



Summary of key changes to specification

Version 3 – September 2018

Page number	Section	Change
32	7.4 Unit and qualification resits	Update information about resits for the externally assessed unit.

Version 2 – September 2015

Page number	Section	Change
31	7.1 Availability of assessments	Update information about availability of assessment.

Cambridge Nationals are vocationally related qualifications that take an engaging, practical and inspiring approach to learning and assessment.

They're industry relevant, geared to key sector requirements and very popular with schools and colleges because they suit such a broad range of learning styles and abilities.

Created to bring together the Wolf Report recommendations and industry needs

The Cambridge Nationals in Engineering have been founded on the recommendations of the Wolf Report and created in partnership with teachers, students, education specialists, industry-leading employers and engineering professional institutions. This collaborative approach has resulted in four separate GCSE-sized qualifications that offer students a solid foundation for their future studies and careers.

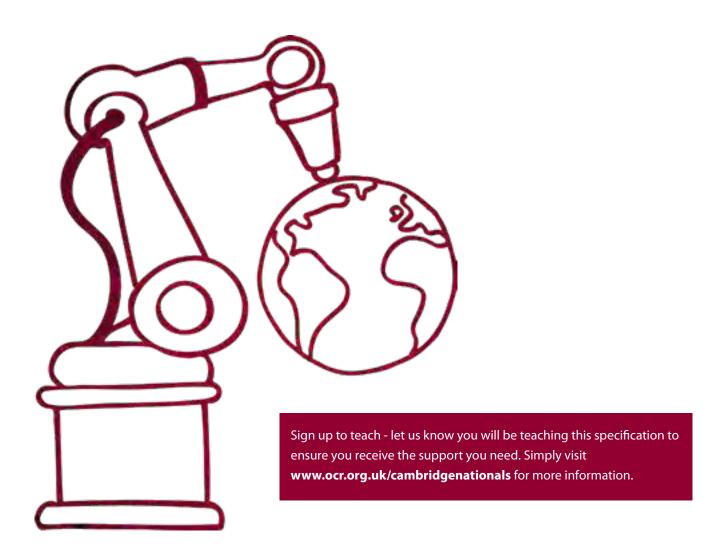
Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals – How they differ

Cambridge Nationals in Engineering are targeted at 14 to 16-year-olds in a school environment. They're available as an Award and a Certificate, with the Certificate being the same size as a GCSE. The Certificate sized qualifications are the only size qualification suitable for inclusion in the DfE Performance Tables. Details of all OCR qualifications recognised on the DfE Performance Tables can be found at **ocr.org.uk/performancetables**

Cambridge Technicals are targeted at students aged 16+ in either a school or FE environment. They allow for greater flexibility with the choice of units that make up the qualification and are both internally and externally assessed. In addition, the Level 3 qualifications have UCAS points, supporting progression to higher education. Cambridge Technicals in Engineering are now available for teaching and further information can be found on **www.ocr.org.uk/cambridgetechnicals**

A few good reasons to work with OCR

- You can enjoy the **freedom and excitement** of teaching Engineering qualifications that have been developed to help you inspire students of all abilities.
- We've built specifications with you in mind using a clear and easy-to-understand format, making them straightforward to deliver.
- Our **clear and sensible assessment** approach means assessment material and requirements are clearly presented and sensibly structured for you and your students.
- **Pathways for choice** we have the broadest range of vocational qualifications, and Cambridge Nationals provide an ideal foundation for students to progress to more advanced studies and engineering-related careers.
- Working in partnership to support you together with employers and curriculum experts, we've developed a range of practical help and support to save you (the teacher) time. We provide everything you need to teach our specifications with confidence and to ensure that your students get as much as possible from the programme of learning.
- Cambridge Nationals are **supported with new innovative support products and training** to help you get started, prepare to teach and share best practice.



Engineering Design

Engineering design is a process used to develop and enhance new products and systems as a response to market opportunities. This qualification is an opportunity for your students to develop a design specification and study the processes involved in designing new engineered products. They'll use practical skills such as drawing, computer modelling and model making to communicate design ideas. The qualification will also encourage them to consult with a client and, with its practical focus, will engage them in producing, testing and evaluating a prototype in the form of a model.

Units	Assessment Method	GLH	J831 Award 60 GLH	J841 Certificate 120 GLH
R105: Design briefs, design specifications and user requirements	Written paper OCR set and marked 1 hour – 60 marks Students answer all questions	30	М	М
R106: Product analysis and research	Centre-assessed task, OCR moderated	30	М	М
R107: Developing and presenting engineering designs	Centre-assessed task, OCR moderated	30	N/A	М
R108: 3D design realisation	Centre-assessed task, OCR moderated	30	N/A	М
Key: M = mandatory unit				

A bank of model assignments is available free of charge from the OCR website for the centre-assessed units R106-R108.

Assessment and moderation

We've introduced external assessment for Units R101 (Engineering principles), R105 (Design briefs, design specifications and user requirements), R109 (Engineering materials, processes and production) and R113 (Electronic principles). They each contain a written paper that's set and marked by OCR. The remaining units will be moderated by OCR – we'll provide model assignments for Units R102 to R104, R106 to R108, R110 to R112, and R114 to R116.

Simple and sensible certification

Unit and qualification results are awarded on a 7-grade scale with Pass, Merit and Distinction at both Levels 1 and 2, and with a new grading of Distinction* at Level 2 to inspire students to achieve more. Students' performance in the units will determine their grade and level.

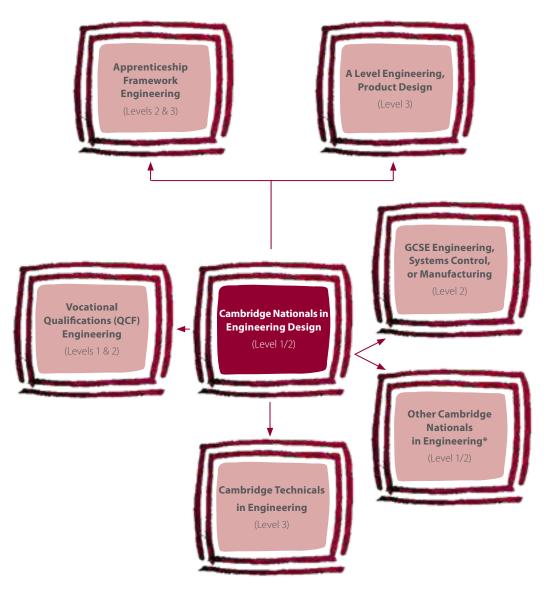
The seven characteristics for attainment tables

Seven characteristics will be necessary for vocational qualifications that are included in future attainment tables. The seven characteristics are:

- Appropriate size: the suite includes qualifications of 120 GLH, meeting the requirement for size.
- **Grading:** Cambridge Nationals are graded Pass, Merit or Distinction for Level 1, and Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction* for Level 2.
- External assessment of at least 20%: the Cambridge National Certificate (120 GLH) includes 25% of external assessment.
- **Synoptic assessment:** the breadth of the content within Cambridge Nationals ensures that students achieve a broad level of knowledge and experience which can then be applied in different contexts.
- Progression: students can either progress to Level 3 vocational qualifications or via the traditional A Level and AS Level route.
- **Proven track record:** with over 3,000 centres and over 1.5 million registrations to date, OCR has a proven track record in providing vocational qualifications.
- **Appropriate content:** the content for each qualification was developed in partnership with employers and other industry-specific experts and educational specialists including teachers.

Next steps for your students – future progression with other qualifications

Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design lead to a wide range of general and vocational qualifications for your students.



^{*} Principles in Engineering and Engineering Business Engineering Manufacture Systems Control in Engineering

OCR CPD Hub – your route to OCR's teacher training

We have now launched our new Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Hub, your route to OCR's teacher training. We can now help support your teaching even more effectively.

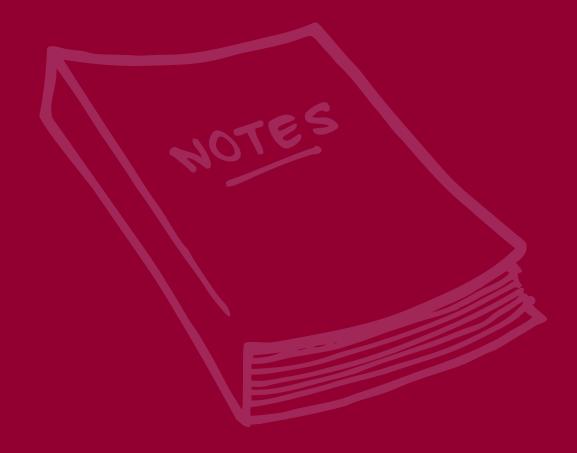
Following clarification from Ofqual, we will be offering more face-to-face training for examined units from the spring term, and we have expanded the programme of digital-based training which allows you to access training as and when you need to.

So whether you want to come to a face-to-face event, look at our new digital training or search for training materials, you can find what you're looking for all in one place on the OCR CPD Hub.

For further information visit www.cpdhub.ocr.org.uk

Need more help?

You can contact our team at cpdhub@ocr.org.uk



Learning Resources

Below is a selection of the resources we provide for the Cambridge Nationals in Engineering ...

Qualifications Calculator

An Excel-based tool to help teachers ensure that their students achieve the required number of credits for their chosen qualification and meet the mandatory requirements. Teachers also have the option to generate a personal printout for student portfolios or other records.

Progress Tracker

An Excel-based tracking document to help teachers monitor their students' progress throughout the qualification both individually and as a cohort.

Delivery Guides

Each guide contains a range of lesson ideas with associated activities that teachers can use with their students. The guide is structured by learning outcome so the teacher can see how each activity helps them cover the specification.

Challenges/Project Approach

The Challenges/Project Approach to Delivery shows how setting students a project can help them to achieve a number of units.

Resources Links

Resources Links are an e-resource to provide teachers with links to a range of teaching and learning websites and materials, including videos, data sets and other online content to support teachers with the delivery of their subject.

Skills Guides

Skills Guides are not specific to a particular qualification, but cover topics that could support a range of qualifications, for example communication, legislation or research skills.

Maths and Science in Engineering

See how GCSE Maths and Science units relate to Cambridge Nationals in Engineering units, indicating how some themes, e.g. force x distance, could cut across more than one qualification.

Unit Introduction Presentations

These are short PowerPoint presentations introducing each unit. Each will look at the skills and knowledge that students will gain from the unit and provide real-life examples or questions to introduce the unit's content.

Lesson Elements

These are task sheets with accompanying teacher instructions. Each offers teachers a creative way of encouraging their students to engage with the topic, with individual and group exercises, research activities and the opportunity to develop English and maths skills.

A quick guide to explain when and how the Cambridge Nationals resources could be used

CPD

Advice and guidance on the specification/qualification including:

- Face-to-face events
- Online training available from the OCR CPD Hub (whenever needed)

Admin Tools (AT)

- Qualifications
 Calculator (QC)
- Progress Tracker

Teaching Support Tools (TST)

- Delivery Guides
- Resources Links
- Skills Guides
- Maths and Science in Engineering

Classroom Tools (CT)

- Unit Introduction
 Presentations
- Lesson Elements
- Skills Guides

CPD

Start with the QC (AT)

Excel tool to ensure the correct units are selected for the students, including any barred combinations.

Set up the Progress Tracker (AT) Excel tool to record students' names and ensure the correct units are selected for the students, ready to start recording their progress.

Update the Progress Tracker (AT) Record the teacher's grade per learning outcome as the students progress through their units. Overall grade is automatically calculated. OCR Moderators must confirm the students' grade following moderation.

Plan Delivery (TST) Use the **Delivery Guides** to plan lessons. **Delivery**

Guides are structured by learning outcome and give suggested timings for a range of activities. English and maths skills development opportunities are also identified.

Use the **Resources Links** to check out some other resources that teachers might find useful.

Maths and Science in Engineering shows how GCSE Maths and GCSE Science units relate to Cambridge Nationals in Engineering units, indicating how students can progress through qualifications.

Skills Guides can help review/refresh skills in a variety of topic areas. See any Cambridge Nationals web page to see the **Skills Guides** PDF portfolio. More **Skills Guides** are currently in production.

In the Classroom (CT) Show the students the **Unit Introduction Presentation**. This will 'set the scene' for students and let them know what to expect. These presentations could also be used at Open or Parents' Evenings.

Lesson Elements are related to a specific unit and offer activities that help the students to understand various concepts or build on their existing knowledge. **Lesson Elements** are in two parts: teacher instructions/answers and student task sheet. Most **Lesson Elements** are in PDF format and printable, while some are also on-screen and interactive.

Preparing for first teaching

Adopting a new specification can appear daunting. There's quite a lot of information to weigh up: the demands of the course, the quality of support, and the needs and expectations of teachers and students. Here's some advice to help you make the best decision.

7 Steps to First Teaching



MAKE THE MOST OF THE OCR WEBSITE

The unit specifications will be available online. While the overall programme of study may be familiar, it's important to check each unit specification to make sure that you're happy with the learning outcomes, knowledge, understanding and skills.



TAKE A TOUR OF THE SAMPLE ASSESSMENTS

They give a clear idea about the type of tasks to be undertaken. OCR will provide model assignments for centre-assessed units (R102–R104, R106–R108, R110–R112 and R114–R116). They can be used directly or adapted to suit your needs.



MAKE GOOD MARKING DECISIONS

The specification contains information on performance indicators (which indicate the level of attainment associated with grades), marking criteria to support your marking decisions, a glossary of terms, and guidance on assessment.



GET SOCIAL

Visit our social media site (www.social.ocr.org.uk). By registering you will have FREE access to a dedicated platform where teachers can engage with each other – and OCR – to share best practice, offer guidance and access a range of support materials produced by other teachers such as lesson plans, presentations, videos and links to other helpful sites.



ENJOY SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

It's wise to review our Report to Centres for generic guidance and explore the summary of key issues from previous assessment series. These will be available on the OCR website once the qualifications have been through their first cycle of assessment.



GET GREAT TRAINING

Check **www.cpdhub.ocr.org.uk** to see if there is a convenient course available. OCR's Professional Development courses are an excellent way to get practical advice on the best ways to deliver Cambridge Nationals.



EXPLORE EXTERNAL WEBSITES

It's often worthwhile carrying out an internet search to see if there is any free or paid-for resource material available. But please always check that whatever material you incorporate into your teaching meets the qualification's assessment requirements.

OCR Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design

Level 1/2 Cambridge National Award in Engineering Design
(60 GLH) code J831
Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Engineering Design
(120 GLH) code J841

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Introduction to Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design

1.1 Qualification aims

Engineering design is a process used to identify market opportunities and solve problems which contribute to the development of new products and systems. This qualification is aimed at learners who wish to study the processes involved in designing new engineered products and the requirements of a design specification. Through research and practical activities, learners will understand how market requirements and opportunities inform client briefs and will use practical skills such as drawing, computer modelling and model making to communicate design ideas.

The Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design encourage learners to communicate and consult with a client to develop a viable and innovative product. Learners will apply practical skills to produce a prototype in the form of a model and test design ideas to inform further product development. Through reflection learners evaluate the prototype, making a comparable outcome against specification points, and assess possible, practical solutions and improvements to their prototype design.

A practical approach to teaching and learning will provide learners with knowledge in engineering technology and develop critical thinking, creativity and dextrous skills through engaging practical experiences.

This qualification can be delivered separately or as part of an engineering curriculum providing useful contextualisation alongside other Cambridge Nationals in Engineering and GCSE Design and Technology subjects. Centres with access to engineering equipment such as CAD and CNC will benefit from offering this qualification in association with OCR Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Manufacture.

This specification contains OCR's Cambridge National Award/Certificate in Engineering Design for first teaching from September 2014.

1.2 Qualification summary

The Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design consist of two qualifications:

The OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Award in Engineering Design consists of two mandatory units.

The OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Engineering Design consists of four mandatory units.

1.3 Guided learning hours (GLH)

OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Award in Engineering Design requires 60 GLH in total.

OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Engineering Design requires 120 GLH in total.

1.4 Prior learning/attainment

Learners who are taking courses leading to this qualification should normally have followed a corresponding Key Stage 3 Programme of Study within the National Curriculum. There is no requirement for learners to achieve any specific qualifications prior to undertaking this qualification.

1.5 Overview of the qualifications

Units	Assessment method	GLH	J831 Award 60 GLH	J841 Certificate 120 GLH
	Mandatory			
R105: Design briefs, design	Written paper			
specifications and user	OCR set and marked			
requirements	1 hour – 60 marks (60 UMS)	30	М	М
	Learners answer all questions			
R106: Product analysis and	Centre assessed tasks			
research	OCR moderated			
	Approx 10–12 hours – 60 marks (60 UMS)	30	М	М
R107: Developing and	Centre assessed tasks			
presenting engineering	OCR moderated			
designs	Approx 10–12 hours – 60 marks (60 UMS)	30	N/A	М
R108: 3D design realisation	Centre assessed tasks			
	OCR moderated			
	Approx 10–12 hours – 60 marks (60 UMS)	30	N/A	М
Key: M = mandatory unit				

A bank of model assignments is available free of charge from the OCR website for the centre assessed units R106–R108.

2.1 Guidance on unit content

Use of i.e./e.g. in unit content

The unit content describes what has to be taught to ensure that learners are able to access the highest marks.

Anything which follows an i.e. details what must be taught as part of that area of content.

Anything which follows an e.g. is illustrative, it should be noted that where e.g. is used, learners must know and be able to apply relevant examples in their work, though these do not need to be the same ones specified in the unit content.

Teachers will need to ensure that any modifications to tasks, from the bank of model assignments for the centre assessed units, do not expect the learner to do more than they have been taught, but they must enable them to access the full range of marks as described in the marking criteria.

For externally assessed units, where the content contains i.e. and e.g. under specific areas of content, the following rules will be adhered to when setting questions:

- a direct question may be asked where the unit content is shown with an i.e.
- where unit content is shown as an e.g. a direct question will not be asked about that example. Any questions relating to the area of content will offer learners the opportunity to provide their own examples as the unit has not specified which examples they should be familiar with.

2.2 Guidance on practical activity

The specification content includes specific requirements associated with health and safety and provides opportunities to promote safe working practice through developing knowledge and understanding during practical activities.

Care must be taken by individual centres to follow all health and safety requirements and quality assurance procedures specific to each practical activity and ensure they have the appropriate health-and-safety policies in place relating to the use of equipment by learners, even if the equipment is not specified in the unit content.

Throughout practical activities, centres must exercise continuing supervision to ensure essential compliance with Health and Safety requirements.

2.3 Unit R105: Design briefs, design specifications and user requirements

Aims

This unit provides the opportunity for learners to develop their understanding of the requirements of design briefs and design specifications for the development of new products. Through research and practical activities, learners will understand how consumer requirements and market opportunities inform design briefs. Learners will understand the overall design process through study of the design cycle, existing product and life cycle analysis, study of new and improved materials and manufacturing processes, and how these and other factors influence a design solution.

On completion of this unit, learners will understand the design cycle, the requirements for a design brief and design specification for the development of a new product and how effective research data is necessary to inform the development of a design solution.

Learners studying for the Certificate will be able to apply knowledge and understanding gained in this unit to help develop their skills further during the completion of units R107 and R108.

Learning Outcome 1: Understand the design cycle and the relationship between design briefs and design specifications

- · the design cycle, i.e.
 - identify phase
 - brief
 - research
 - process planning
 - design phase
 - specification
 - design
 - manufacturing plans
 - o optimise phase (e.g. virtual, physical)
 - model and prototype
 - error proofing
 - validate phase (e.g. virtual, physical)
 - test
 - evaluate
- identification of design needs, i.e.
 - initial design brief from the client, i.e.
 - situation and context that has led to the brief
 - needs of the client (e.g. corporate branding, target audience)
 - purpose of the product
 - functions of the product
 - o information which may inform the design brief, i.e.
 - market research (e.g. focus groups, surveys, needs of target market, changing consumer trends)
 - strengths and weaknesses of competitors' products
 - improvements in materials
 - new production processes
 - budget
- the relationship between a design brief and a design specification, i.e.
 - client provides initial brief
 - discussion between client and designer (e.g. what is possible, what can be done within budget, essential and desirable aspects, timeframes)
 - further research (if required)
 - 'final' brief from which design specification will be developed

Learning Outcome 2: Understand the requirements of design specifications for the development of a new product

- requirements of a design specification, i.e.
 - user needs, i.e.
 - aesthetics
 - ergonomics
 - anthropometrics
 - benefits and features
 - product safety
 - o product requirements, i.e.
 - function
 - features
 - performance
 - target group/intended users
 - working environment
 - limitations and constraints, size, weight, functional limitations
 - appearance
 - ergonomics
 - lifecycle
 - o manufacturing considerations, i.e.
 - materials availability/supply chain
 - ease of manufacture, i.e.
 - standard components
 - pre-manufactured components
 - design for manufacturing assembly (DFMA)
 - design for disassembly
 - manufacturing processes
 - scale of production, i.e.
 - prototyping
 - one off batch mass production
 - durability and reliability
 - tolerances
 - product safety
 - sustainability
 - maintenance
 - production costs
 - o regulations and safeguards, i.e.
 - copyright
 - patents
 - registered designs
 - trademarks
 - British Standards
 - European Conformity (EC)

Learning Outcome 3: Know about the wider influences on the design of new products

Learners must be taught:

- wider influences on new products, i.e.
 - o market pull / technological push
 - cultural and fashion trends
 - legislative design requirements (e.g. signs and symbols for materials products and safety issues)
 - o links to inspirational / iconic products (e.g. copying successful ideas)
 - Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)
 - sustainable design (e.g. renewable resources, resource depletion, energy efficiency, disposal)
 - new and emerging technologies and materials
 - environmental pressures (e.g. ethical and socially responsible design)

Links between units and synoptic assessment

Learners could use the knowledge gained in this unit and apply this in Unit R106 to influence their design ideas, although this is not a necessary requirement. Learners working towards the Certificate will gain further understanding of designing using content in LO2 of this unit such as identifying manufacturing processes and apply these in Unit R108 to make a model/prototype.

Assessment guidance

Learning Outcomes 1, 2, and 3 are assessed through an externally set written examination paper, worth a maximum of 60 marks and 1 hour in duration.

Learners should study the design requirements, influences and user needs within the taught content in the context of a range of real engineered products. Exam papers for this unit will use engineered products as the focus for some questions, however it is not a requirement of this unit for learners to have any detailed prior knowledge or understanding of particular products used. Questions will provide sufficient product information to be used, applied and interpreted in relation to the taught content. During the external assessment, learners will be expected to demonstrate their understanding through questions that require the skills of analysis and evaluation in particular contexts.

2.4 Unit R106: Product analysis and research

Aims

This unit will enable learners to perform effective product analysis. They will research existing solutions and assess the development of engineered products. Learners will develop dextrous skills and gain practical experience of product assembly and disassembly to appreciate manufacturing processes, design features and materials used. This unit develops learner's creativity and critical analysis through an understanding of the principles behind good design. They will consider what makes a good product sell by analysing existing solutions.

On completion of this unit, learners will understand how to perform effective product analysis and evaluation through research and product assembly and disassembly procedures to appreciate product design features.

Learners studying for the Certificate will be able to apply knowledge and understanding gained in this unit to help develop their skills further during the completion of units R107 and R108.

Learning Outcome 1: Know how commercial production methods, quality and legislation impact on the design of products and components

- commercial production methods that impact on product /component design, i.e.
 - o production, i.e.
 - one-off
 - batch
 - mass
 - automation
- · impact of manufacturing processes on product design, i.e.
 - o moulding
 - o pressing, forming
 - o material shaping (e.g. CNC applications, CAM)
 - machining
 - finishing
 - o assembly
- · considerations for product end of life, i.e.
 - o recycling materials
 - reusing components
 - o safe disposal of toxic and hazardous materials
- importance of conformity to legislation, quality and safety standards, i.e.
 - British Standards (BS)
 - European Conformity (CE)
 - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (WEEE)
 - o patents
 - o copyright

Learning Outcome 2: Be able to research existing products

Learners must be taught:

- research methods used to inform product analysis, i.e.
 - o primary research (e.g. physical analysis of products, questioning and surveying users)
 - secondary research sources (e.g. internet and online sources, books, literature, manuals, images, drawings)
- strengths and weaknesses of existing products (e.g. finish, aesthetics, suitability to meet user needs, materials used, durability, sustainability, life cycle, energy use, power sources)
- methods used to summarise research outcomes i.e.
 - charts/diagrams/tables
 - o digital evidence
 - sketches/annotations

Learning Outcome 3: Be able to analyse an existing product through disassembly

- the use of sources and procedures for disassembly (e.g. manufacturer's maintenance instructions/manual; follow structured procedure for disassembly)
- disassembly procedures using appropriate tools and instruments safely (e.g. screwdrivers, pliers, cutters, spanners, measuring equipment)
- analyse an existing product through disassembly, i.e.
 - o components (e.g. standard, special) and their functions
 - o assembly methods (e.g. mounting, connections)
 - o materials
 - o production methods
 - maintenance considerations

2.5 Unit R107: Developing and presenting engineering designs

Aims

This unit develops techniques in generation, concept development and the communication of design ideas using hand rendering and computer-based presentation techniques including computer aided design software.

Learners will generate design ideas using a mixture of detailed hand rendering and computer-based presentation techniques including computer aided design in 2 and 3 dimensions. Learners will gain skills in annotation and labelling techniques, such as showing key features, functions, dimensions, materials, construction/manufacture methods.

On completion of this unit, learners will have developed knowledge and understanding of how to communicate design ideas through hand rendering and computer-based techniques.

Learning Outcome 1: Be able to generate design proposals using a range of techniques

Learners must be taught:

- · hand-drawing techniques to design and present ideas and concepts, i.e.
 - o freehand sketching in 2D and 3D
 - o rendering using shade, tone and texture
- annotation and labelling techniques that demonstrate design ideas (e.g. show key features, functions, dimensions, materials, construction/manufacture methods, access to components, areas for further investigation)
- the use of ICT software to produce, modify and enrich design proposals (e.g. text, graphics)

Learning Outcome 2: Know how to develop designs using engineering drawing techniques and annotation

Learners must be taught:

- techniques to produce technical drawings, i.e.
 - o 3D engineering drawings (e.g. isometric and oblique, exploded views, assembly drawings)
 - 2D engineering drawings (e.g. 3rd angle orthographic, scale, dimensions, materials, parts lists, sectioned, relevant notes and annotations)

Learning Outcome 3: Be able to use Computer Aided Design (CAD) software and techniques to produce and communicate design proposals

- CAD applications to produce and communicate design proposals (e.g. draughting, 3D modelling, rendering, assemblies, animation)
- techniques used to communicate design proposals (e.g. display boards, models, PowerPoint)

2.6 Unit R108: 3D design realisation

Aims

This unit requires learners to apply practical skills to produce a prototype product or model using craft-based modelling materials alongside computer-controlled or rapid-prototyping processes. Learners will produce a prototype product in the form of a model and test design ideas in a practical context, to inform further development utilising more complex production processes.

Learners will evaluate the prototype making a comparison of the outcome against the product specification and evaluate potential improvements in design such as features, function, materials, aesthetics and ergonomics and make suggestions on improvements to the final product.

On completion of this unit, learners will be able to use knowledge gained to apply practical skills in the use of tools and equipment to produce a prototype.

Learning Outcome 1: Know how to plan the making of a prototype

Learners must be taught:

- · key considerations when making a prototype, i.e.
 - o interpretation of a product specification
 - o processes for making a prototype model
 - o use of planning tools (e.g. Gantt chart, flow chart, tables)
 - resources when making a prototype (e.g. materials, component parts, cutting lists, tools/ equipment, health and safety requirements/hazards, time requirements)
 - o planning stages used in the making a prototype (e.g. processes testing, evaluation)

Learning Outcome 2: Understand safe working practices used when making a prototype

- identification and consideration of risks in production plans
- production and use of risk assessments for production activities
- how to assess hazards and take precautions when using tools and machines
- · safe use of hand tools and machines
- use of personal protective equipment (PPE) during production processes
- · safe working procedures when using materials, chemicals, finishes and solvents

Learning Outcome 3: Be able to produce a prototype

Learners must be taught:

- selection and use of appropriate materials to produce a prototype (e.g. card, foam, foam board, plastics, metals, wood)
- use of tools and processes to cut and shape materials (e.g. marking out, cutting, including CAD/ CAM applications, bending, wasting, moulding, rapid prototyping)
- use of preparation and assembly methods (e.g. jigs, formers, templates, patterns, moulds, adhesives, temporary and permanent fixings)
- methods of recording key stages of making the prototype (e.g. note taking, keeping a production diary, photography capturing different stages of production, recording problems, technical difficulties and solutions)

Learning Outcome 4: Be able to evaluate the success of a prototype

- how to evaluate a prototype, i.e.
 - o comparison of prototype and production plan against product specification
 - o potential improvements in design, i.e.
 - features
 - function
 - materials
 - aesthetics
 - ergonomics
 - modelling and prototyping processes
 - alternative manufacturing techniques
- how to evaluate own performance, i.e.
 - management of time and resources
 - o planning and preparation
 - o precision and accuracy achieved in making processes
 - o quality of outcome

3.1 Overview of the assessment in the Cambridge National Award/Certificate in Engineering Design

Entry code	Qualification title	GLH	Reference
J831	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Award in Engineering Design	60	

Made up of:

Units R105 and R106.

J841	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Engineering	120	
	Design	120	

Made up of:

Units R105, R106, R107 and R108.

Individual unit details below:

Unit R105: Design briefs, design specifications and user requirements

30 GLH

1 hour written paper

60 marks (60 UMS)

OCR set and marked

This question paper:

- comprises short answer and extended response questions
- assesses the quality of written communication.

Unit R106: Product analysis and research

30 GLH

Centre assessed tasks

60 marks (60 UMS)

Centre assessed and OCR moderated

The centre assessed tasks:

 will be practical tasks in the context of an assignment, selected from the OCR bank of model assignments.

Unit R107: Developing and presenting engineering designs

30 GLH

Centre assessed tasks

60 marks (60 UMS)

Centre assessed and OCR moderated

The centre assessed tasks:

 will be practical tasks in the context of an assignment, selected from the OCR bank of model assignments.

Unit R108: 3D design realisation

30 GLH

Centre assessed tasks

60 marks (60 UMS)

Centre assessed and OCR moderated

The centre assessed tasks:

 will be practical tasks in the context of an assignment, selected from the OCR bank of model assignments. A bank of model assignments is available free of charge from the OCR website for the centre assessed units R106–R108.

To claim the Level 1/2 Cambridge National Award (60 GLH) qualification learners must complete Units R105 and R106.

To claim the Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate (120 GLH) qualification learners must complete Units R105, R106, R107 and R108.

3.2 Links between units and synoptic assessment

The Department for Education (DfE) requires qualifications to provide evidence of synoptic assessment that demonstrates pupils' broad understanding of what they have studied in their courses, in order to be counted in the school attainment tables.

This qualification is designed with that requirement in mind. It has been written in a way that allows learners to sequentially build up their knowledge, understanding and skills between the mandatory units R105 and R106 and their chosen optional units over the course of their programme of learning, which will support them in the assessment of their mandatory and optional units.

While we will not prescribe in which order the units are assessed, it is important to be aware of the links between units and the requirement for synoptic assessment so that the teaching, learning and assessment can be planned accordingly, then when being assessed learners can apply their learning in ways which show they are able to make connections across the qualification.

Synoptic assessment is included between units R105 and all other units. This specification will support synoptic assessment by:

- showing teaching and learning links between the units across the specification
- giving guidance, with the marking criteria for the optional units, about where learners could apply the knowledge and understanding from the core units to improve their performance

This qualification supports synoptic learning and assessment by employing the following principles:

- to enable learners to demonstrate an ability to use and apply a range of different methods and/or techniques
- to provide assessment that encourages learners to put forward different ideas and/or explanations to support decisions they have made
- to develop learners' ability to suggest or apply different approaches to contexts and situations
- to develop and assess learners' use of transferable skills
- to enable learners to demonstrate analytical and interpretation skills (of situations and/or results) and the ability to formulate valid well-argued responses
- to enable learners to evaluate and justify their decisions, choices and recommendations.

3.3 Grading and awarding grades

All results are awarded on the following scale:

- Distinction* at Level 2 (*2)
- Distinction at Level 2 (D2)
- Merit at Level 2 (M2)
- Pass at Level 2 (P2)

- Distinction at Level 1 (D1)
- Merit at Level 1 (M1)
- Pass at Level 1 (P1)

The shortened format of the grade will be displayed on Interchange and some administrative documents provided by OCR. However the full format of the grade will appear on the certificates issued to learners.

The boundaries for Distinction at Level 2, Pass at Level 2, and Pass at Level 1 are set judgementally. Other grade boundaries are set arithmetically.

The Merit (Level 2) is set at half the distance between the Pass (Level 2) grade and the Distinction (Level 2) grade. Where the gap does not divide equally, the Merit (Level 2) boundary is set at the lower mark (e.g. 45.5 would be rounded down to 45).

The Distinction* (Level 2) grade is normally located as far above Distinction (Level 2) as Merit (Level 2) is below Distinction (Level 2).

To set the Distinction (Level 1) and Merit (Level 1) boundaries, the gap between the Pass (Level 1) grade and the Pass (Level 2) grade is divided by 3, and the boundaries set equidistantly. Where this division leaves a remainder of 1, this extra mark will be added to the Distinction (Level 1)-Pass (Level 2) interval (i.e. the Distinction (Level 1) boundary will be lowered by 1 mark). Where this division leaves a remainder of 2, the extra marks will be added to the Distinction (Level 1)-Pass (Level 2) interval, and the Merit (Level 1)-Distinction (Level 1) interval, i.e. the Distinction (Level 1) boundary will be lowered by 1 mark, and the Merit (Level 1) boundary will be lowered by 1 mark.

For example, if Pass (Level 2) is set judgementally at 59, and Pass (Level 1) is set judgementally at 30, then Distinction (Level 1) is set at 49, and Merit (Level 1) is set at 39.

Grades are indicated on qualification certificates. However, results for learners who fail to achieve the minimum grade (Pass at Level 1) will be recorded as *unclassified* (U or u) and this is **not** certificated.

These qualifications are unitised schemes. Learners can take units across several different series.

They can also resit units or choose from optional units available. Please refer to section 7.4 *Unit and qualification resits*. When working out learners' overall grades OCR needs to be able to compare performance on the same unit in different series when different grade boundaries may have been set, and between different units. OCR uses a Uniform Mark Scale to enable this to be done.

A learner's uniform mark for each unit is calculated from the learner's raw mark on that unit. The raw mark boundary marks are converted to the equivalent uniform mark boundary. Marks between grade boundaries are converted on a pro rata basis.

When unit results are issued, the learner's unit grade and uniform mark are given. The uniform mark is shown out of the maximum uniform mark for the unit, e.g. 40/60.

The uniform mark boundaries for each of the assessments are shown below:

Max Unit									
Unit GLH	Uniform Mark	distinction* at L2	distinction at L2	merit at L2	pass at L2	distinction at L1	merit at L1	pass at L1	u
30	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0

The learner's uniform mark for Unit R105 will be combined with the uniform mark for the centre assessed units to give a total uniform mark for the qualification. The learner's overall grade will be determined by the total uniform mark. The following table shows the minimum total mark for each overall grade:

	Max			Qualific	ation G	rade			
Qualification	Uniform Mark	Distinction* at L2	Distinction at L2	Merit at L2	Pass at L2	Distinction at L1	Merit at L1	Pass at L1	U
Award	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	0
Certificate	240	216	192	168	144	120	96	72	0

3.4 Performance descriptors

The performance descriptors indicate the level of attainment associated with Distinction at Level 2, Pass at Level 2 and Pass at Level 1. They are for use at awarding meetings. They give a general indication of the levels of attainment likely to be shown by a representative learner performing at these boundaries.

Performance descriptor – Distinction at Level 2

Learners will be able to:

- recall, select and apply detailed knowledge and thorough understanding of engineering
- present information clearly and accurately, using a wide range of technical language and engineering terminology
- apply relevant knowledge, understanding and skills in a range of situations to plan and carry out investigations and tasks effectively, testing their solutions, and working safely and with a high degree of precision
- analyse and evaluate the evidence available, reviewing and adapting their methods where appropriate
- make reasoned judgements and substantiated conclusions
- work confidently and independently to create material which reflects thoughtful planning, skilled development and perceptive evaluation as well as actively demonstrating practical skills at a high level.

Performance descriptor - Pass at Level 2

Learners will be able to:

- recall, select and apply sound knowledge and understanding of engineering
- present information clearly and with some accuracy, using a range of technical language and engineering terminology
- apply knowledge, understanding and skills in a **range** of situations to plan and carry out investigations and tasks, testing their solutions, and working safely and with **precision**
- review evidence available, analysing and evaluating some information clearly and making some basic adaptations to their methods
- make judgements and draw appropriate conclusions
- work with independence to create material which reflects effective planning, development and evaluation and an ability to demonstrate sound practical skills.

Performance descriptor – Pass at Level 1

Learners will be able to:

- recall, select and apply knowledge and understanding of basic aspects of engineering
- present basic information, using limited engineering terminology
- apply **limited** knowledge, understanding and skills to plan and carry out **simple** investigations and tasks, with an awareness of the need for safety and precision
- review evidence and draw basic conclusions
- show some evidence of independent work to create material which demonstrates a degree of planning, development and evaluation and limited practical skills.

3.5 Quality of written communication

Quality of written communication (QWC) is assessed in the mandatory externally assessed unit.

Learners are expected to:

- ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear
- present information in a form that suits its purpose
- use a suitable structure and style of writing
- use specialist terminology, where applicable.

QWC is integrated into mark schemes and therefore assessed qualitatively, as an integral part of extended response questions.

The centre assessed units (R106-R108)

This section provides guidance on the completion of the centre assessed units.

4.1 The centre assessed units

Each of the centre assessed units (R106–R108) is designed to provide learners with the opportunity to build a portfolio of evidence to meet the learning outcomes for that unit.

We recommend that teaching and development of subject content and associated skills be referenced to real vocational situations, through the utilisation of appropriate industrial contact, vocationally experienced delivery personnel, and real life case studies.

Units R106–R108 are centre assessed and externally moderated by OCR. Centres can choose whether they would like moderation via the OCR Repository or postal moderation.

Appendix B of this specification contains assessment guidance for the centre assessed units, which should be referred to in conjunction with the unit content and marking criteria grids to inform delivery of the units. The assessment guidance aims to provide clarification regarding the scope of the learning required in specific areas of the units where this is felt to be beneficial.

4.2 Tasks for the centre assessed units

4.2.1 Units R106-R108

A bank of model assignments is provided by OCR for units R106–R108. Centres must select from the model assignments provided to use when assessing their learners. The assignments will be available free of charge from the OCR website. Learners are able to work on the tasks anytime until the date the centre collects the work for internal assessment. OCR will review the model assignments annually which may result in an assignment being withdrawn and replaced. It is up to the centre to check the OCR website to see which model assignments are available to be used. We will give approximately 12 months' notice if a model assignment is to be withdrawn and replaced so that we do not disadvantage any learners who have already started working on an assignment that is to be replaced.

Centres can make modifications to the model assignments that OCR provides so that the assignment can be put within a local context that learners might relate to more easily, or to allow for differences in the materials, equipment and facilities at different centres. Guidance on what can be modified is given in each assignment in the section Information for Teachers under *Scope of permitted model assignment modification*. If modifications are made to the model assignment, whether to just the scenario or to both the scenario and tasks, it is up to the centre to ensure that all learning outcomes can be met and that learners can access the full range of marks.

The duration of the assessment for centre assessed units is included in the guided learning hours for the unit. Guidance will be given within the section "Information for Teachers" in each model assignment as to approximately how long learners should expect to spend on each task.

The OCR model assignments are provided for summative assessment and not as practice materials.

Teachers must ensure learners are clear about the tasks they are to undertake and the criteria which they are expected to meet.

4.2.2 Methods of assessment

It is the assessor's responsibility to choose the best method of assessing a learner in relation to their individual circumstances. The methods chosen must be:

- valid
- reliable
- safe and manageable and
- suitable to the needs of the learner.

Valid

Validity can be compromised if a learner does not understand what is required of them. For example, one valid method of assessing a learner's knowledge and understanding is to question them. If the questions posed are difficult for the learner to understand (not in terms of the content but the way they are phrased, for example) the validity of the assessment method is questionable.

As well as assessment methods being valid, the evidence presented must also be valid. For example, it would not be appropriate to present an organisation's equal opportunities policy as evidence towards a learner's understanding of how the equal opportunities policy operates within the organisation. It would be more appropriate for the learner to incorporate the policy within a report describing different approaches to equal opportunities.

Reliable

A reliable method of assessment will produce consistent results for different assessors on each assessment occasion. Internal moderators must make sure that all assessors' decisions are consistent.

Safe and manageable

Assessors and internal moderators must make sure that the assessment methods are safe and manageable and do not put unnecessary demands on the learner.

Suitable to the needs of the learner

OCR is committed to ensuring that achievement of these awards is free from unnecessary barriers. Centres must follow this commitment through when designing tasks and/or considering assessment.

4.3 Completing the tasks (for units R106–R108)

Teachers/assessors are expected to supervise and guide learners when undertaking work that is centre assessed. It should be remembered, however, that the final pieces of work must be produced solely by the individual learner.

When supervising tasks, teachers/assessors are expected to:

- exercise continuing supervision of work in order to monitor progress and to prevent plagiarism
- exercise continuing supervision of practical work to ensure essential compliance with Health and Safety requirements
- ensure that the work is completed in accordance with the specification requirements and can be assessed in accordance with the specified marking criteria and procedures.

Centre assessed work should be completed in the course of normal curriculum time, and supervised and marked by the teacher/assessor. Some of the work, by its very nature, may be undertaken outside the centre, for example, research work, testing etc. As with all centre assessed work, the teacher must be satisfied that the work submitted for assessment is the learner's own.

Learners are free to revise and redraft work without teacher/assessor involvement before submitting the work for assessment. The advice provided prior to final submission should only enable the learner to take the initiative in making amendments, rather than detailing what amendments should be made. This means that teachers/assessors must not provide templates, model answers or detail specifically what amendments should be made.

Adding, amending or removing any work after it has been submitted for final assessment will constitute malpractice.

4.3.1 Presentation of the final piece of work

Learners must observe the following procedures when producing their final piece of work for the centre assessed tasks:

- work can be word processed or handwritten
- tables and graphs (if relevant) may be produced using appropriate ICT
- any copied material must be suitably acknowledged
- quotations must be clearly marked and a reference provided wherever possible
- a completed cover sheet must be attached to work submitted for moderation. The cover sheet must include the following information as well as the marks given for each of the assessment criteria:
 - centre number
 - centre name
 - candidate number
 - candidate name
 - unit code and title
 - assignment title.

4.4 Marking and moderating centre assessed units

All centre assessed units are internally marked by centre staff using OCR marking criteria and guidance and externally moderated by the OCR-appointed moderator.

The centre is responsible for appointing someone to act as the assessor. This could be the teacher who has delivered the programme or another person from the centre.

The marking criteria must be used to mark the learner's work. These specify the levels of skills, knowledge and understanding that the learner is required to demonstrate.

The primary evidence for assessment is the work submitted by the learner, however the following assessment methods are considered suitable for teachers/assessors to adopt for these qualifications:

- observation of a learner performing a task
- questioning of the learner or witness.

Observation

The teacher/assessor and learner should plan observations together but it is the teacher's/assessor's responsibility to record the observation properly (for example observing a learner undertaking a practical task). Further guidance on recording observations can be found in *Appendix A – guidance on witness statements*.

Questioning

Questioning the learner is normally an ongoing part of the formative assessment process, and may in some circumstances, provide evidence to support achievement of learning outcomes.

Questioning is often used to:

- test a learner's understanding of work which has been completed outside of the classroom
- check if a learner understands the work they have undertaken
- collect information on the type and purpose of the processes a learner has gone through.

If questioning is to be used as evidence towards achievement of specific learning outcomes, it is important that teachers/assessors record enough information about what they asked and how the learner replied, to allow the assessment decision to be moderated.

Questioning witnesses is normally an ongoing part of validating written witness statements. However, questioning witnesses can be used for other purposes. Teachers/assessors should be able to speak to witnesses and record, in whatever way is suitable, the verbal statements of these witnesses. A record of a verbal statement is a form of witness statement and could provide valuable evidence. Further guidance on the use of witness statements can be found in **Appendix A**.

4.4.1 Use of a 'best fit' approach to marking criteria

The assessment tasks should be marked by teachers/assessors according to the OCR marking criteria using a 'best fit' approach. For each of the marking criteria, teachers/assessors select the band descriptor provided in the marking grid that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked.

A range of marks is allocated to each learning outcome. Where marks are allocated to a number of statements within a learning outcome, marks should be awarded using a 'best fit' approach. For each of the learning outcomes, one of the descriptors provided in the mark scheme that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked should be selected.

Marking should be positive, rewarding achievement rather than penalising failure or omissions.

The award of marks **must be** directly related to the marking criteria.

- Each band descriptor covers all the relevant content for the learning outcomes.
- The descriptors should be read and applied as a whole.
- Make a best fit match between the answer and the band descriptors.
- An answer does not have to meet all of the requirements of a band descriptor before being placed in that band. It will be placed in a particular band when it meets more of the requirements of that band than it meets the requirements of other bands.

• Where there is more than one strand within the band descriptors for a learning outcome and a strand has not been addressed at all, it is still possible for the answer to be credited within that mark band depending upon the evidence provided for the remaining strands. The answer should be placed in the mark band most closely reflecting the standard achieved across all strands within the band descriptors for a learning outcome; however in this scenario, the mark awarded for that band should reflect that a strand has not been addressed.

When deciding the mark within a band, the following criteria should be applied:

the extent to which the statements within the band have been achieved.

For example:

- an answer that convincingly meets nearly all of the requirements of a band descriptor should be placed at or near the top of that band. Where the learner's work *convincingly* meets the statements, the highest mark should be awarded
- an answer that meets many of the requirements of the band descriptor should be placed in the middle of the band. Where the learner's work *adequately* meets the statements, the most appropriate mark in the middle range should be awarded
- if an answer is on the border-line between two bands but it is decided that it fits better the descriptors for the lower of these two bands, then it should be placed near the top of that band. Where the learner's work *just* meets the statements for the higher band, the lowest mark for that band should be awarded.

Teachers/assessors should use the full range of marks available to them and award full marks in any band for work that fully meets that descriptor. This is work that is 'the best one could expect from learners working at that level'.

4.4.2 Annotation of learners' work

Each piece of internally assessed work should show how the marks have been awarded in relation to the marking criteria.

The writing of comments on learners' work, and cover sheet, provides a means of communication between teachers during the internal standardisation and with the moderator if the work forms part of the moderation sample.

4.5 Authentication

Teachers/assessors must be confident that the work they mark is the learner's own. This does not mean that a learner must be supervised throughout the completion of all work, but the teacher must exercise sufficient supervision, or introduce sufficient checks, to be in a position to judge the authenticity of the learner's work.

Wherever possible, the teacher should discuss work-in-progress with learners. This will not only ensure that work is underway in a planned and timely manner, but will also provide opportunities for teachers/assessors to check authenticity of the work.

Learners must not plagiarise. Plagiarism is the submission of another's work as one's own and/or failure to acknowledge the source correctly. Plagiarism is considered to be malpractice and could lead to the learner being disqualified. Plagiarism sometimes occurs innocently when learners are unaware

of the need to reference or acknowledge their sources. It is therefore important that centres ensure that learners understand that the work they submit must be their own and that they understand the meaning of plagiarism and what penalties may be applied. Learners may refer to research, quotations or evidence but they must list their sources. The rewards from acknowledging sources, and the credibility they will gain from doing so, should be emphasised to learners as well as the potential risks of failing to acknowledge such material.

Candidates' work must be authenticated as follows:

- Each learner must sign a declaration before submitting their work to their teacher. A learner authentication statement that can be used is available to download from the OCR website. These statements should be retained within the centre until all enquiries about results, malpractice and appeals issues have been resolved. A mark of zero must be recorded if a learner cannot confirm the authenticity of their work.
- Centres must confirm to OCR that the evidence produced by learners is authentic. Teachers
 are required to declare that the work submitted for centre assessment is the learner's own work
 by completing a Centre Authentication Form for each unit. If a centre fails to provide evidence of
 authentication, we will set the mark for the learner(s) concerned to Pending (Q) for that unit
 until authentication can be provided. The Centre Authentication Form is available to download
 from the OCR website and includes a declaration which teachers must sign.

4.5.1 Internal standardisation

It is important that all teachers/assessors work to common standards. Centres must ensure that, within each unit, the internal standardisation of marks across teachers/assessors and teaching groups takes place using an appropriate procedure.

This can be done in a number of ways. In the first year, reference material and OCR training meetings will provide a basis for centres' own standardisation. In subsequent years, this, or centres' own archive material, may be used. Centres are advised to hold preliminary meetings of staff involved to compare standards through cross-marking a small sample of work. After most marking has been completed, a further meeting at which work is exchanged and discussed will enable final adjustments to be made.

4.5.2 Submitting marks

All work for centre assessment is marked by the teacher and internally standardised by the centre. Marks are then submitted to OCR; see Section 4.6 for submission dates of the marks to OCR.

There should be clear evidence that work has been attempted and some work produced. If a learner submits no work for a centre assessed unit, then the learner should be indicated as being absent from that unit. If a learner completes any work at all for a centre assessed unit, then the work should be assessed according to the marking criteria and the appropriate mark awarded, which may be zero.

4.6 Moderation

The purpose of external moderation is to ensure that the standard of marking is the same for each centre and to ensure that internal standardisation has taken place.

Centres can select from:

- Moderated via OCR Repository (see section 4.6.1)
- Moderated via postal moderation (see section 4.6.2)

The deadline dates for entries and submission of marks for each moderation method are detailed below. Centres must ensure when selecting a moderation method that the appropriate entry and marks submission deadlines can be adhered to.

Moderation method	Januar	y series	June	series	November series (2015 onwards)		
	Entries	Marks	Entries	Marks	Entries	Marks	
Moderated via OCR Repository	21 st Oct	10 th Jan	21 st Feb	15 th May	4 th Oct	5 th Nov	
Moderated via postal moderation	21 st Oct	10 th Jan	21 st Feb	15 th May	4 th Oct	5 th Nov	

When making your entries, the entry option specifies how the work is going to be moderated.

For each unit, you must choose the same moderation method for all learners (i.e. **all** learners for that unit in that series must be entered using the same entry option). However, you can choose different moderation methods for different units and in different series.

Sample requests

Once you have submitted your marks, your exams officer will receive an email telling you which work will be sampled as part of the moderation. Samples will include work from across the range of attainment of the learners' work.

Each learner's work must have a cover sheet attached to it with a summary of the marks awarded for the task. If the work is to be submitted via OCR Repository this cover sheet must also be submitted electronically within each learner's files.

OCR will require centres to release work for awarding and archive purposes and the co-operation of the centre is most appreciated in these instances, as it is imperative to have work available at awarding meetings. If this is required, then centres will be notified as early as possible.

Centres will receive the final outcome of moderation when the provisional results are issued. The following reports will be issued via Interchange:

- Moderation adjustments report This lists any scaling that has been applied to internally assessed units
- Moderator report to centres This is a brief report by the moderator on the internal assessment of learners' work.

4.6.1 Moderated via OCR Repository

The OCR Repository is a secure website for centres to upload candidate work and for assessors to access this work digitally. Centres can use the OCR Repository for uploading marked candidate work for moderation.

Centres can access the OCR Repository via OCR Interchange, find their candidate entries in their area of the Repository, and use the Repository to upload files (singly or in bulk) for access by their moderator.

The OCR Repository allows candidates to produce evidence and files that would normally be difficult for postal submissions, for example multimedia and other interactive unit submissions.

The OCR Repository is seen as a faster, greener and more convenient means of providing work for assessment. It is part of a wider programme bringing digital technology to the assessment process, the aim of which is to provide simpler and easier administration for centres.

All moderated units can be submitted electronically to the OCR Repository via Interchange: please check section 7.2.2 for unit entry codes for the OCR Repository.

There are three ways to load files to the OCR Repository:

- 1. Centres can load multiple files against multiple candidates by clicking on 'Upload candidate files' in the 'Candidates' tab of the Candidate Overview screen.
- 2. Centres can load multiple files against a specific candidate by clicking on 'Upload files' in the 'Candidate Details' screen.
- 3. Centres can load multiple administration files by clicking on 'Upload admin files' in the 'Administration' tab of the Candidate Overview screen.

Instructions for how to upload files to OCR using the OCR Repository can be found on OCR Interchange.

4.6.2 Moderated via postal moderation

Your sample of work must be posted to the moderator within three days of receiving the request. You should use one of the labels provided by OCR to send the learners' work.

We would advise you to keep evidence of work submitted to the moderator, e.g. copies of written work or photographs of practical work. You should also obtain a certificate of posting for all work that is posted to the moderator.

Work may be submitted in digital format (on CD) for moderation but must be in a suitable file format and structure as detailed in Appendix C at the end of this specification.



Support for Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design

5.1 Free resources available from the OCR website

The following materials will be available on the OCR website:

- specification
- specimen assessment materials for unit R105
- a bank of model assignments for the centre assessed units R106 R108.

5.2 Other resources

OCR has produced a range of resources, all available free of charge from the OCR website.

These include:

Lesson Elements

Task sheets with accompanying teacher instructions. Each offers the teacher a creative way of encouraging their learners to engage with the topic, with individual and group exercises, research activities and the opportunity to develop English and Maths skills.

Delivery Guide

Each guide contains a range of lesson ideas with associated activities that teachers can use with their learners. The guide is structured by learning outcome so the teacher can see how each activity helps them cover the specification.

Qualification Calculator

An Excel based tool to help the teacher ensure that their learners achieve the required number of units for their chosen qualification and meet the mandatory requirements.

Progress Tracker

An Excel-based tracking document to help the teacher monitor their learners' progress, both individually and as a cohort, throughout the qualification by tracking progress against each learning outcome.

Unit Introductory Presentations

Short PowerPoint presentations introducing each unit. Each will look at the skills and knowledge that the learner will gain from the unit and give an overview as to how the skills are relevant to and can be used in study or work.

5.2.1 Endorsed publications

OCR endorses a range of publisher materials to provide quality resources for centres delivering its qualifications. You can be confident that materials branded with OCR's 'Official Publisher Partnership' or 'Approved publication' logos have undergone a thorough quality assurance process to achieve endorsement. All responsibility for the content of the publisher's materials rests with the publisher.





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These endorsements would not mean that such materials would be the only suitable resources available or necessary to achieve an OCR qualification.

5.3 Training

OCR will offer a range of support activities for all practitioners throughout the lifetime of the qualification to ensure they have the relevant knowledge and skills to deliver the qualification. The launch of the qualification will be supported by face-to-face training, with additional training to follow on the internally assessed units. Online training, consisting of interactive and non-interactive elements providing up to date feedback and guidance, will also be available.

Please see Event Booker for further information.

5.4 OCR support services

5.4.1 Active Results

Active Results is available to all centres offering the Cambridge Nationals qualifications.



Active Results is a free results analysis service to help teachers review the performance of individual learners or whole schools.

Devised specifically for the UK market, data can be analysed using filters on several categories such as gender and other demographic information, as well as providing breakdowns of results by question and topic.

Active Results allows you to look in greater detail at your results:

- richer and more granular data will be made available to centres including question-level data available from e-marking for Unit R105
- you can identify the strengths and weaknesses of individual learners and your centre's cohort as a whole
- our systems have been developed in close consultation with teachers so that the technology delivers what you need.

Further information on Active Results can be found on the OCR website.

5.4.2 OCR Interchange

OCR Interchange has been developed to help you to carry out day-to-day administration functions online, quickly and easily. The site allows you to register and enter learners online. In addition, you can gain immediate and free access to learner information at your convenience. Sign up at https://interchange.ocr.org.uk.

Access to Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design

6.1 Equality Act information relating to Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design

The Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design require assessment of a broad range of competences and, as such, prepare learners for a wide range of occupations and higher level courses.

The Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design qualifications were reviewed to identify whether any of the competences required by the subject presented a potential barrier to any disabled learners. If this was the case, the situation was reviewed again to ensure that such competences were included only where essential to the subject.

Reasonable adjustments are made for disabled learners in order to enable them to access the assessments and to demonstrate what they know and can do. For this reason, very few learners will have a complete barrier to the assessment. Information on reasonable adjustments is found in *Access Arrangements, Reasonable Adjustments and Special Consideration* produced by the Joint Council for Qualifications www.jcq.org.uk.

The access arrangements permissible for use in this specification are as follows:

Access arrangement	Yes/No	Type of assessment
Readers	Yes	All assessments
Scribes	Yes	All assessments
Practical assistants	Yes	All assessments
Word processors	Yes	All assessments
Transcripts	Yes	All assessments
BSL interpreters	Yes	All assessments
Oral language modifiers	Yes	All assessments
Modified question papers	Yes	All assessments
Extra time	Yes	All assessments

6.2 Arrangements for learners with particular requirements

All learners with a demonstrable need may be eligible for access arrangements to enable them to show what they know and can do. The criteria for eligibility for access arrangements can be found in the JCQ document *Access Arrangements*, *Reasonable Adjustments and Special Consideration*.

If a successful application for an access arrangement has been made for either GCSE or GCE, then there is no need to make an additional application for the same learner completing a Cambridge National qualification.

Learners who have been fully prepared for the assessment but who have been affected by adverse circumstances beyond their control at the time of the examination, may be eligible for special consideration. Centres should consult the JCQ document *Access Arrangements, Reasonable Adjustments and Special Consideration*.

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Administration of Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design

Full details of the administrative arrangements can be found in the Admin Guide for 14-19 Qualifications. The Admin Guide is available from the <u>OCR website</u>.

7.1 Availability of assessment

There are three assessment series each year in January, June and November. All units will be assessed from January 2015. Learners can be entered for different units in different exam series. Assessment availability can be summarised as follows:

	Unit R105	Units R106-R108
January 2015	✓	✓
June 2015	✓	✓
November 2015	_	✓
January 2016	✓	✓
June 2016	✓	✓

Certification is available for the first time in January 2015 and each January, June and November thereafter.

7.2 Making entries

Centres must be registered with OCR in order to make any entries, including estimated entries. It is recommended that centres apply to OCR to become a registered centre well in advance of making their first entries. Details on how to register with OCR can be found on the <u>OCR website</u>.

It is essential that unit entry codes are quoted in all correspondence with OCR.

7.2.1 Making estimated unit entries

Estimated entries must be made prior to each assessment series. Estimated entries are used by OCR to allocate examiners and moderators to centres.

7.2.2 Making final unit entries

When making an entry, centres must quote unit entry code and component codes. For the centre assessed units, centres must decide whether they want to submit learners' work for moderation via the OCR Repository or via postal moderation. Learners' submitting work must be entered for the appropriate unit entry code from the table over the page.

Unit entry code	Component code	Assessment method	Unit titles	
R105	01	Written paper	Design briefs, design specifications and user requirements	
R106 A	01	Moderated via OCR Repository	Product analysis and research	
R106 B	02	Moderated via postal moderation		
R107 A	01	Moderated via OCR Repository	Developing and presenting	
R107 B	02	Moderated via postal moderation	engineering designs	
R108 A	01	Moderated via OCR Repository	3D design realisation	
R108 B	02	Moderated via postal moderation		

The short title for these Cambridge National qualifications is CAMNAT and will display as such on Interchange and some administrative documents provided by OCR.

7.3 Certification rules

Learners must be entered for qualification certification separately from unit assessment(s). If a certification entry is **not** made, no overall grade can be awarded.

Learners may be entered for:

- OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Award certification code J831
- OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate certification code J841

Learners may be entered for certification of any combinations of the Award and Certificate qualifications concurrently.

Unit results used to calculate the result for one qualification can be re-used toward certification of other qualifications of a different size. This means that, as learners' progress through the course, they may certificate for the Award once they have completed the first two units and then 'top up' to the Certificate as they complete further units.

There are no terminal requirements for these qualifications therefore learners can complete units in any order.

7.4 Unit and qualification resits

Learners may resit each centre-assessed unit and the best unit result will be used to calculate the certification result.

Learners may resit the the externally assessed Unit R105, once.

Centres must ensure that when arranging resit opportunities they are fair to all learners and do not give learners an unfair advantage over other learners.

Centres must ensure that when arranging resit opportunities they do not adversely affect other assessments being taken.

Arranging a resit opportunity is at the centre's discretion; resits should only be planned if it is clear that the learner has taken full advantage of the first assessment opportunity and formative assessment process. The summative assessment series must not be used as a diagnostic tool.

Learners may enter for the qualification an unlimited number of times. Learners must retake at least one unit, or take a different optional unit, for a new result to be issued.

7.5 Enquiries about results

Under certain circumstances, a centre may wish to query the result issued to one or more learners. Enquiries about results for all units must be made immediately following the series in which the relevant unit was taken (by the Enquiries about results deadline).

Please refer to the JCQ Post-Results Services booklet and the Cambridge National Admin Guide for further guidance about action on the release of results. Copies of the latest versions of these documents can be obtained from the OCR website.

For internally assessed units the enquiries about results process cannot be carried out for one individual learner; the outcome of a review of moderation must apply to a centre's entire cohort.

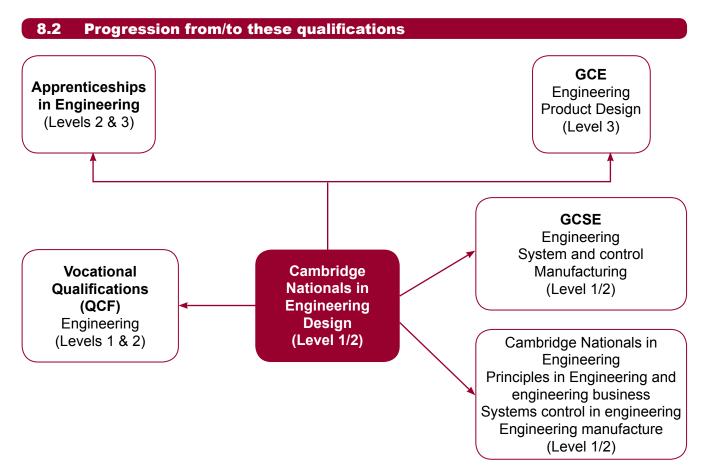
7.6 Shelf-life of units

Individual unit results, prior to certification of the qualification, have a shelf-life limited only by that of the qualification.

Other information about Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design

8.1 Overlap with other qualifications

There is some overlap between the content of these qualifications and that of GCSE in Engineering.



OCR offers a flexible and responsive range of general and vocational engineering qualifications that allow suitable progression routes for all types of learners.

Centres are able to use these qualifications to create pathways that provide learners with the underpinning skills and knowledge that will enable them to choose the most appropriate progression routes for their particular needs (further study, Further Education (FE) or employment).

Progression from OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Award/Certificate/in Engineering to **GCSE qualifications**:

- Engineering
- Design and Technology
- Manufacturing
- Systems and Control
- Product Design

Learners who want to progress to Level 3 qualifications have the choice of various **GCE qualifications** which will further develop areas of their learning from Level 1/2.

Design and Technology

Learners can progress from OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Award/Certificate in Engineering to other **vocational qualifications**.

8.3 Avoidance of bias

OCR has taken great care in preparing this specification and assessment materials to avoid bias of any kind. Special focus is given to the nine strands of the Equality Act with the aim of ensuring both direct and indirect discrimination is avoided.

8.4 Criteria requirements

This specification complies in all respects with the Ofqual General Conditions of Recognition.

8.5 Language

This specification is available in English only.

8.6 Spiritual, moral, ethical, social, legislative, economic and cultural issues

These qualifications provide potential for centres to develop learners' understanding of spiritual, moral, ethical, social, legislative, economic and cultural issues. This specification offers opportunities to contribute to an understanding of these issues in the following topics.

Issue	Examples of opportunities for developing an understanding of the issue during the course
Spiritual issues	 developing knowledge and understanding of: how engineering has changed the way people interact with technology in their daily lives (including communication, shopping, gaming, entertainment, education and training, social networking etc)
Moral issues	 learning about appropriate uses of materials and finite resources and the impact this could have on the environment, and the safe and responsible use of sustainable products
Ethical issues	 learning about the ethical implications of unregulated labour markets and fair trade suppliers
	 how engineering can affect the quality of life experienced by people and the responsibility to manufacture responsibly
Social issues	 social issues that can affect users of engineered products, including the use and abuse of communication devices etc.
Legislative issues	 the main aspects of legislation relating to engineering: copyright design and patents acts and other legislation as it applies to the design and production of engineered products
Economic issues	 learning how to make informed decisions about the choice, implementation, and use of materials in engineered products depending upon cost and the efficient management of money and resources
Cultural issues	 helping learners appreciate that engineering contributes to the development of our culture and to our highly technological future
	 how learners need to show cultural awareness of their audience when communicating

8.7 Sustainable development, health and safety considerations and European developments, consistent with international agreements

These qualifications provide potential to heighten learners' awareness of sustainable development, health and safety considerations and European developments consistent with international agreements.

The specification incorporates learning about relevant health and safety, European and environmental legislation, and could include learning about how each of these factors has affected the use of engineered products for businesses and individuals.

Environmental issues

Learners have the opportunity to learn about how changes in working practices, due to developments in engineered products, have impacted upon the environment. This may include a reduction in carbon emissions due to improved production methods, the globalisation of manufacturing or the more efficient disposal techniques for engineered products that are used today.

Learners could also explore the effect on natural resources in the creation engineered products used including the environmental impact of digital devices and their use, deployment and eventual recycling and disposal.

The understanding of environmental issues will only form part of the assessment requirements where they are relevant to the specific content of the specification and have been identified within the taught content. Learners may choose to produce work that has an environmental theme or to enhance their learning by carrying out further personal study.

8.8 Key Skills

These qualifications provide opportunities for the development of the Key Skills of *Communication*, *Application of Number, Information and Communication Technology, Working with Others, Improving Own Learning and Performance and Problem Solving* at Levels 1 and/or 2. However, the extent to which this evidence fulfils the Key Skills criteria at these levels will be totally dependent on the style of teaching and learning adopted for each unit. The following table indicates where opportunities may exist for at least some coverage of the various Key Skills criteria at Levels 1 and/or 2 for each unit.

Unit	C	;	Ac	οN	IC	т	W۱	νO	Ю	LP	Р	S
Unit	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Unit R105	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Unit R106	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Unit R107	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Unit R108	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ,

8.9 Functional Skills

These qualifications provide opportunities for the development of the Functional Skills of:

- English: Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing
- Mathematics: Representing, Analysing and Interpreting
- ICT: Use ICT systems, Find and select information and Develop, present and communicate information

at Levels 1 and 2. However, the extent to which this evidence fulfils the criteria at these levels will be totally dependent on the style of teaching and learning adopted for each unit. The following table indicates where opportunities may exist for at least some coverage of the criteria at Levels 1 and/or 2 for each unit.

			Eng	lish					Ма	ths					IC	т		
Unit	S	&L	F	₹	V	٧		₹	-	4			ι	J	F8	SI	D,P	&C
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Unit R105	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Unit R106	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Unit R107	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Unit R108	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1



Appendix A: Guidance on witness statements

It is anticipated that the majority of evidence will be produced directly by the learner. Indirect evidence, such as witness statements, should only be used where it would be impractical for the learner to produce the evidence themselves.

Witness statements will, ideally, support the direct evidence produced by the learner.

- Care should be taken that a witness statement is impartial and free from bias. The use of relatives and close friends as witnesses should be avoided, if possible.
- In all cases the witness will be required to declare their relationship to the learner.
- A witness statement should record what the learner has done and in doing so should not seek to repeat or paraphrase the marking criteria.
- The evidence presented by the witness should record the learner's individual contribution and should focus on the contribution made by the individual learner, as distinct from that of the group or team as a whole.
- Witnesses should describe what the learner did and not assess the learner. It is the responsibility
 of the teacher/assessor to judge the learner's skill, knowledge and understanding against the
 marking criteria. In doing so the teacher/assessor will use the witness statement to determine
 the value of the evidence against the marking criteria and award marks accordingly.
- The teacher/assessor is responsible for briefing anyone who is to provide a witness statement. It is expected that the teacher/assessor will ensure that the witness is appropriately prepared and that any issues related to child protection have been fully considered.
- The role of the witnesses should be that of impartial observers and they should not become involved in carrying out the activity on behalf of the learner.
- In circumstances where a witness does assist the learner in accomplishing a task or activity their input must be recorded within the statement so that the teacher/assessor can reflect this appropriately in the award of marks.

Where the above guidance has not been followed, the reliability of the witness statement may be called into question. In circumstances where doubt exists about the validity of a witness statement it cannot be used as assessment evidence and no marks may be awarded on the basis of it. If the unreliability of a witness statement becomes apparent during the moderation process moderators will be instructed to adjust centre marks in accordance with this directive.

An exemplar template for recording a witness statement is available from the OCR website and centres are encouraged to use this to assist in recording witness evidence. However, witness evidence may take different forms including digitally recorded spoken commentary or video. In these cases additional accompanying documentation may be required to corroborate that the guidelines on witness statements detailed above have been followed.

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Appendix B: Marking criteria for centre assessment

These qualifications are combined Level 1/2, therefore the marking criteria for the centre assessed units span both levels.

Unit R106: Product analysis and research

Marking criteria guidance

0 marks must be given where there is no evidence or no evidence worthy of credit.

For a description of the key words (printed in **bold**) in the marking criteria, please see the *Marking criteria glossary of terms* in Appendix D. Teachers/assessors must use the complete description in the marking criteria and not rely only on the words in bold.

A range of marks is allocated to each learning outcome. Where marks are allocated to a number of statements within a learning outcome, marks should be awarded using a 'best fit' approach. For each of the learning outcomes, one of the descriptors provided in the mark scheme that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked should be selected. Marking should be positive, rewarding achievement rather than penalising failure or omissions. The award of marks **must be** directly related to the marking criteria.

- Each band descriptor covers all the relevant content for the learning outcomes.
- The descriptors should be read and applied as a whole.
- Make a 'best fit' match between the answer and the band descriptors.
- An answer does not have to meet all of the requirements of a band descriptor before being
 placed in that band. It will be placed in a particular band when it meets more of the requirements
 of that band than it meets the requirements of other bands.
- Where there is more than one strand within the band descriptors for a learning outcome and a
 strand has not been addressed at all, it is still possible for the answer to be credited within that
 mark band depending upon the evidence provided for the remaining strands. The answer should
 be placed in the mark band most closely reflecting the standard achieved across all strands
 within the band descriptors for a learning outcome; however in this scenario, the mark awarded
 for that band should reflect that a strand has not been addressed.

When deciding the mark within a band, the following criterion should be applied:

- the extent to which the statements within the band have been achieved.
- For example:
- an answer that convincingly meets nearly all of the requirements of a band descriptor should be placed at or near the top of that band. Where the learner's work *convincingly* meets the statement, the highest mark should be awarded
- an answer that meets many of the requirements of the band descriptor should be placed in the middle of the band. Where the learner's work adequately meets the statement, the most appropriate mark in the middle range should be awarded
- if an answer is on the border-line between two bands but it is decided that it fits better the descriptors for the lower of these two bands, then it should be placed near the top of that band. Where the learner's work *just* meets the statement for the higher band, the lowest mark for that band should be awarded.

that is 'the best one could expect from learners working at that level'. When learners are taking an assessment task, or series of tasks, for this unit they may be Teachers/assessors should use the full range of marks available to them and award full marks in any band for work that fully meets that descriptor. This is work able to use relevant, appropriate knowledge, understanding and skills that they will have developed through the completion of unit R105.

Marking criteria grid

LO1: Know how commercial production methods,	tion methods, quality and legislation impact on the design of products and components	esign of products and components
MB1: 1–4 marks	MB2: 5–8 marks	MB3: 9-12 marks
Demonstrates limited knowledge of how commercial production methods and manufacturing processes impact on product/component design.	Demonstrates some knowledge of how commercial production methods and manufacturing processes impact on product/component design.	Demonstrates detailed knowledge of how commercial production methods and manufacturing processes impact on product/component design.
Basic description of how product end of life considerations can influence product/component design.	Describes in some detail how product end of life considerations can influence product/component design.	Comprehensively describes how product end of life considerations can influence product/component design.
Demonstrates a limited knowledge of the importance of conformity to legislation and standards	Demonstrates a sound knowledge of the importance of conformity to legislation and standards	Demonstrates detailed knowledge of the importance of conformity to legislation and standards
	LO2: Be able to research existing products	
MB1: 1–6 marks	MB2: 7–12 marks	MB3: 13–18 marks
Provides a basic description of strengths and weaknesses of existing products.	Provides an adequate description of strengths and weaknesses of existing products.	Provides a comprehensive description of strengths and weaknesses of existing products.
Uses few appropriate methods to provide a brief summary of research of existing products.	Uses some appropriate methods to provide a detailed summary of research of existing products.	Uses appropriate methods to provide a comprehensive and detailed summary of research of existing products.

L 03: Re	103: Be able to analyse an existing product through disassembly	Seembly
MB1: 1–6 marks	MB2: 7–12 marks	MB3: 13–18 marks
Requires regular assistance to follow manufacturer's instructions/manual /disassembly procedure. Requires prompting to follow special instructions.	Works competently with occasional assistance to follow manufacturer's instructions/manual/disassembly procedure, mostly adhering to special instructions.	Works independently and competently to follow manufacturer's instructions/manual /disassembly procedure, adhering to special instructions.
With guidance uses tools and equipment safely and shows limited awareness of potential hazards and safety considerations.	Uses tools and equipment effectively and shows some understanding of potential hazards and safety considerations.	Uses tools and equipment effectively and shows a well-developed understanding of potential hazards and safety considerations.
Draws upon limited skills/knowledge/understanding from other units in the specification (Unit R105).	Draws upon some relevant skills/knowledge/ understanding from other units in the specification (Unit R105).	Clearly draws upon relevant skills/knowledge/ understanding from other units in the specification (Unit R105).
MB1: 1–4 marks	MB2: 5–8 marks	MB3: 9–12 marks
Carries out a limited analysis of an existing product showing a basic understanding of some components, assembly methods, materials, production methods and maintenance.	Carries out a detailed analysis of an existing product showing an adequate understanding of components, assembly methods, materials, production methods and maintenance.	Carries out a comprehensive analysis of an existing product showing a well-developed understanding of components, assembly methods, materials, production methods and maintenance.
0 marks ≡ no response or no response worthy of credit		

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Links between units and synoptic assessment

Synoptic assessment is based upon demonstrating a broad understanding of the subject. This is achieved by drawing upon the skills/knowledge/understanding that have been studied across the specification and utilising them in an appropriate and relevant way to complete the assessment for this unit in order to meet the marking criteria for a specific Learning Outcome. When completing work for assessment, learners should be encouraged to apply the **relevant** skills/knowledge/understanding from other units within the specification and not seek to incorporate input from all the previously studied units or content unless it is appropriate to do so.

Learners could use the knowledge gained in this unit and apply this in Unit R105 to influence their product specification, although this is not a necessary requirement. Learners working towards the Certificate will gain further understanding of designing with the opportunity to make a model/prototype in Unit R108.

Assessment guidance

Teachers/assessors must only accept evidence for assessment that is **authentic**. If any work is produced outside of direct supervision, the teacher/assessor must be certain that the work is the learners' own. *Please see section 4.4 Marking and moderating centre assessed units; 4.5 Authentication; for further guidance.*

LO1, LO3 – Learning Outcomes 1, 2, and 3 are assessed through a model assignment provided by OCR and internally assessed by the centre. Centres wishing to choose their own products must ensure they are comparable to examples in the model assignments issued by OCR for this unit. Further guidance is available in the Permitted changes section of the Model Assignments for this unit.

LO3 – Learners will disassemble a product/s in a workshop setting using hand tools, conduct an analysis of key features and functions, and record/present their findings. It is important to select a product(s) to study that is relevant. This could be carried out by an individual learner or as a team/ small group exercise.

What do learners need to produce (evidence)	Examples of format of evidence (this list is not exhaustive)
Learners will need to produce a summary of research for strengths and weaknesses identified in existing products and show how component shaping and assembly methods impact on product design.	Learners will record findings of design impacts, product strength and weakness analysis of disassembled product/s through notes, photographs annotated drawings in a portfolio. Group/team work could be evidenced through a short video presentation describing team members' roles, the disassembly process, and findings of analysis. Teachers will observe appropriate use of tools and PPE and safe working practices. LO3 may be supported by witness testimony

Unit R107: Developing and presenting engineering designs

Marking criteria guidance

0 marks must be given where there is no evidence or no evidence worthy of credit.

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A range of marks is allocated to each learning outcome. Where marks are allocated to a number of statements within a learning outcome, marks should be awarded using a 'best fit' approach. For each of the learning outcomes, one of the descriptors provided in the mark scheme that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked should be selected. Marking should be positive, rewarding achievement rather than penalising failure or omissions. The award of marks **must be** directly related to the marking criteria.

- Each band descriptor covers all the relevant content for the learning outcomes.
- The descriptors should be read and applied as a whole.
- Make a 'best fit' match between the answer and the band descriptors.
- An answer does not have to meet all of the requirements of a band descriptor before being placed in that band. It will be placed in a particular band when it meets more of the requirements of that band than it meets the requirements of other bands.
- Where there is more than one strand within the band descriptors for a learning outcome and a
 strand has not been addressed at all, it is still possible for the answer to be credited within that
 mark band depending upon the evidence provided for the remaining strands. The answer should
 be placed in the mark band most closely reflecting the standard achieved across all strands
 within the band descriptors for a learning outcome; however in this scenario, the mark awarded
 for that band should reflect that a strand has not been addressed.

When deciding the mark within a band, the following criterion should be applied:

the extent to which the statements within the band have been achieved.

For example:

- an answer that convincingly meets nearly all of the requirements of a band descriptor should be placed at or near the top of that band. Where the learner's work convincingly meets the statement, the highest mark should be awarded
- an answer that meets many of the requirements of the band descriptor should be placed in the middle of the band. Where the learner's work *adequately* meets the statement, the most appropriate mark in the middle range should be awarded
- if an answer is on the border-line between two bands but it is decided that it fits better in the descriptors for the lower of these two bands, then it should be placed near the top of that band. Where the learner's work *just* meets the statement for the higher band, the lowest mark for that band should be awarded.

Teachers/assessors should use the full range of marks available to them and award full marks in any band for work that fully meets that descriptor. This is work that is 'the best one could expect from learners working at that level'. When learners are taking an assessment task, or series of tasks, for this unit they may be able to use relevant, appropriate knowledge, understanding and skills that they will have developed through the completion of units R105 and/or R106.

Marking criteria grid

LO1: Be a	LO1: Be able to generate design proposals using a range of techniques	chniques
MB1: 1–4 marks	MB2: 5–8 marks	MB3: 9–12 marks
Requires regular assistance to produce sketches in 2D and 3D. Sketches have limited accuracy.	Works competently with occasional assistance to produce sketches in 2D and 3D that are mostly accurate.	Works independently and competently to accurately produce sketches in 2D and 3D.
Designs include few details of shade, tone and texture.	Designs include a range of mostly appropriate rendering techniques using shade, tone and texture.	Designs include a wide range of appropriate rendering techniques using shade, tone and texture.
MB1: 1–6 marks	MB2: 7–12 marks	MB3: 13–18 marks
Demonstrates design ideas by using a limited range of annotation and labelling with basic detail.	Demonstrates design ideas by using a range of annotation and labelling with some detail.	Demonstrates design ideas by using a wide range of detailed annotation and labelling.
Uses IT software to produce and modify design proposals with limited detail.	Uses IT software to produce, modify and enrich design proposals with some detail.	Uses IT software to produce, modify and enrich design proposals with appropriate detail.
Draws upon limited skills/knowledge/understanding from other units in the specification.	Draws upon some relevant skills/knowledge/ understanding from other units in the specification.	Clearly draws upon relevant skills/knowledge/ understanding from other units in the specification.
LO2: Know how to	LO2: Know how to develop designs using engineering drawing techniques and annotation	ues and annotation
MB1: 1–4 marks	MB2: 5–8 marks	MB3: 9–12 marks
Produces some superficial 2D and 3D engineering drawings, with limited use of labelling techniques and annotations.	Develops 2D and 3D engineering drawings with some detail and accuracy . Uses mostly appropriate labelling techniques and annotations.	Develops detailed and comprehensive 2D and 3D engineering drawings, accurately using appropriate labelling techniques and annotations.
LO3: Be able to use Computer Aide	LO3: Be able to use Computer Aided Design (CAD) software and techniques to produce and communicate design proposals	and communicate design proposals
MB1: 1–6 marks	MB2: 7–12 marks	MB3: 13–18 marks
Requires regular assistance to use CAD applications. Produces basic design proposals.	Works competently with occasional assistance to produce design proposals using CAD applications.	Works independently and competently to produce comprehensive design proposals using CAD
Communication of design proposals is limited.	Communicates design proposals with some effectiveness.	Effectively communicates design proposals.

0 marks = no response or no response worthy of credit

Links between units and synoptic assessment

Synoptic assessment is based upon demonstrating a broad understanding of the subject. This is achieved by drawing upon the skills/knowledge/understanding that have been studied across the specification and utilising them in an appropriate and relevant way to complete the assessment for this unit in order to meet the marking criteria for a specific Learning Outcome. When completing work for assessment, learners should be encouraged to apply the **relevant** skills/knowledge/understanding from other units within the specification and not seek to incorporate input from all the previously studied units or content unless it is appropriate to do so.

Learners will produce designs which could be based on research carried out in Units R105 and R106. Learners can use knowledge and understanding developed in Units R105 and R106 in relation to product aesthetics, methods of product assembly, materials, design influence. Learners can use their design ideas to realise these as a prototype in Unit R108.

Assessment guidance

Teachers/assessors must only accept evidence for assessment that is **authentic**. If any work is produced outside of direct supervision, the teacher/assessor must be certain that the work is the learners' own. *Please see section 4.4 Marking and moderating centre assessed units; 4.5 Authentication; for further guidance.*

LO1 – Learners will demonstrate their design ideas using sketches in 2D, 3D with shade, tone and texture and include annotation and labelling. Hand drawn sketches are progressed using IT software to produce, modify and enrich design proposals with appropriate detail and rendering techniques.

LO2 – Learners progress their ideas from LO1 to develop and present designs using engineering drawing techniques. Learners must use a minimum of two 3D techniques and two 2D techniques.

LO3 – Using a minimum of two CAD drawing techniques, learners will demonstrate skills in presenting design proposals using CAD software.

What do learners need to produce (evidence)	Examples of format of evidence (this list is not exhaustive)
 Responding to a design specification, Produce a range of initial design ideas and solutions and progress these through stages from sketches, through to CAD. 	Learners' work should be presented as either a paper-based portfolio folder or through the use of PowerPoint, or a combination of both.
 Demonstrate the use of a range of design ideas and modelling using freehand sketches, hand rendering and the use of IT to produce technical drawings, 2D & 3D drawings. 	The use of IT should be evident when using paper-based folders. LO1 and LO3 may be supported by witness testimony.
 Present design ideas using engineering drawing techniques to conform to industry standards. 	
Present fully annotated final design ideas with details of manufacturing materials and methods.	

Unit R108: 3D design realisation

Marking criteria guidance

0 marks must be given where there is no evidence or no evidence worthy of credit.

For a description of the key words (printed in **bold**) in the marking criteria, please see the *Marking criteria glossary of terms* in Appendix D, Teachers/assessors must use the complete description in the marking criteria and not rely only on the words in bold.

A range of marks is allocated to each learning outcome. Where marks are allocated to a number of statements within a learning outcome, marks should be awarded using a 'best fit' approach. For each of the learning outcomes, one of the descriptors provided in the mark scheme that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked should be selected. Marking should be positive, rewarding achievement rather than penalising failure or omissions. The award of marks **must be** directly related to the marking criteria.

- Each band descriptor covers all the relevant content for the learning outcomes.
- The descriptors should be read and applied as a whole.
- Make a 'best fit' match between the answer and the band descriptors.
- An answer does not have to meet all of the requirements of a band descriptor before being placed in that band. It will be placed in a particular band when it meets more of the requirements of that band than it meets the requirements of other bands.
- Where there is more than one strand within the band descriptors for a learning outcome and
 a strand has not been addressed at all, it is still possible for the answer to be credited within
 that mark band depending upon the evidence provided for the remaining strands. The answer
 should be placed in the mark band most closely reflecting the standard achieved across all
 strands within the band descriptors for a learning outcome; however in this scenario, the mark
 awarded for that band should reflect that a strand has not been addressed.

When deciding the mark within a band, the following criterion should be applied:

• the extent to which the statements within the band have been achieved.

For example:

- an answer that convincingly meets nearly all of the requirements of a band descriptor should be
 placed at or near the top of that band. Where the learner's work convincingly meets the statement,
 the highest mark should be awarded
- an answer that meets many of the requirements of the band descriptor should be placed in the middle of the band. Where the learner's work adequately meets the statement, the most appropriate mark in the middle range should be awarded
- if an answer is on the border-line between two bands but it is decided that it fits better the descriptors for the lower of these two bands, then it should be placed near the top of that band. Where the learner's work *just* meets the statement for the higher band, the lowest mark for that band should be awarded.

Teachers/assessors should use the full range of marks available to them and award full marks in any band for work that fully meets that descriptor. This is work that is 'the best one could expect from learners working at that level'. When learners are taking an assessment task, or series of tasks, for this unit they may be able to use relevant, appropriate knowledge, understanding and skills that they will have developed through the completion of units R105 and/or R106.

Marking criteria grid

	LO1: Know how to plan the making of a prototype	
MB1: 1–2 marks	MB2: 3–4 marks	MB3: 5–6 marks
Produces a limited interpretation of product specification.	Produces an appropriate interpretation of product specification.	Produces a detailed and appropriate interpretation of product specification.
MB1: 1–3 marks	MB2: 4–6 marks	MB3: 7–9 marks
Basically describes some planning stages to be used in the making of a prototype, demonstrating limited knowledge of key considerations.	Adequately describes most planning stages to be used in the making of a prototype, demonstrating some knowledge of key considerations.	Comprehensively describes each planning stage to be used in the making of a prototype, demonstrating thorough knowledge of key considerations.
LO2: Und	LO2: Understand safe working practices used when making a prototype	prototype
MB1: 1–5 marks	MB2: 6–9 marks	MB3: 10–15 marks
Shows limited understanding of safety considerations and requires regular assistance to produce and use a suitable risk assessment in relation to their production plan.	Shows some understanding of safety considerations and requires occasional assistance to produce and use a suitable risk assessment in relation to their production plan.	Shows thorough understanding of safety considerations and independently produces and uses a suitable risk assessment in relation to their production plan.
Requires regular assistance to use a range of hand tools and machines safely and to apply their risk assessment to assess potential hazards and take appropriate precautions.	Requires occasional assistance to use a range of hand tools and machines safely and to apply their risk assessment to assess potential hazards and take appropriate precautions.	Independently uses a range of hand tools and machines safely, applying their risk assessment to assess potential hazards and take appropriate precautions.
Requires regular prompting to use PPE appropriately when working with tools, machines, material, chemicals, finishes and solvents.	Requires occasional prompting to use PPE appropriately when working with tools, machines, material, chemicals, finishes and solvents.	Independently uses appropriate PPE when working with tools, machines, material, chemicals, finishes and solvents.
Draws upon limited skills/knowledge/understanding from other units in the specification.	Draws upon some relevant skills/knowledge/ understanding from other units in the specification.	Clearly draws upon relevant skills/knowledge/ understanding from other units in the specification.

	LO3: Be able to produce a prototype	
MB1: 1–6 marks	MB2: 7–12 marks	MB3: 13–18 marks
Requires regular assistance to produce a prototype from a production plan.	Requires occasional assistance to produce a prototype from a production plan.	Independently produces a prototype from a production plan.
Selects few appropriate materials to produce the prototype.	Selects some appropriate materials to produce the prototype.	Selects the most appropriate materials to produce the prototype.
Uses tools and processes with limited effectiveness to produce and assemble an outcome that partly meets the production plan.	Uses tools and processes with some effectiveness to produce and assemble an outcome that mostly meets the production plan.	Uses tools and processes effectively to produce and assemble an outcome that fully meets the production plan.
Produces a limited record of the key stages of making the prototype.	Uses appropriate methods to adequately record most of the key stages of making the prototype.	Uses appropriate methods to record in detail all of the key stages of making the prototype.
	LO4: Be able to evaluate the success of a prototype	
MB1: 1–4 marks	MB2: 5–8 marks	MB3: 9-12 marks
Produces a limited evaluation of the production plan and prototype which compares the outcome against the product specification.	Produces a detailed evaluation of the production plan and prototype which compares the outcome against the product specification.	Produces a detailed and comprehensive evaluation of the production plan and prototype which compares the outcome against the product specification.
Makes limited suggestions for potential improvements.	Considers some relevant potential improvements.	Fully considers potential improvements, justifying any suggestions made.
Shows a limited understanding of strengths and weaknesses in their own performance.	Assesses own performance in realising the design, demonstrating some understanding of their own strengths and weaknesses.	Comprehensively assesses own performance in realising the design, demonstrating a clear understanding of their own strengths and weaknesses.
0 marks = no response or no response worthy of credit		

Guidance on synoptic assessment

Synoptic assessment is based upon demonstrating a broad understanding of the subject. This is achieved by drawing upon the skills/knowledge/understanding that have been studied across the specification and utilising them in an appropriate and relevant way to complete the assessment for this unit in order to meet the marking criteria for a specific Learning Outcome. When completing work for assessment, learners should be encouraged to apply the **relevant** skills/knowledge/understanding from other units within the specification and not seek to incorporate input from all the previously studied units or content unless it is appropriate to do so.

Learners will use knowledge gained in Units R105, R106 and R107 and apply this in a practical context. Design ideas presented in Unit R107 can be realised as the prototype model in this Unit.

Assessment guidance

Teachers/assessors must only accept evidence for assessment that is **authentic**. If any work is produced outside of direct supervision, the teacher/assessor must be certain that the work is the learners' own. *Please see section 4.4 Marking and moderating centre assessed units; 4.5 Authentication; for further guidance.*

LO1 – Learners will use their designs to produce a plan of production for the model in the form of charts, tables, identifying stages of making and resources required.

LO2 – Learners will demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of using tools, equipment and materials safely, assessing hazards and taking precautions when using tools and machines. Through observation in a workshop setting and through recording risks in the production process as part of the plan of making/production, learners will demonstrate safe working practices during the making of a prototype.

LO3 – Learners will apply their design to produce a quality model outcome demonstrating thorough design, planning and making, using resources effectively and efficiently.

LO4 – Learners will evaluate and identify how well their design and subsequent model outcome meets the specification, identify and recommend improvements. Learners will record these in a portfolio/folder or PowerPoint presentation.

What do learners need to produce (evidence)

Learners will produce a 3D prototype/model product using materials such as wood, card, foam, metals, and plastics. Prototypes will be supported by charts/tables which identify stages of making and resources required. The product will be based on products / themes, from the learners' own design ideas.

Using tools, equipment and materials safely, assessing hazards and taking precautions when using tools and machines should be evidenced by annotated photos and assessment records.

Evaluation of own performance identifying strengths and weaknesses in realising the design.

Examples of format of evidence (this list is not exhaustive)

Learners will produce a 3D prototype/model.

Learners will produce a detailed portfolio/ folder or PowerPoint presentation to show the planning of making and record their evaluation.

LO2 and LO3 may be supported by witness testimony



Appendix C: Guidance for the production of electronic internal assessment

Structure for evidence

The centre assessed units are comprised of Units R106–R108. For each learner, all the tasks together will form a portfolio of evidence, stored electronically. Evidence for each unit must be stored separately.

An internal assessment portfolio is a collection of folders and files containing the learner's evidence. Folders should be organised in a structured way so that the evidence can be accessed easily by a teacher or moderator. This structure is commonly known as a folder tree. It would be helpful if the location of particular evidence is made clear by naming each file and folder appropriately and by use of an index called 'Home Page'.

There should be a top level folder detailing the learner's centre number, OCR candidate number, surname and forename, together with the unit code (R106, R107, R108 etc), so that the portfolio is clearly identified as the work of one learner.

Each learner's internal assessment portfolio should be stored in a secure area on the centre's network. Prior to submitting the portfolio to OCR, the centre should add a folder to the folder tree containing the internal assessment and summary forms.

Data formats for evidence

In order to minimise software and hardware compatibility issues it will be necessary to save learners' work using an appropriate file format.

Learners must use formats appropriate to the evidence that they are providing and appropriate to viewing for assessment and moderation. Open file formats or proprietary formats for which a downloadable reader or player is available are acceptable. Where this is not available, the file format is not acceptable.

Centre assessed tasks are designed to give learners an opportunity to demonstrate what they know, understand and can do using current technology. Learners do not gain marks for using more sophisticated formats or for using a range of formats. A learner who chooses to use only digital photographs (as required by the specification) and word documents will not be disadvantaged by that choice.

Evidence submitted is likely to be in the form of word processed documents, presentation documents, digital photos and digital video.

To ensure compatibility, all files submitted electronically must be in the formats listed below. Where new formats become available that might be acceptable, OCR will provide further guidance. OCR advises against changing the file format that the document was originally created in. Files should be exported in a generic format that can be opened on a PC computer system without any specialist software applications. It is the centre's responsibility to ensure that the electronic portfolios submitted for moderation are accessible to the moderator and fully represent the evidence available for each learner.

Standard file formats acceptable as evidence for these Cambridge Nationals in Engineering qualifications are listed below (please note not all these formats can be submitted via the OCR Repository):

- avi
- bmp
- CSV
- doc
- fla
- flv
- gif
- jpg
- mov
- mp3
- mp4
- mpeg
- mpg
- odg
- odp
- ods
- odt
- pdf
- pngpps
- ----
- pptpsd
- rar
- rtf
- swf
- sxc
- sxd
- sxi
- SXW
- tga
- tif
- txtwav
- wks
- wma
- wmf
- wmv
- xls
- zip

It is suggested that pdf files are supplied for native file types where possible.

N.B. Files created on a Mac must include the file extensions (e.g. webpage.html) to allow non Mac users to open the files. When saving files created on a Mac you must make sure the final file is saved as a PC version to allow your work to be moderated.

Accepted File Formats for the OCR Repository

Movie formats for digital video evidence

MPEG (*.mpg)

QuickTime movie (*.mov)

Macromedia Shockwave (*.aam)

Macromedia Shockwave (*.dcr)

Flash (*.swf)

Windows Media File (*.wmf)

MPEG Video Layer 4 (*.mp4)

Audio or sound formats

MPEG Audio Layer 3 (*.mp3)

Graphics formats including photographic evidence

JPEG (*.jpg)

Graphics file (*.pcx)

MS bitmap (*.bmp)

GIF images (*.gif)

Animation formats

Macromedia Flash (*.fla)

Structured markup formats

XML (*xml)

Text formats

Comma Separated Values (.csv)

PDF (.pdf)

Rich text format (.rtf)

Text document (.txt)

Microsoft Office suite

PowerPoint (.ppt)

Word (.doc)

Excel (.xls)

Visio (.vsd)

Project (.mpp)

Appendix D: Marking criteria glossary of terms

Accurately	Acting or performing within care and precision; within acceptable limits from a standard					
Advanced	Being at a high level; progressive					
All	All relevant as described in the unit content for a specified area					
Appropriate	Relevant to the purpose/task					
Basic	The work comprises the minimum required and provides the base or starting point from which to develop. Responses are simple and not complicated; the simplest and most important facts are included					
Brief	Accurate and to the point but lacking detail/contextualisation/examples					
Clear	Focussed and accurately expressed, without ambiguity					
Comment	Present an informed opinion					
Communicate	Make known, transfer information					
Complex	Consists of several interwoven parts, all of which relate together					
Comprehensive	The work is complete and includes everything that is necessary to evidence understanding in terms of both breadth and depth					
Confident	Exhibiting certainty; having command over one's information/argument etc					
Consider	Review and respond to given information					
Considered	Reached after or carried out with careful thought					
Consistently	A level of performance which does not vary greatly in quality over time					
Create	To originate (e.g. to produce a solution to a problem)					
Critical	Incisive – exposing/recognising flaws					
Describe	Set out characteristics					
Design	Work out creatively/systematically					
Detail	To describe something item by item, giving all the facts					
Detailed	Point-by-point consideration of (e.g. analysis, argument)					
Discuss	Present, explain and evaluate salient points (e.g. for/against an argument)					
Effective	Applies skills appropriately to a task and achieves the desired outcome; successful in producing a desired or intended result					
Efficient	Performing or functioning in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort; having and using requisite knowledge, skill and effort					

Note on effective versus efficient: both express approval of the way in which someone or something works but their meanings are different. **Effective** describes something which successfully produces an intended result, without reference to morality, economy or effort, or efficient use of resources. **Efficient** applies to someone or something able to produce results with the minimum expense or effort, as a result of good organisation or good design and making the best use of available resources

Evaluate	Make a qualitative judgement taking into account different factors and using available knowledge/experience
Explain	Set out the purposes or reasons
Extensive	Large in range or scope
Few	A small number or amount, not many but more than one
Fully	Completely or entirely; to the fullest extent
High	Advanced in complexity or development
Independent	Without reliance on others

Limited	The work produced is small in range or scope and includes only a part of the information required; it evidences partial, rather than full, understanding					
List	Document a series of outcomes or events or information					
Little	A very small amount of evidence, or low number of examples, compared to what was expected, is included in the work					
Many	A large number of (less than 'most' see below)					
Most	Greatest in amount; the majority of; nearly all of; at least 75% of the content which is expected has been included					
Occasionally	Occurring, appearing or done infrequently and irregularly					
Outline	Set out main characteristics					
Partly	To some extent, but not completely					
Plan	Consider, set out and communicate what is to be done					
Present	Produce an exposition/résumé for an audience (e.g. at the conclusion of the project to demonstrate what has been done and the outcome)					
	2. Set out (project) aims, content, outcomes and conclusions clearly/logically for the use/benefit of others					
Range	The evidence presented is sufficiently varied to give confidence that the knowledge and principles are understood in application as well as in fact					
Reasoned	Justified, to understand and to make judgements based on practical facts					
Relevant	Correctly focused on the activity					
Simple	The work is composed of one part only, either in terms of its demands or in relation to how a more complex task has been interpreted by the learner					
Some	About 50% of the content which would have been expected is included					
Sound	Valid, logical, shows the learner has secured relevant knowledge/understanding					
Support	Teacher gives training, instruction, guidance and advice as appropriate and monitors activities to assist learners in tackling/completing their projects, ensuring authenticity and a fair and accurate assessment					
Thorough	Extremely attentive to accuracy and detail					
Wholly	Entirely; fully					
Wide	The learner has included many relevant details, examples or contexts thus avoiding a narrow or superficial approach, broad approach taken to scope/scale; comprehensive list of examples given					

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