipped to progress to further education, such as a Level 6 Diploma, or pursue roles in early childhood education and development, including opportunities for Early Years Professional Status or Early Years Teacher Status.

Coming soon:

- OTHM Level 4 Diploma in Cyber Security
- OTHM Level 5 Diploma in Cyber Security
- OTHM Extended Level 5 Diploma in Cyber Security
- OTHM Level 3 Diploma in Principles of Aesthetics
- OTHM Level 4 Diploma in Micro Needling
- OTHM Level 4 Diploma in Chemical Peeling



Around the world in 80 Centres

Our Partnerships Team recently visited our partner centres in Singapore, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka. These visits were invaluable for strengthening relationships, gathering feedback, and identifying new opportunities to support you better. We look forward to continuing these visits to ensure we remain aligned with your needs and goals.





Expanding University Partnerships

We have been busy behind the scenes finalizing new partnerships with universities. These partnerships will soon provide your learners with enhanced progression routes and further

Edith Cowan University, Australia

We are thrilled to announce a new graduate pathway for students pursuing OTHM qualifications in Occupational Health and Safety Management (OHSM). This innovative route allows students to progress from OTHM Levels 6 and 7 into a Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma at Edith Cowan University, ultimately leading to a Master's degree. This pathway is accredited by the Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board (AOHSEAB), ensuring that graduates are well-prepared for careers as generalist OHS professionals.

Pathway Overview:

1. OTHM Level 6 / 7 Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety Management
2. [Graduate Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety](#) – 0.5 years (3 units)
3. [Graduate Diploma of Occupational Health and Safety](#) – 0.5 years (3 units) Core completed

Leading to:

4. [Master of Occupational Health and Safety](#) 1 year (6 units) Electives

Students will benefit from a structured approach, earning three qualifications instead of one. All courses are online. Attending





Arden University, United Kingdom

We are pleased to extend our range of pathway options with Arden University with new opportunities for OTHM learners to fast-track their education in various subject areas with many online options available:

- **Level 4 Psychology:** Progress to year 2 of BSc (Hons) Psychology or Psychology with Counselling (online).
- **Level 4&5/Level 5 Extended Diploma in Business, IT, Law, Tourism, Logistics, and Project Management:** Enter the final year of relevant top-up degrees like BA (Hons) Business Management, BSc (Hons) Computing, Supply Chain Management, and more.
- **Level 7:** Progress to MSc Accounting and Finance or an MBA (top-up).

Take advantage of these new routes to complete your degree pathway and to advance your career! See full list of courses available on our university progressions page: <https://othm.org.uk/university-progression>

Cardiff Metropolitan University, Wales

Students who have completed the OTHM Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership can now progress to Cardiff Met's MBA Advanced Entry (Top-Up) programme. To qualify, students must have completed the following two optional units as part of their diploma:

Strategic Financial Management (20 credits)

Strategic Marketing (20 credits)

Applications are now open for the following intakes:

Open 6: Starting on 25th January 2025 (Session Code: 1DL01)

Open 7: Starting on 26th April 2025 (Session Code: 1DL04)

To apply, use the self-service link here and search for "MBA Advanced Entry." Please note that dates may adjust slightly based on enrollment numbers.

For any issues during the application process or when uploading documents, contact:

CSM-MBAAdvEntry@Cardiffmet.ac.uk



Behind the scenes;

The OTHM Dartford team celebrating our Quality Assurance Manager's last in-office day before her maternity leave begins. We wish her and baby all the health and happiness in the world.



Meet The QA Team



Tracey Boswell, Quality Assurance Officer

Tracey brings a wealth of experience in education, computing, project management and finance due to her previous roles in schools and working for a global financial organisation. She is dedicated in working with our Centres to ensure that they are fully compliant with the requirements of working with OTHM. In her spare time, Tracey volunteers in the local community and she is the OTHM in-house baker!

Georgia Smith, Quality Assurance Coordinator

Georgia has been at the organisation for a number of years and has a fantastic overview of the company. Georgia has overseen varied roles including customer service, marketing and quality assurance. Georgia is responsible for coordinating the day-to-day External Quality Assurance activities. In her spare time, Georgia loves walking her dog and catching up on her favourite tv shows!



Leigh Eckley, Quality Assurance Manager

Leigh brings to OTHM her experience within the education sector where she worked in a variety of Educational settings. As OTHMs Quality Assurance Manager her experience is an integral part of ensuring that the interests of our learners are always being met by making sure all OTHM centres are compliant with OTHMs policies and procedures. Leigh likes to keep active in her spare time, and is a keen runner.



Ensuring quality across the board



The Registration Fee for our Assessor and Internal Quality Assurance qualifications will be discounted by 50%, from the published price, from 1st of November 2024 until 31st January 2025.



**50%
OFF**

A word from our Quality Assurance Team

"Our Quality Assurance Team continue to support our centres in joining or continuing their journey as an OTHM Approved Centre. In the last quarter they have approved many new and renewal centres offering a wide range of qualifications.

Following the recent launch of the new Level 7 Diploma in Artificial Intelligence, the team have received several enquiries. We are delighted that this qualification has been approved for several of our existing Centres. We wish them all the best in delivering this exciting, new diploma."

A Day In The Life

The Quality Assurance team covers a wide range of responsibilities within OTHM. Much of the day is spent supporting existing Centres in continuing to deliver highquality courses for the OTHM qualifications.

Often the team are in meetings with existing Centres, as well as prospective Centres, ensuring that our Centres understand the responsibilities that come from being approved by OTHM.

They also act as the focal point liaising with our wider External Quality Assurance team in reviewing and approving the learner's work submitted for final accreditation by our Centres. The team work tirelessly to ensure that the highest standards are maintained, and Centres are fully supported throughout their experience with OTHM.

This discount will be available to our Centres who are approved to deliver the following qualifications and register learners during this timeframe: For further information on these qualifications please follow the hyperlinks below.

- <https://othm.org.uk/qualification/othm-level-3-award-in-assessing-vocationally-related-achievement>
- <https://othm.org.uk/qualification/othm-level-4-award-in-internal-quality-assurance-of-assessment-processes-and-practice>
- <https://othm.org.uk/qualification/othm-level-4-certificate-in-leading-the-internal-quality-assurance-of-assessment-processes-and-practice>



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