



The QAA Access to HE Diploma

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National Strength North East Service



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The Access to HE Diploma is an exciting route to Higher Education or into a new career. It is one of the main routes for adults into university. It is a highly flexible, funded Level 3 qualification with a wide range of subject options and modes of study. From Access programmes students apply directly to a university using the UCAS application process. Each year around 30,000 students enrol on an Access to HE Programme and the majority gain places at university.

- **Access to HE is life-changing for Students**

For students who want to go to university / change career / realise ambitions

- **Access to HE is inspiring for Tutors**

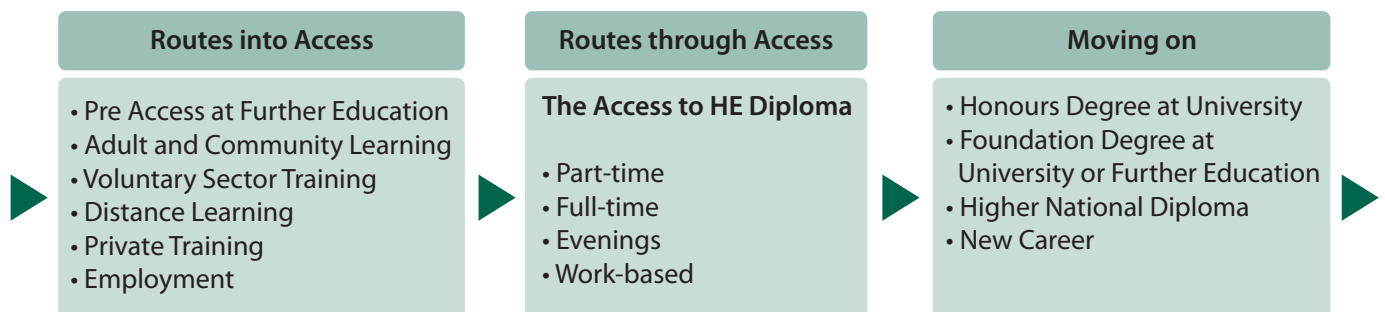
Providing a rewarding teaching experience with highly motivated students

- **Access to HE is perfect for Providers**

Funded provision which meets government agendas for progression to HE, employability and skills development

- **Access to HE is important for Stakeholders**

Widening participation in Higher Education and developing the skills required by employers in the Region for the Region



What do students need to complete to achieve the Access to HE Diploma?

60 credits in total (1 credit = 10 notional hours of learning)

The 60 credits must include:

- 45 credits at level 3, usually in subject areas related to the intended progression route

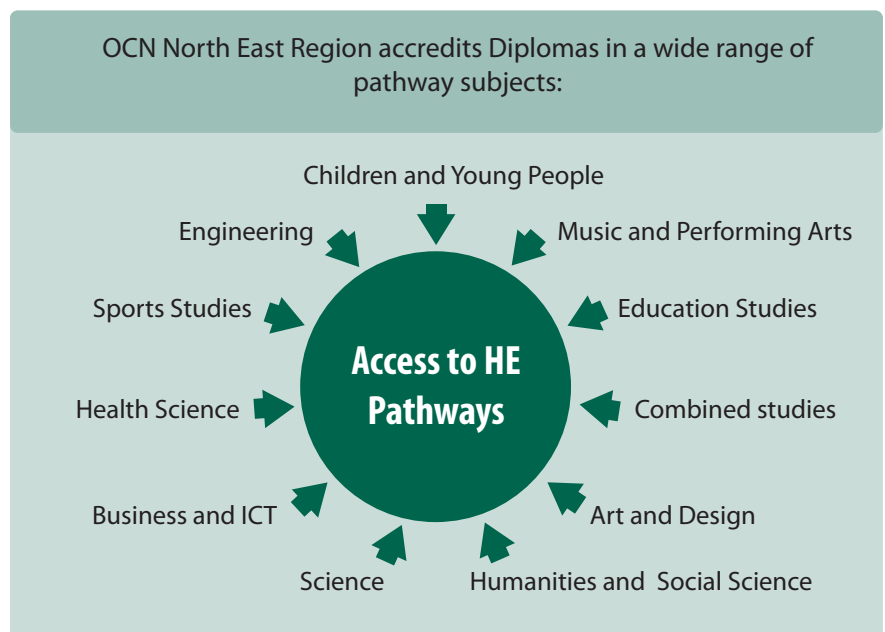
- 15 credits at level 2 or 3, usually in Study Skills/English/Maths/Science

The overriding aim of all Access to HE Diplomas, whatever the intended progression route or subject area, is to prepare students for study at higher education.

What is OCN North East Region?

OCN North East Region is an Authorised Validating Agency (AVA) licensed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA), which means we can approve and accredit Access to HE Diploma qualifications.

OCN North East Region also operates under license to the National Open College Network (NOCN) as an Ofqual Approved Awarding Body for a range of other National Qualifications.



What is the OCN North East Region Access to HE Regional Programme?

All Providers who choose to gain accreditation for their Access provision through OCN North East Region must gain approval to deliver the Access to HE Diploma through the Regional Access to HE Programme. This Programme provides a framework for the curriculum, quality assurance and standardisation of the Access to HE Diploma across the region.

The Programme includes all the units which are approved for delivery in Access Programmes and are categorised as Core or Pathway. The Pathway Units are listed by subject area under the Pathway title, for example, Social Science or Sports Studies. www.ocnner.org.uk/ahe.asp

What are the provider fees and charges for 2010/11?

Annual programme registration fee	£150.00
Annual quality assurance fee	£200.00
Annual membership fee (if not already a member)	£100.00
Access Student Registration for 3 years	£120.00 per student

Late charges are applied for any students who are registered after the published deadline.

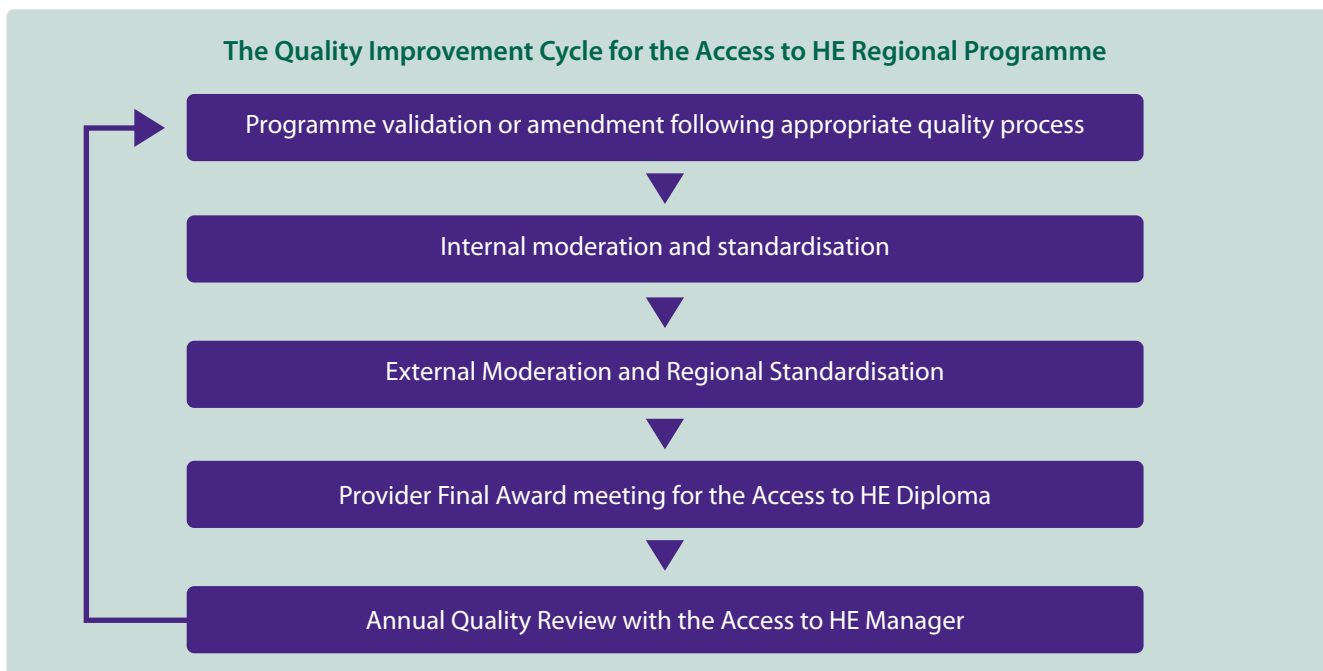
What professional development opportunities are available for Access Tutors?

- Regional standardisation events
- Bespoke training and one to one support
- Annual Conference
- Regional Strategic Networking Events
- Full calendar of CPD events in all the key areas of accreditation: Assessment planning, IM, standardisation and more

How is the Access to HE Diploma assessed?

Each unit is assessed internally, through centre-devised assignments. From September 2009 all Level 3 Units in the Access to HE Diploma will be graded in line with QAA requirements. All providers are given the full **QAA Grading Implementation Handbook** plus induction training when approved to deliver the QAA Access to HE Diploma. Each unit is graded separately; there is no overall grade for the Diploma.

How is the Regional Programme in Access to HE quality assured?



Who do I contact if I want to know more?

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