

NCTJ Diploma in Journalism

Withdrawal of the business of magazines elective module

The business of magazines elective module will be withdrawn from the NCTJ Diploma in Journalism from September 2021 for new registrations, following an industry-wide review of the elective modules for this qualification.

Employers, candidates and centres were contacted in 2019 as part of this review, to request their views and feedback regarding each elective module and its relevance to the industry.

The business of magazines programme of study is heavily knowledge-based on the magazine industry and the exam is no longer reflective of the vocational nature of the diploma. The practical magazine journalism elective double module concentrates on digital feature-writing and includes the skills and knowledge required by a trainee journalist working for the magazine industry.

Transition arrangements for candidates

Arrangements for centres delivering accredited courses and junior journalist apprentices

Registrations for the business of magazines elective module will be accepted up to 31 August 2021. New registrations will no longer be available for this module from 1 September 2021.

To accommodate all courses, candidates registered on or before 31 August 2021 will have until 1 September 2023 to pass the unit assessment and achieve the Diploma in Journalism qualification with the business of magazines module. The unit end date for the module is 30 September 2023.

If a candidate has not passed the unit assessment and completed the Diploma in Journalism qualification by 1 September 2023, they will be required to pass another 7 credit module in place of business of magazines to achieve the diploma qualification.

Arrangements for distance learners

Distance learners will be able to purchase the business of magazines module via distance learning until 31 August 2021. The module will no longer be available to purchase via distance learning from 1 September 2021.

Distance learners who have purchased the business of magazines module via distance learning on or before 31 August 2021 will have until 1 September 2023 to pass the unit assessment and achieve the Diploma in Journalism qualification with the business of magazines module. The unit end date for the module is 30 September 2023.

If a distance learner has not passed the unit assessment and completed the Diploma in Journalism qualification by 1 September 2023, they will be required to gain another 7 credit elective module in place of business of magazines to complete the diploma qualification.

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The business of magazines elective module will remain available until 30 September 2023 to accommodate the transition arrangements outlined above. A unit end date of 30 September 2023 is set on the Register of Regulated Qualifications.