#FunSkills2019

Functional Skills Reform monthly updates

Webinar 05: Taking Stock – 09 January 2019
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Welcome to webinar 5 – Taking Stock

Questions
Please post your questions during the webinar. We may not be able to answer them live, but will add them to the FAQs we are developing.

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If this is your first webinar, you can find the link to the recordings of the previous webinars on our Functional Skills updates page.

**Functional Skills Updates**

Don’t forget you can sign up for our email alerts and events!

Are you new to this…?
Hot off the press…

DfE has confirmed the reformed Functional Skills qualifications will each be **55 guided learning hours** (was 45).

We’re finalising plans for withdrawing the **old** (3748-01 and 3748-02) Functional Skills qualifications.

As well as moving ICT from 3748-03 across to the **new** Functional Skills 4-digit number.
Tools to help
Quick reminder...

- Distinct purposes for Entry level vs levels 1 and 2
  - **Entry level** sound grasp of the underpinning skills and basics
  - **Levels 1-2** apply these skills effectively to a range of purposes in the workplace and in other real life situations.

- More explicit assessment of ‘underpinning’ skills – not just incidentally through problem-solving tasks
  - no spelling/grammar checkers or dictionaries allowed within English Writing
  - word lists at Entry level
  - assessment at all levels with and without a calculator for maths.
Don’t teach phonics
use phonics to teach reading and spelling

- Additional #FunSkills2019 webinar last month with Claire Collins
  - ETF Phonics Toolkit and CPD offer to follow.

- Further information from Education and Training Foundation.
- Part of ETF’s broader workforce development programme.
Some more useful resources

- DfE Subject Content documents
- ETF workforce CPD programme
- AELP events and webinars
- City & Guilds maths and English CPD programme
Transition

• Last registration for ‘old’ Functional Skills suite (3748) will be 31 August 2019.

• New number (4748) in place from 1 September – for all registrations from then on
  • note ICT will be migrated to 4748, although the qualifications themselves aren’t changing for now.

• Last certification for ‘old’ Functional Skills English and Mathematics will be 31 August 2020.

• No exceptions
  • regulatory conditions for Functional Skills won’t allow us to award old qualifications after that date.

• To facilitate an orderly withdrawal:
  • External assessments will cease on 30 April 2020.
  • We expect all internal assessments to have been completed by that date.
  • All EQA monitoring activity relating to the old qualifications must be completed by 31 July 2020.
Resources

Forthcoming networks and launch events:
Search using bit.ly/CGMathsEnglishEvents
## Our teaching and learning CPD programme

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Next month’s webinar is on 6 February

If you would like us to answer any particular questions, please submit them to: fsreform@cityandguilds.com

Usual start time
15.30
Staying in touch

• **Webinars every month** – if you’re signed up you should get an email reminder
  • each webinar will have a theme/focus, as well as providing a general update
  • a recording will be available shortly after each webinar.

• **Email alerts**
  • make sure you’re signed up
  • encourage others to sign up.

• **Functional Skills updates page.**

• **Coming soon**
  • FAQs
  • Maths and English blog
  • networks and launch events.
For more information about the Functional Skills reform programme, please visit cityandguilds.com/mathsandenglish Then follow links to Functional Skills updates.

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