

Maths and English regular webinar updates

New Year:
best foot forward...

January 2021

Welcome to the first set of this year's updates!

We are running these live sessions three times each month:

- second **Thursday** (morning)
- third **Wednesday** (afternoon)
- last **Tuesday** (morning).
- If you're signed up for one of these slots, you'll get a reminder ahead of each session.
- Recorded version (and slides) will be available afterwards from our [**Maths and English Resource Hub**](#).
- Don't forget to sign up for our [**email alerts**](#) too!

If you are experiencing issues with the sound but can see the slides, try exiting the webinar and then re-joining – this **usually** solves the problem.

Maths and English resource hub

Welcome to the maths and English resource hub, here you will find information about digital teaching and learning support resources, brochures, videos, delivery guides and admin support.

Deliver Functional Skills (4748) in 10 easy steps

New to working with us?

Digital resources for learners and tutors

e-Functional Skills Reloaded

SmartScreen

Journey 2 English

Complete maths and English offer

Functional Skills exam change notification forms

CPD training

Maths and English practice-sharing networks

Materials from recent practice-sharing networks

Sign up for our monthly maths and English webinar updates

Webinar series from October 2020 – Slides and recordings

Previous webinar updates – 2019-20

Answering your questions

Thank you for all of your questions during last month's webinars...

- We've collated these together, and will keep adding to them
- You'll be able to find them on **Functional Skills (4748) qualification documents page**
- If anything else occurs to you in the meantime, get in touch via **pre-employment@cityandguilds.com**.

Maths and English monthly webinars - rolling Q&A
Updated 23 November 2020

Question	Answer
Centre Assessed Grades When will the estimated results on appeal will be issued?	We have not set a results release date. Each appeal is being reviewed on a case by case basis and once a resolution has been reached the centre will be contacted and the results released to Walled Garden
Covid-19 Arrangements During this period, awarding organisations are operating within an Extended Extraordinary Regulatory Framework (EERF) published by the Government. A copy of this can be found here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/925864/Wider_stakeholder_2020_and_2021_Advice_Note.pdf	Following the ESFA announcement about extending the Exam Support Service to providers delivering FS to apprentices (More information here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esfa-update-11-november-2020/esfa-update-further-education-11-november-2020) we continue to explore how we can support centres with external exam venues. Please see the ES Covid 19 page on the website for more detail.
Are you still exploring the idea of testing centres?	The Government's guidance to awarding organisations is that there is no intention to offer centre assessed grades again.
Is there any likelihood of another round of calculated results?	It is not possible to use components of the legacy Functional Skills qualification to meet the requirements of the reformed qualification. Because the two qualifications are built on different foundations it is not possible to mix and match elements of the two qualifications.
If a learner completes and partially achieves components. Can they carry this to the next level to complete the qualification?	The qualification date for the Legacy Functional Skills has been further extended until 31 July 2021.

Please
keep them
coming...

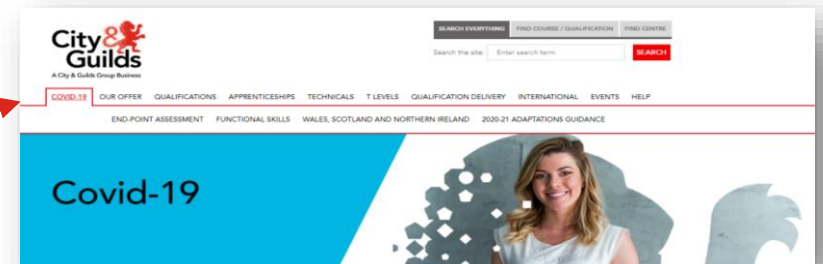
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Go to [cityand guilds.com/covid-19](https://cityandguilds.com/covid-19) for our current updates.





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Complete our enquiry form if you wish to use this service [City & Guilds RI enquiry form](#)



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Visit [Apprenticeship response to COVID-19](#) for the guidance document



Test centres for Functional Skills exams

How do test centres work?

- Providing additional opportunities for learners to take tests
- Offering paper and onscreen tests, **including** FS ICT.
- Two locations – London and Birmingham,
- Tests are booked in the usual way, but with an additional step which involves booking a seat in the venue for the exam duration.
- National Express agreement, as part of this project, to help with travel.
- City & Guilds provides invigilators and equipment, learners just need to turn up ready to take their test.
- Fee of £25 in addition per test in addition to the exam fee.
- Capacity to offer up to 100 tests a day across our planned locations.
- **FSexamsservice@cityandguilds.com**

OpenAssess– temporarily unavailable

We're aware it's not currently possible to access sample on-screen Functional Skills tests via OpenAssess

- We are working on a solution to this as a priority.

Onscreen samples and maths navigation tests from our website

- These are still available, but you will need to download an application called SurpassViewer
 - See [4748 Qualification page](#) for details
- Paper (PDF) sample tests can still be accessed from our [Functional Skills qualification documents page](#) (each accompanied by a mark scheme).

UPDATED
INFORMATION

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as normal

**Post-16 study at level 2
and below: call for
evidence - GOV.UK
(www.gov.uk)**

**DfE consulting on
qualifications at
Level 2 or below.**

Now extended until
14 February

**Closes 23.45 on
31 January 2021.**

Have you
had your
say?

City &
Guilds
will be
responding



Relevant questions...

9. Are there employment opportunities in your industry, additional to those on the occupational maps, for students qualified at level 2?
10. Alongside apprenticeships, are classroom-based alternatives at level 2 necessary in your industry?
11. Where level 2 classroom-based study leads to employment, our starting point is that it should be aligned with employer-led standards. What further actions can we take to ensure that, as far as possible, classroom-based qualifications hold the same value in the labour market as apprenticeships and that they work alongside each other effectively?





Relevant questions...

- 14. How useful are level 2 qualifications for the purpose of upskilling adults in employment?
- 15. Does level 2 study play a role in supporting adults in employment to progress to level 3 qualifications?
- 23. When you are recruiting, do you value or recognise qualifications in employability, personal and social skills, or independent living?
- 29. When you are recruiting, do you value or recognise ESOL qualifications?
- 30. When you are recruiting, do you value or recognise English and maths qualifications that are not FSQs or GCSEs?





Lockdown implications

Will there
be
another
CAG?

The DfE expectation is tests should be taken as normal as far as possible, although Ofqual is consulting on **possible** alternative arrangements for where this isn't possible.

When
can I
start
using
RI?

You will need centre approval first. To get this complete the RI **form**.

Can we
still do FS
exams?

FS exams **are** still available on demand, both paper and on-screen.

Digital Credentials

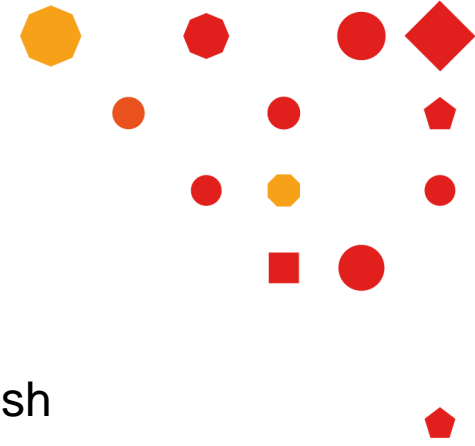
Digital badges in action!

- In September 2020 Functional Skills badges were launched
- 7100 badges to learners
- 2,200 of which have been claimed
- Achievements shared through social media channels such as LinkedIn, Twitter, FaceBook, WhatsApp
- Make sure your learners don't miss out – all we need is their email address which can be entered via Walled Garden.



240 Badges
shared or
attached to
profiles





Help us to understand more about your delivery

We have some questions to help us form a picture of what is happening in the Maths and English teaching landscape ...

If you are listening to the recording you can respond by email to pre-employment@cityandguilds.com (quoting Q1, Q2, Q3 or Q4)

Q1. Are you still currently able to deliver FS exams?

Q2. When are you planning to deliver your FS exams (for this academic year)?

Q3. Have you/are you planning to reply to the DfE consultation on L2 qualifications or below?

Q4. Are you considering using the City & Guilds' Test Centres for your Functional Skills candidates?

Questions and answers

You can also email:
pre-employment@cityandguilds.com

Thank you

For more information about all aspects of our Maths and English offer, please visit cityandguilds.com/mathsandenglish.

For specific queries relating to Pre-Employment, please use: pre-employment@cityandguilds.com

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 - [@PaulSceeny_CG](https://twitter.com/PaulSceeny_CG)
 - [@KatherineC_CG](https://twitter.com/KatherineC_CG).

