

# Open College Network London Region

Introduction to our  
accreditation and qualifications



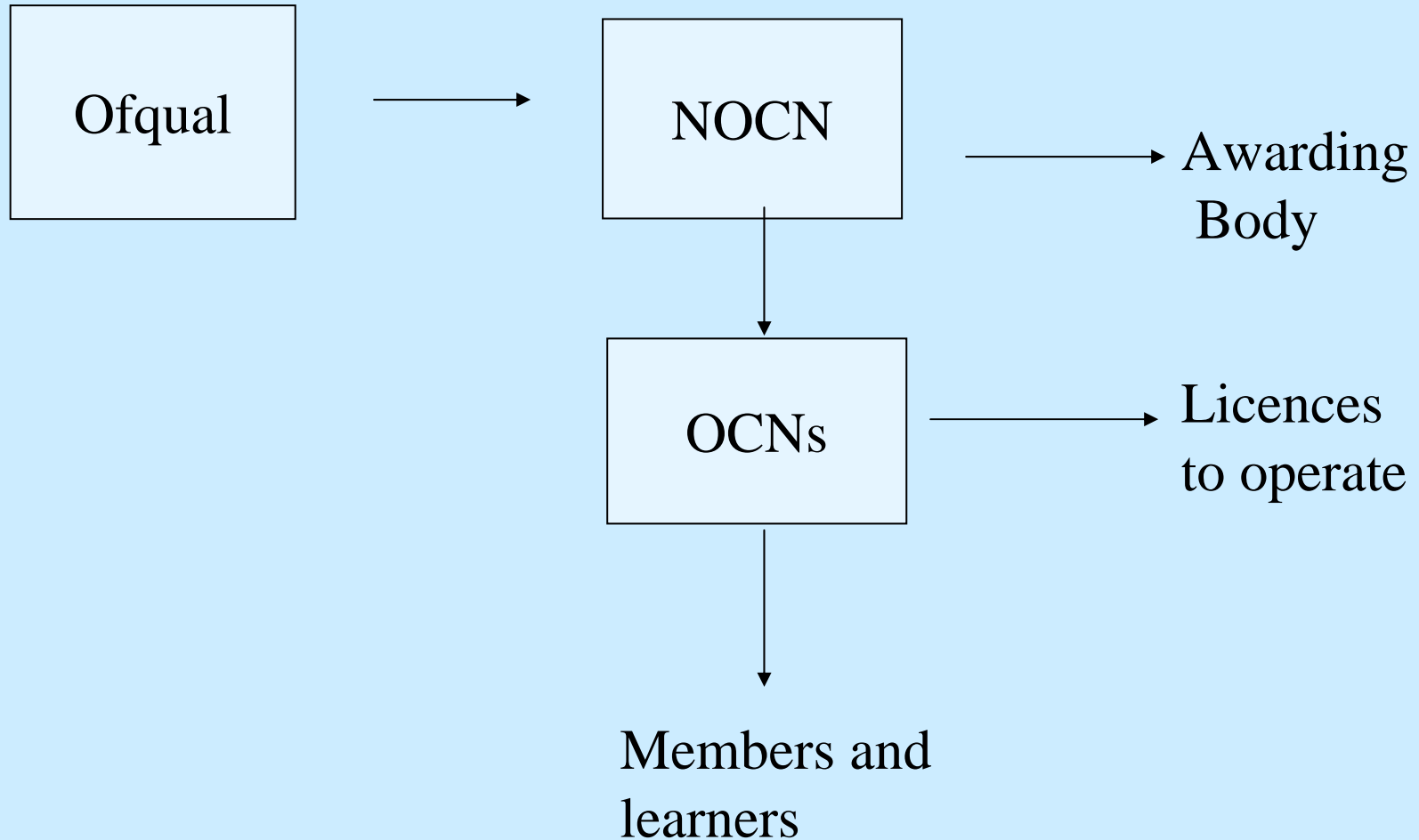
# Session Objectives

- Outline the purpose and ethos of the Open College Network (OCN) system
- Describe the nature of OCN accreditation and qualifications

# OCN Mission

- The Open College Network exists to support learning and widen opportunity by recognising achievement through credit based courses and qualifications

# Licensing Arrangements



# OCN ethos

- Grew out of a commitment to marginalised learners
- Recognition of the need for customised provision
- Providing a way for learners to gain credit for achievement
- Assessment aims to be inclusive

# OCN accreditation

- A unitised and credit based system
- Curriculum leads assessment
- Allows for achievement to be certificated in small steps
- Offers flexibility in delivery and approaches to assessment
- Is suitable for mixed ability learner groups
- Is recognised by FE Colleges, Adult Education and Voluntary/Community centres across the three countries

# What do we offer?

- NOCN Qualifications (approved by Ofqual)
- Bespoke/tailor-made accreditation of courses designed specifically for your learners
- Access to Higher Education Diplomas

# Unit credits and qualifications

- All OCN provision is made up of units of assessment
- A unit of assessment is defined as a 'coherent set of learning outcomes'
- You can use NOCN Qualifications OR OCNLR accredited units

# What's in a unit?

Learning outcomes

What the learner will know, understand or be able to do on completion of the unit.

Assessment criteria

How the learner demonstrates what they can do

# What else is in the unit?

## Title

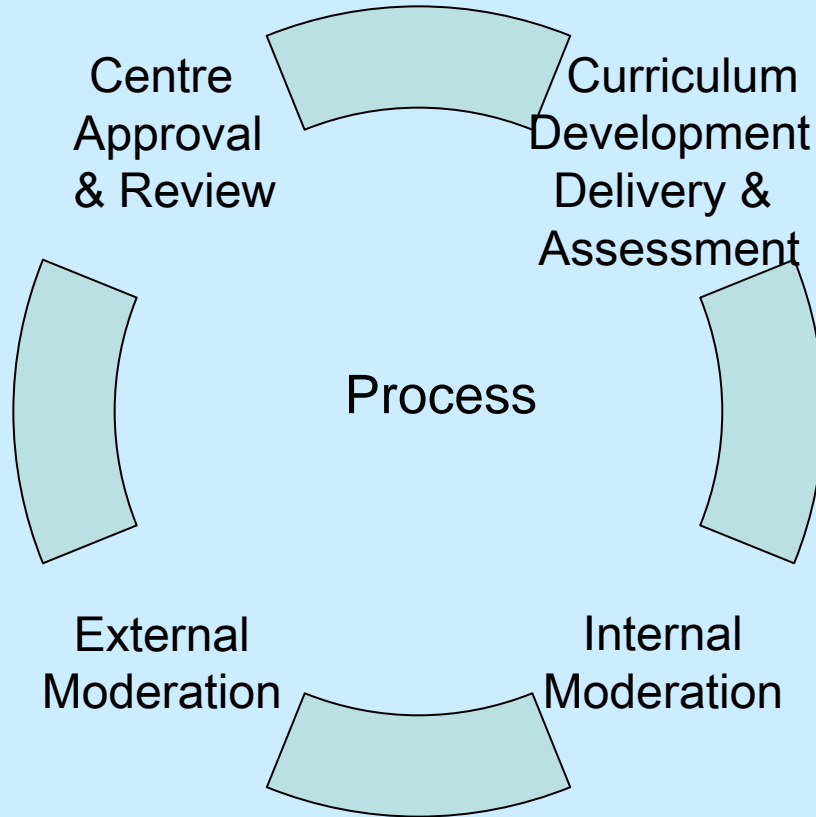
- Summarises the learning in the unit.

## Level

- Entry to Level 3

## Credit value

- Value based on the estimated time it takes to achieve the unit  
(1 credit = 10 notional hours learning)



# Support Available

- Initial curriculum meeting with designated Curriculum Officer – pre Centre Approval
- Follow-up Curriculum Meeting (optional) – post Centre Approval
- Workshops and forums
- Bespoke training and unit development on request

# Continuing support for members

- Designated staff in each area
- **Curriculum Development Manager** - Curriculum Planning and Development
- **Administration Officer** – Learner Registrations and Certification
- **Centre Quality Reviewer** – Interim visit / External Moderation/ EM and Quality Reports

# Internal and External Moderation

- **Internal Moderator within Centre**

- \* samples course portfolios
- \* feeds back to assessor
- \* completes OCNLR IM forms
- \* signs off successful learners on RAC

- **OCNLR External Moderator (QR)**

- \* meets with Centre Quality Contact
- \* samples course portfolios
- \* checks IV sampling records
- \* signs off successful learners on RAC

# OCNLR Training

- **Introduction to Assessment and Building Learner Portfolios - £50 per person** (half day)
- **Introduction to Internal and External Verification - £50 per person** (half day)
- **Introduction to Learner Registration and Certification - Free of charge** (half day)
- **CPD Award for Internal Verifiers –£175** (one day)
- **For full details see our website:**

**[www.ocnlr.org.uk/training-and-development](http://www.ocnlr.org.uk/training-and-development)**