

Circular S/IF/58/22

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To: The Principals of Post-Primary Schools and Directors of Further and Higher Education

For circulation to: Examinations Officer and Heads of Affected Departments

CoPE and VRQ Levels 1 and 2 Changes to eCandidate Record Sheets (eCRS) and Sampling

From the November 2022 series CCEA will be introducing changes to CoPE and VRQ Levels 1 and 2. As detailed below, these changes include how outcomes will be recorded on the eCRS application and how centres will access their sampling instructions for these qualifications.

1. Centre users will now key the following on eCRS for outcomes

Outcome	VRQ (PAL & Performance Skills)	CoPE
Work submitted not worthy of a mark	0	0
Candidate has not achieved the required level for the unit	1	1
Candidate has achieved the required level for the unit	2	3

2. Centre users will receive onscreen sampling instructions within the eCRS application

From the November 2022 series, when the Lead Teacher submits outcomes for VRQ/CoPE units on the eCRS application, an additional Sampling tab will be available, detailing the candidates selected by CCEA to be submitted for moderation. This replaces the previous paper-based sampling instructions. As a result of sampling now being based on submitted outcomes, the collection date for portfolios is now later than the closing date for eCRS submissions. Please see the table below for key dates, which cover both VRQ and CoPE, and will also be detailed in CCEA's Calendar of Events:

Action	Date & Time
eCRS available to centres for PAL, Performance Skills and CoPE	Monday 17 th October at 9am
Onscreen samples available upon submission of outcomes in the eCRS application	From Monday 28 th November at 9am
Deadline for submission of outcomes to CCEA via the eCRS application	Monday 12 th December at 5pm
Collection of samples from centres	Thursday 15 th December from 8:30am

CCEA will follow up this circular by contacting lead teachers regarding the above changes.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this circular please email Craig Burns at cburns@ccea.org.uk