



Newsletter

Opening the gateway to Opportunity

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The new Anglia Examinations Website is launched on the worldwide web

www.anglia.org is the new address of Anglia Examinations website. Months of hard work in which Anglia staff have liaised constantly with our dedicated website designer and the many people now associated with Anglia's work around the world, have seen the site grow from its initial designs into a new structure that allows for simple but effective navigation through the various sections. With pride, we can announce that the site was launched on November 21st 2008.

The AIMS of the website are

- To inform and support all groups interested in Anglia Examinations and its work globally: students, parents, teachers, individuals and groups.
- To interest new audiences in all aspects of Anglia examinations and show them all the exciting work going on around them
- To show how Anglia's approach to testing demonstrates a clear pathway to further educational and career opportunities

The DESIGN of the website is based on the 3Cs

- Centralisation: to gather the information into one place for ease of communication to a diverse & worldwide audience.
- Consistency: to ensure that the information/support of Anglia examinations is reliable and dependable.
- Commitment: to extend our obligation to updating/adapting Anglia information, forming a network between our users and establishing and maintaining clear communication lines.

The new website GIVES

- Anglia Examinations a solid presence amongst the English language examination providers within the worldwide market.
- Each of our representatives/countries equal access to a central site, a place to show good practice, share resources and share news on a regular basis. It gives greater emphasis to effective communication and helps to integrate our business.

Those associated with Anglia should bear in mind that this is now a fast-expanding and complex company and that the website reflects this with a huge amount of information being available to the users. We hope the website takes the pressure off the various local sites by providing a centralised communication link and draws Anglia worldwide closer together as we share ideas and resources.

A few sections are still undergoing development and there are even more new ideas which have yet to be incorporated. We expect the website to continue to grow and develop in the coming months and years. This will be an ongoing task and we at Anglia UK want our Anglia representatives, teachers and students to be part of this progression.

In the meantime we hope you like the new site. We believe it is a really exciting development and will prove to be extremely useful as resource for communication and information. Please do logon to the site and you will see what we mean!

Anglia Examinations achieve QCA accreditation for ESOL International qualifications through collaboration with OCNW

Over the past year, Anglia Examinations have negotiated a collaborative agreement with a highly respected UK awarding body. The awarding body, OCNW, offers learners a wide range of qualifications to help with their progression to employment or higher education. OCNW stands for the Open College North West and it is a QCA/Ofqual approved UK national awarding body.

This co-operation means that the top four levels of Anglia exams:

B1 Intermediate (UK Entry level)
B2 Advanced (UK level 1)
C1 Proficiency (UK level 2)
C2 Masters (UK level 3)

are now fully accredited by QCA/Ofqual as OCNW ESOL International qualifications.

Everyone who takes and passes an Anglia examination at one of the top four levels not only passes that level, but will also have achieved a QCA/Ofqual accredited OCNW ESOL International qualification.

What is QCA/Ofqual?

QCA, which stands for the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (and is soon to be renamed Ofqual), is a UK government sponsored public body which oversees the national curriculum of the UK and all the associated assessments and examinations.

It is the only official body in the UK with the power to accredit qualifications. Examinations and examination boards have to go through a very rigorous process of approval before they can be accredited. We are therefore delighted that we can offer our candidates QCA/Ofqual accredited qualifications with Anglia examinations: governments, universities, colleges of higher education, and employers can all have full confidence in them.

You can find the new OCNW ESOL International qualifications which you obtain with Anglia examinations listed on the UK National Database of Accredited Qualifications (the NDAQ) www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk

Who are OCNW?

OCNW are an independent National Awarding Body. Based in Lancaster, they were formed in 1975. They are a membership organisation, with six Higher Education Institutional members based in the north west of England: Lancaster University, Liverpool University, Cumbria University, Northumbria University, the University of Central Lancashire, and Edge Hill University. OCNW also has over 40 Further Education College members and 250 approved examination centres. They offer over 120 qualifications on the National Qualifications Framework and Qualifications and Credit Framework.

www.OCNW.com

Why did Anglia work with OCNW to accredit its examinations? Why didn't it just accredit them on its own?

Anglia Examinations is a specialist examination board. It offers English examinations for international students. It doesn't offer any other type of qualifications for UK school students. All our expertise at Anglia examinations since we began operating from Chichester College in 1994 has been focused on the service we provide to our international candidates. In the UK, you can't just accredit one set of examinations with QCA on their own, even if they are ESOL International qualifications like ours. You have to do so through a general national UK awarding body (examination board) offering qualifications in a wide variety of different subjects to UK students too. Therefore, OCNW joined with us to add new ESOL International qualifications to the qualifications that their awarding body offers and provide a route for us to offer enhanced qualifications for our candidates.

For all the candidates, this means that the Anglia examinations at B1 B2 C1 and C2 (i.e. Anglia Intermediate, Advanced, Proficiency and Masters) now also confer ESOL International QCA/Ofqual-accredited qualifications at these levels.

What changes in the exams will there be?

None. The examinations have been accredited as OCNW qualifications without any changes.

Will the certificates change?

Yes and No. At least for the first year of the collaboration, successful candidates will receive two certificates: the one they are used to from Anglia examinations, and one produced by the collaborative agreement with OCNW. The accredited OCNW certificates will contain the QCA logo, the OCNW and Anglia logos, the name of the Anglia level, the corresponding CEFR level, and the corresponding UK national curriculum level. They will also include information about the grade boundaries and information about the candidate's performance.

Are the lower levels accredited too?

No. QCA can only accredit examinations which are intended primarily for candidates aged 16 and above. This does not mean you have to be 16 or over to take the top four accredited levels but that they should be essentially focused on young adults and above and not aimed at children or young learners.

In order to make sure there is continuity throughout our ten levels, however, the lower level certificates will also have the OCNW logo on them.

OCNW name change to ASCENTIS

Late in 2009 OCNW will change their name to 'Ascentis'. This change was planned before the agreement with Anglia examinations was signed. Only when this change has taken place will the final design of the certificate be settled, and the marketing materials created.

What are the benefits of accreditation?

There are many. Accreditation gives external endorsement of the qualification to employers and educational institutions. It fixes an official alignment of the levels. Candidates, parents, schools and teachers can all know that the standards of the exam board are reinforced by inspection. Governments around the world can rely on these qualifications because the accrediting agency is independent of any commercial organisation. For example, the British Home Office accepts these qualifications as part of tier 2 of the points-based system for work entry into Britain. This system will begin in March 2009. ASEP in Greece has, in the last few days, officially announced that it accepts these qualifications.

Accreditation is wonderful news not only for anyone taking an Anglia examination but also for all representatives, clients and teachers in Anglia schools in many parts of the world who have worked hard over the last few years to help us consolidate our official accreditation and international recognition.

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Chichester College: <http://www.chichester.ac.uk>
Global College Network: <http://www.globalcollegenetwork.org/>

Have you got a story?

If you have an interesting story or would like to share your news and experiences with other Anglia members around the world then we would love to hear from you.

Please email info@anglia.org to contribute to the next edition of the Anglia newsletter.

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