

The new Qualifications: Questions and Answers Sheet

1. What do I need to do in relation to the new qualifications?

You may continue to enrol students on your existing course up to 31st December 2010. Thereafter you will need to offer a course accredited under the new qualifications. You may choose to remain with ABC, or move to an alternative awarding body. Contact the awarding bodies for more information.

2. Who are the awarding bodies for the new qualifications, and what is the difference between the awarding bodies?

The main awarding bodies in the UK are C&G, VTCT, ITEC and ABC.

Each awarding body is required to remain consistent with the core unit specifications. Although the core content is the same, each awarding body has some freedom to decide on the assessment methods, and also what support, help and guidance they provide for training establishments offering their qualification.

3. What is the difference between the existing ABC course and the new unified qualifications?

The new qualifications are more extensive in some areas than the existing ABC qualifications; however a few topic areas have been reduced, and the guided learning hours requirement has risen to 360 hours.

4. How many tutor contact hours does the new course have?

The new Diploma requires 360 guided learning hours. This includes teaching, practical sessions, assessment and self learning.

5. What will be the annual cost to my school/centre?

This depends on the awarding body you choose. Please contact the awarding body of your choice for further information.

6. Will I be able to retain an entry on the AoR website in 2010?

If you are an AoR Accredited Centre, and currently have an entry on the AoR website, you may continue to do this for free for the remainder of 2010, and the AoR will continue to undertake changes to this listing and there may be an administration fee.

7. Will I be able to retain an entry on the AoR website from 2011 onwards?

As of 1st January 2011, any school accredited by one of the awarding bodies recognised by the AoR will be given the opportunity to have an entry on the AoR website. There will be a charge for this service.

8. How long can I run my existing course for?

Students may enrol onto your existing course to undertake the current ABC qualification up to Dec 31st 2010. For further information please contact ABC directly.

9. Will new students starting in 2010 undertaking the current ABC qualification be eligible for AoR membership?

Yes.

10. Will new students starting in 2010 undertaking the current ABC qualification be able to enrol as student members of the AoR?

Yes.

11. Will people with the new qualifications be eligible to join the AoR?

Yes – if they have successfully completed the 7-unit Diploma of Reflexology offered by a qualifying awarding body. See the AoR website for further details.

12. Is the AoR accrediting new schools or new main course tutors, or venues during 2010?

No. The AoR have stopped accrediting new schools, tutors and venues. You will still need to follow ABC's processes regarding accreditation of new tutors and venues.

13. How have the AoR membership entry criteria changed?

The new qualifications are more extensive in some areas than the existing ABC qualifications; however a few topic areas have been reduced, and the guided learning hours requirement has risen to 360 hours. AoR has researched this in detail and has set the entry level at the 7-unit Diploma qualification to ensure that AoR members are reflexologists who have attained the knowledge and skills competency to work as professional practitioners.

14. What support will an Accredited Centre get from the AoR during the transition to the new course?

We regret that we are unable to offer specific support during the transition phase. We strongly advise that you contact ABC or other awarding body for information, help and support.

15. As a non-AoR accredited school can I have an entry on the AoR website?

As of 1st January 2011, any school accredited by one of the awarding bodies recognised by the AoR will be given the opportunity to have an entry on the AoR website. There will be a charge for this.

16. How will my current students be affected?

Current students will not be affected by the changes. Your current students will remain student members of the AoR, and on successful completion of their course will be eligible for full membership of the AoR.

17. How will my new students enrolling on the existing course before Dec 2010 be affected?

Your new students may apply for student membership of the AoR in the normal way.

18. How will my new students enrolling for the new qualifications be affected?

This be dependent on your choice of awarding body and diploma level. Any student enrolled on the standard 7-module Diploma of Reflexology may apply for student membership of the AoR. Details of this are under discussion.

19. Can my students obtain student insurance from the AoR?

Students enrolling up to 31st December 2010 are eligible for free insurance as student members of the AoR for the duration of the course. For the future, the AoR is negotiating with the insurance provider and we will let you know the outcome of this as soon as we can.