#FunSkills2019

Functional Skills 2019 monthly updates

Delivery, administration and exam conduct

Webinar 09 | May 2019
Welcome to webinar 9 – delivery

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Any questions?
As usual, please post your questions during the webinar. We might not be able to answer them live, but if not we’ll add to the FAQs.
New to these webinars?

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

Don’t forget
To stay up-to-date, you need to sign up for our email alerts!
Don’t forget the **draft** samples assessments for all of our reformed FS qualifications are on our **current** Functional Skills (3748) qualification documents webpage.

They are available from a folder called **Functional Skills reform** in the **Additional documents** folder.
OpenAssess – launched today 1 May 2019

OpenAssess is our new, free, on-screen practice test tool – developed for Functional Skills exams

- It’s a parallel, open, version of SecureAssess (e-volve)
  - the platform we use for live on-screen tests.
- It hosts our sample on-screen Functional Skills external assessments
  - instead of these just being on our website.
- It will record your learners’ practice test attempts, and store their responses
  - so you can access and mark them afterwards
  - allows you to provide feedback and judge their readiness for the live test.
- Currently the current (3748) Functional Skills sample assessments are available.
- Sample versions of the reformed (4748) Functional Skills exams will be available through OpenAssess from September.

Places still available on these events - book your place: bit.ly/CGMathsEnglishEvents

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Operational changes
New qualifications...

First teaching: 1 September 2019

• **Five** levels: Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3, Level 1 and Level 2

• **Two** points of registration per subject area
  - 4748-01 – Entry level English
  - 4748-02 – Level 1-2 English
  - 4748-03 – Entry level Mathematics
  - 4748-04 – Level 1-2 Mathematics

• **ICT** arrangements are still being formalised and will be shared once this has been set
Assessments/Exams

• Entry level: on-demand availability, paper delivery

• Levels 1-2: on-demand availability, paper and on-screen delivery

• Internal/External Quality Assurance (IQA and EQA) processes continue to apply for Entry Level; also for Speaking, Listening and Communicating at levels 1-2.

• No ‘spiky’ profile within FS English
  - all three components must be achieved at same level.
Operating Changes...

Transition from legacy Functional Skills to new qualifications:

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Conducting exams

• The Functional Skills reforms bring new challenges and increased rigour, which we welcome.

• Ofqual is expecting greater consistency across awarding organisations and more security around assessment delivery, particularly where exams are delivered on demand, on paper.

• In recognition of this increased rigour, there will be new and clearer documentation around the conduct of exams and assessments and common rules across awarding organisations.
Key documents

**Handbook and specification documents**
Sets out scope and design of our Functional Skills qualifications, including assessment coverage and weightings.

**Instructions for conducting exams**
Sets out our operational requirements for managing externally marked exams.

**Guidance for delivery**
For September: produced by our chief examiners; detailed guidance on design of, and allocation of marks within, our externally marked exams.
Delivery
Sample assessments

We have now published sample assessments for Maths and English from Entry 1 to Level 2

• To access them visit the qualifications document webpage for the current (3748) Functional Skills:

• Select the “Additional Documents” dropdown

• Then select “Functional Skills reform”

The mark schemes and assessments have been uploaded as one document
Questions
Any comments, questions or feedback...

fsreform@cityandguilds.com
Keeping up with developments

#FunSkills2019 webinars every month - right through to the summer

- You’ll get an email reminder each month as long as you’ve signed up.
- Recordings of every session to-date (apart from the special phonics webinar) available from the Functional Skills updates page.

Next month’s webinar

- Wednesday 5 June
Thank you

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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There’s a dedicated email address: fsreform@cityandguilds.com

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