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# National Occupational Standards Learning and Development Review

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## Background

Lifelong Learning UK is reviewing the National Occupational Standards for Learning and Development. The Standards were last updated by ENTO in 2001 and the suite is being reviewed to ensure they are 'fit for purpose' and still reflect the functions for which they were written.

## What are the objectives of the review?

- To review the Standards to ensure they reflect current practice
- To develop new Standards where necessary
- To discard Standards where they are out of date and/or duplicated by other Standards
- To define the qualifications to be based on the new Standards

## How is the project progressing?

The first stage of the project is now complete. A report of the findings which includes recommendations for changes can be found on the Lifelong Learning UK website: [www.lluk.org/3655.htm](http://www.lluk.org/3655.htm).

Feedback was gathered from a diverse range of stakeholders. A total of over 600 people contributed via an online survey and attendance at a number of focus groups. These events provided extremely useful feedback which has been used to update the Standards.

The next stage will:

- Produce an updated draft set of National Occupational Standards based on the feedback received. Following this, a period of open consultation will be held to review this draft set and explore if they are 'fit for purpose'
- Then taking account of each Nation's distinct processes, use the draft standards to explore the requirements for qualification development. This will include how many, what size and level, how they should be structured and how they will be assessed.

All qualifications that are approved by Lifelong Learning UK and are based on the existing Standards have been extended to December 2010. This will ensure that awarding organisations have time to develop qualifications and supporting materials based on the new Standards.

## How to get involved

There are a variety of methods including a number of events across the UK to feedback into this review. The consultation period will run from mid-November to early December, during which individuals will be able to:

- Review the draft Standards and comment on their scope and content
- Review the proposed qualification specifications including the size and content



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- Consider how these proposed qualifications will be assessed and review the draft assessment strategies

If you belong to an organisation or are part of a network we would encourage you to facilitate your own event to consult on the draft National Occupational Standards. There will be materials available from w/c 9<sup>th</sup> November to assist you with this. You can express interest in organising one of these events via the event booking form available on the Lifelong Learning UK website.

During the consultation period you will also be able to access the draft Standards and feedback to Lifelong Learning UK

### Who should get involved in the review?

We would like to hear from you if you are engaged in the development and/or delivery of accredited or non-accredited vocational learning; or those who may use the Standards to deliver and/or develop learning opportunities to support their business functions.

### Sources of information

- If you would like to take part in the consultation by either attending an organised event, or facilitating your own consultation please visit the project webpage: [www.lluk.org/3655.htm](http://www.lluk.org/3655.htm)
- More information relating to National Occupational Standards can be found at: [www.ukstandards.org.uk](http://www.ukstandards.org.uk)
- The funding body, UK Commission for Employment and Skills, can be found at: [www.ukces.org.uk](http://www.ukces.org.uk)

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