

# Maths and English regular webinar updates

## Alternative arrangements - the story so far

March 2021

# Welcome to this month's update!

**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

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Webinar series from October 2020 – Slides and recordings

Previous webinar updates – 2019-20

# Answering your questions

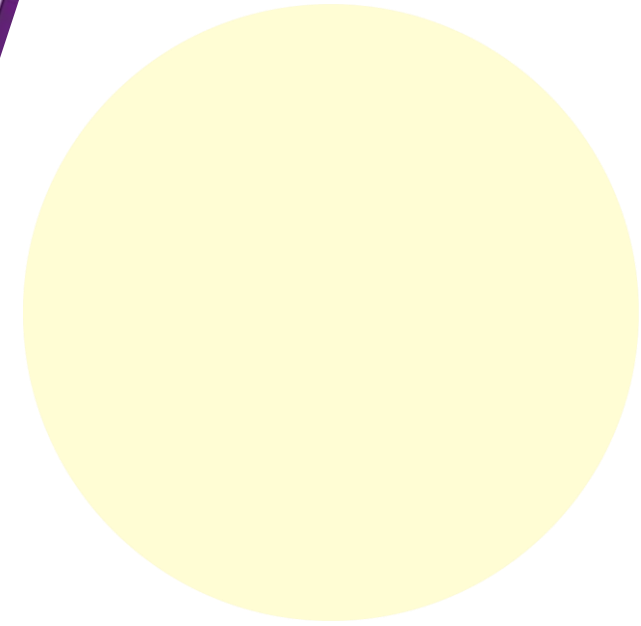
Thank you for all of your questions...

- We're continuing to collate and add to them.
- We have redesigned the document with a contents table to help you find the answers to your questions
- You'll find the Webinar Q&A document on [Functional Skills \(4748\) qual documents page](#).
- If anything else occurs to you in the meantime, get in touch via [pre-employment@cityandguilds.com](mailto:pre-employment@cityandguilds.com).



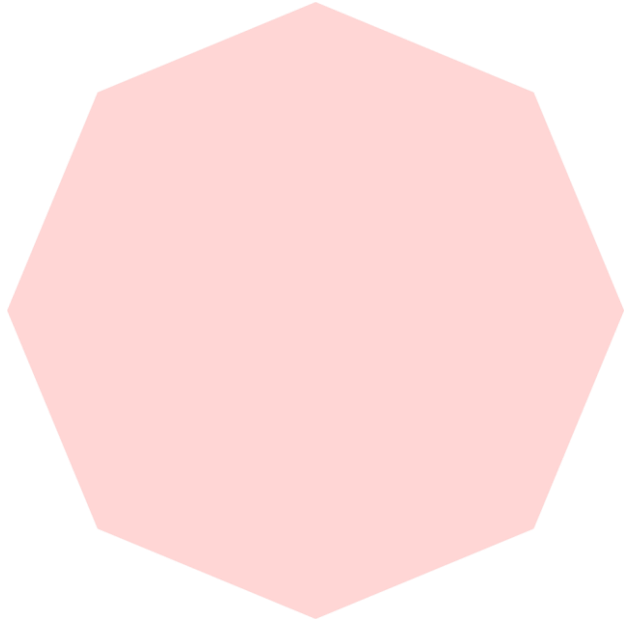
# ICYMI...

**20 years of the  
Skills for Life  
strategy, FETL  
announce new  
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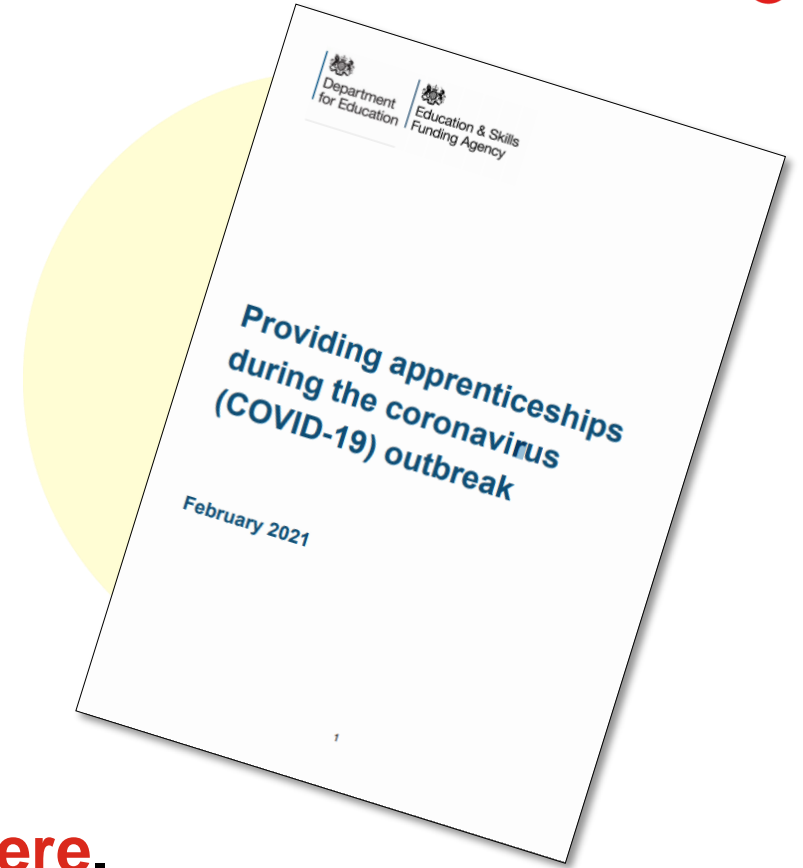


**Skills for Life: A new strategy for English, maths, ESOL and Digital**

# ICYMI...



**Flexibility introduced  
to allow eligible  
apprentices to take  
EPA before  
FS tests.**



**You can find the DfE and ESFA document [here](#).**



# ICYMI...



We are adding network topics, check the maths and English resource hub for latest info

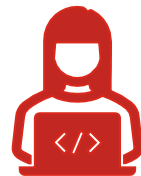
## Maths and English Resource Hub



# Testing is still available - Functional Skills, ESOL & Principles of Maths and English

**Live Assessments are still available for booking and delivery in the usual way:**

- For Functional Skills there are some increased flexibilities around managing the paper-delivered tests – outlined in the [Instructions for Conducting Exams](#) guidance available from the 4849 qualification page
- ESOL Skills for Life Assessments continue to be available from [the 4692 Qualification page](#) and the Reading exams at Level 1 and 2 can be booked through Walled Garden in the usual way for face to face delivery
- Assessments for Principles for Using Mathematical Techniques and Principles for Using Written and Spoken English (3844) can be booked through Walled Garden for face to face assessment sessions as usual





# Functional Skills exams - testing is still available

## Test at Home

- Interim solution now available for
  - Level 1 & 2 FS English (Reading and Writing)
  - Level 1 & 2 FS Mathematics
- Approval process applies
  - see [Remote Testing](#) pages for details.

NB: Test at Home **not** possible for FS ICT or entry level FS.

**Test at Home** is also available for ESOL Reading at Levels 1&2 and Principles of Maths and English (3844)

## Test centres

- Exams accommodated/invigilated by City & Guilds
  - additional £25 fee applies, per exam.
- Includes paper and on-screen delivery
  - and FS ICT.
- Three venues currently in use
  - London
  - Birmingham
  - Bristol
- For details, see [Functional Skills Covid-19 pages](#).





# Assessment arrangements for 2020/21

**Following the DfE and Ofqual consultation, on 25 February DfE and Ofqual shared the outcomes published in 'Alternative arrangements for the award of VTQs and other general qualifications in 2021'**

- The awarding of qualifications in the period 1 August 2020 to 31 August 2021 will be governed by the Vocational Contingency Regulatory Framework (VCRF)
- This allows for qualifications to be taken as normal, or with agreed adaptations and where necessary using alternative arrangements – Teacher Assessed Grades or TAGs
- We have given more detail on our Covid-19 updates page here:  
<https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/assessment-arrangements-for-2021>



# Let's look at the difference ...

## CAG process 2020

- Blanket approach for all learners
- No live testing – CAGs for everyone
- Making a forecast of a candidate's likely performance by 31 July 2020



## Arrangements for 2021

### Test is best

- Test as usual
- RI
- Test Centres

### Delay where possible

- Where no impact on learner progression

### Final option

- Centres will have to apply to be able to submit TAGs
- Only for learners who cannot access a test (as above)
- Alternative arrangement – Teacher Assessed Grade
- When the candidate is ready for assessment using the evidence to make a judgement



# What next?

- We are developing Teacher guidance to assist teachers and tutors to understand what evidence can be used to support judgements for a TAG
- The process for centres to indicate that they are planning to use the TAG submission process for specific learners is being drawn up
- We are developing the system to enable centres to submit TAGs for eligible learners and are working to make these:
  - practical, manageable and do not create unnecessary burden,
  - maintain the integrity of our qualifications,
  - support valid and reliable results, and
  - do not advantage or disadvantage any one learner over another.

# Questions and answers

You can also email:  
**[pre-employment@cityandguilds.com](mailto:pre-employment@cityandguilds.com)**

# Thank you

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