

Notification to withdraw a qualification from the Register of Regulated Qualifications

NCTJ level 3 end-point assessment for ST0285 Junior Journalist

Transition arrangements for apprentices

In July 2020, the NCTJ published transition arrangements for the Level 3 Diploma in Journalism, the mandatory qualification in the Level 3 junior journalist apprenticeship standard.

These arrangements confirmed that the Diploma in Journalism would be raised from Level 3 to Level 5 from 1 September 2020, following an industry-wide review of the qualification.

The arrangements also detailed that the junior journalist apprenticeship standard was under review by the journalism employer trailblazer group and the Institute for Apprenticeship and Technical Education (IfATE), and that the standard and associated assessment plan were expected to be updated to Level 5 to accommodate the diploma level change.

The arrangements confirmed that the date for final registrations on the Level 3 junior journalist apprenticeship standard would be 30 December 2021.

The Level 5 journalist apprenticeship standard was approved for delivery by IfATE on 13 December 2021, replacing the Level 3 junior journalist standard which was retired by IfATE on 20 December 2021.

Withdrawal of the level 3 end-point assessment for ST0285 Junior Journalist

The NCTJ accepted final registrations for the Level 3 junior journalist apprenticeship standard in December 2021. These apprentices completed their on-programme training in September 2023 and completed their end-point assessments in December 2023.

For apprentices who successfully passed the level 3 junior journalist end-point assessment, all certificates have been successfully applied for via the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

The NCTJ no longer has active registrations on the standard and is satisfied there are no further apprentices waiting to progress through gateway and register for the end-point assessment.

An operational end date of 1 August 2024 and a certification end date of 30 September 2024 has been set on the Register of Regulated Qualifications to allow a reasonable timeframe for any queries to be raised from users of the qualification.