

Maths and English regular webinar updates

Two years on: Reflecting on Functional Skills Reform

June 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

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...

- 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.





Legacy Functional Skills – 3748-01 and 3748-02

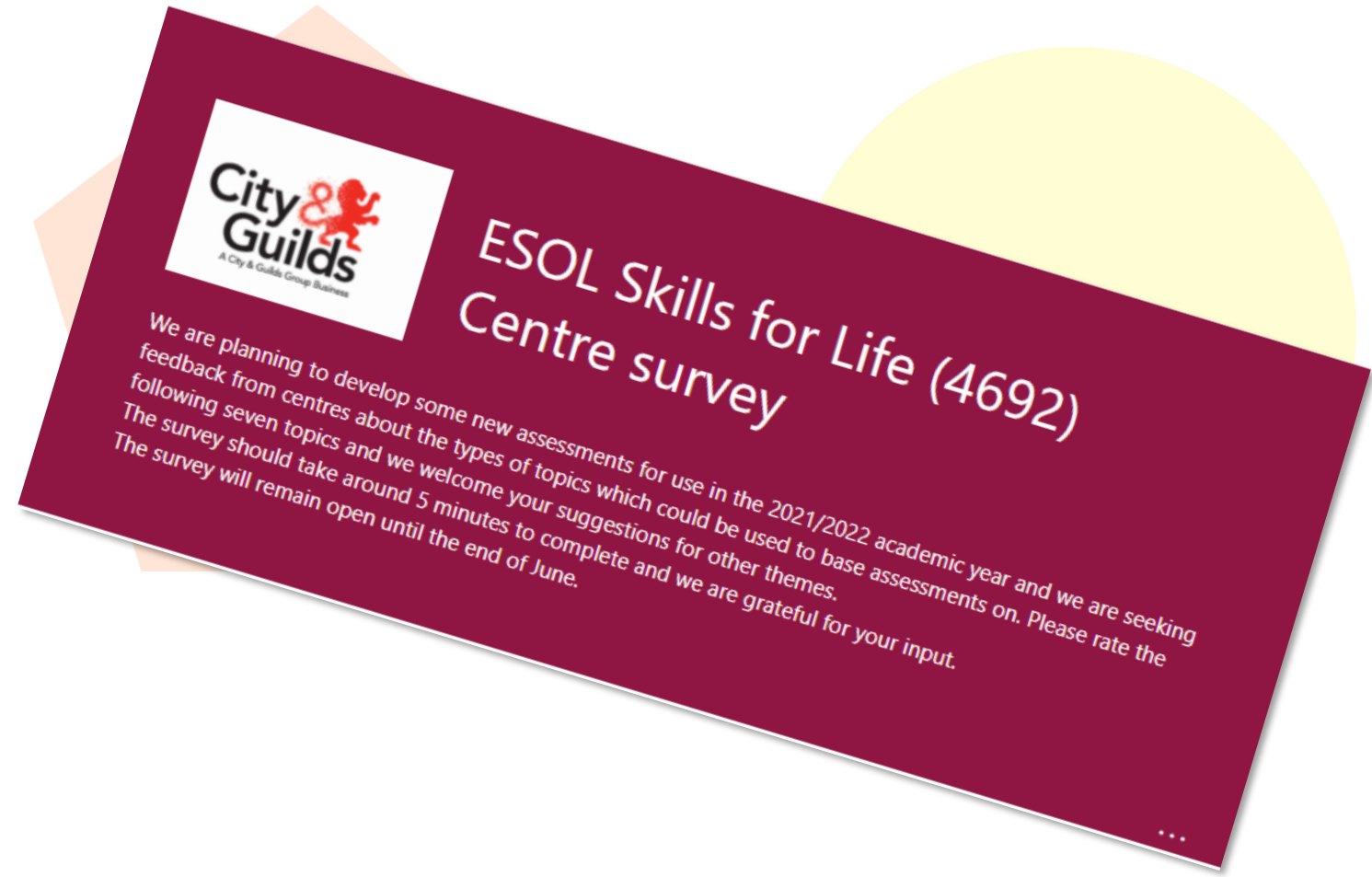
Last external assessment opportunities have now passed!

Deadline	Action
18 June 2021	Final date for candidates to attempt Entry level FS English (Reading/Writing) or FS Mathematics assessments. Final date for candidates to be assessed for FS English (SLC) (all levels).
30 June 2021	All IQA/EQA activity relating to any internally marked/assessed components of legacy FS English or FS Mathematics must be complete. Any ' prior achievement with another awarding organisation ' claims for individual components of FS English must be submitted (eg 3748-701 for Reading at Entry 1).
2 July 2021	All Level 1-2 external assessment results (for FS English Reading/Writing and FS Mathematics) issued.
16 July 2021	All results entry claims for internally marked/assessed components of legacy FS English or FS Mathematics must be submitted. All results entry claims for FS English certification modules (ie 3748-901, -902, -903, -904, -905) must be submitted.
31 July 2021	All certificates for legacy FS English (3748-01) and FS Mathematics (3748-02) issued.



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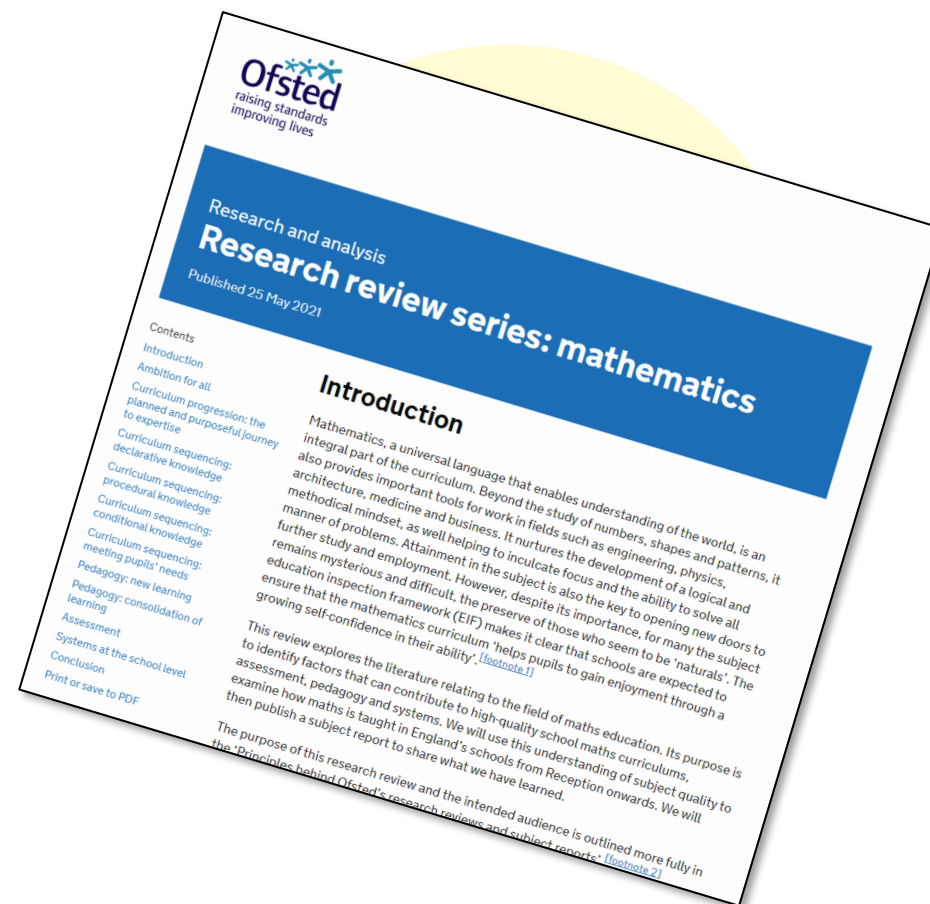
We're planning to refresh our bank of ESOL Skills for Life assessments



ESOL assessment topics survey

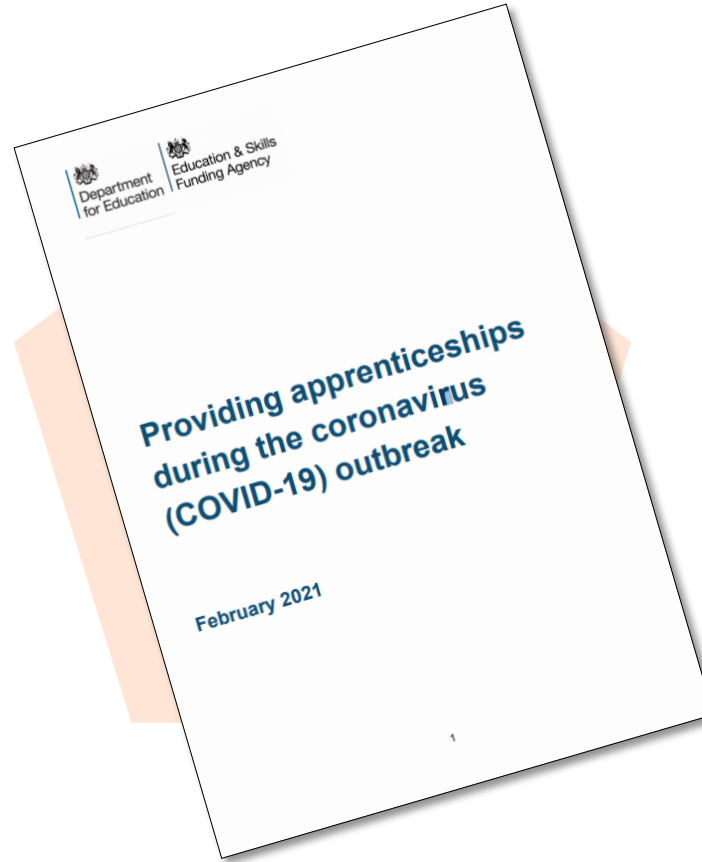
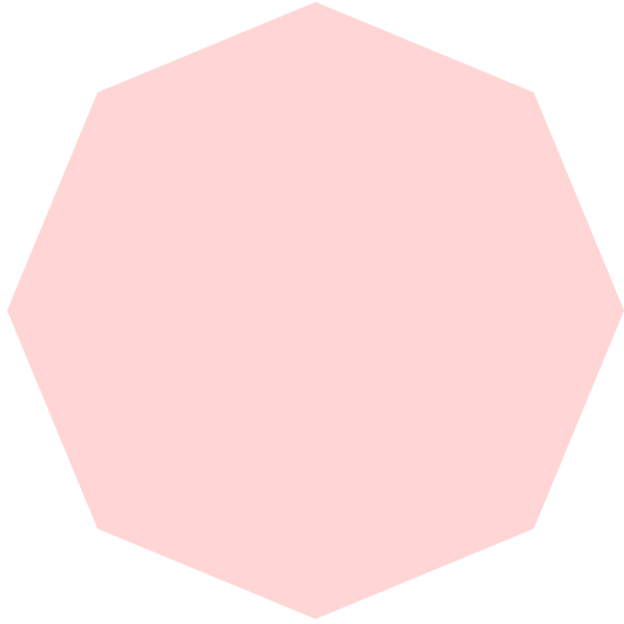
ICYMI...

Ofsted publishes
research review
focusing on
mathematics



[Research review series: mathematics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/research-review-series-mathematics)

ICYMI...



**Sequencing flexibility
for apprenticeships
ended on 31 May.**

**‘Attempt L2’ rule due
to end 31 July.**

See DfE and ESFA guidance for details

OpenAssess – we're still working on it

Work is continuing on new version of OpenAssess

- Guidance being produced to support launch.
- Watch this space for launch details.

However...

- Sample on-screen tests available via [Functional Skills qualifications](#) page (need to be opened using Surpass Viewer)..





FS Reform (nearly...) two years on

Functional Skills reform.

Context for 2019 reforms

- Government accepting need for an 'alternative' alongside GCSE.
- Perceived need for more
 - 'rigour'
 - consistency between awarding organisations
 - focus on underpinning skills (as well as problem solving)
 - alignment with school-age national curriculum..

What changed?

- New subject content (published by DfE in February 2018).
- Explicit assessment of 'underpinning skills'
 - eg at least 25% of marks within FS Maths
 - prescribed word list for FS English
- non-calculator section
- dictionaries and spell checkers no longer allowed during assessment of writing.
- New assessment conduct requirements
 - ICE document for L1-2 exam components
 - clearer rules about who can/can't invigilate
 - tighter security protocols.





**Your
impressions
so far...**

Poll questions

1. Have you delivered

- a) only legacy Functional Skills maths/English quals?
- b) only reformed Functional Skills maths/English quals
- c) both
- d) neither

2. Are you finding that the reformed FS qualifications require

- a) more teaching time?
- b) About the same?
- c) Less teaching time?
- d) Don't know, or haven't delivered reformed FS.

3. Which aspects of the FS reforms have you and/or your learners found particularly challenging (select any that apply)?

- a) changes to speaking, listening and communicating
- b) non-calculator section within FS Mathematics
- c) word list and spelling tasks within FS English
- d) no dictionaries or spell-checkers for Writing
- e) Other – please state

4. Which of these would you be MOST likely to participate in, if City & Guilds was to offer it in 2021-22?

- a) practice-sharing networks for teachers/tutors
- b) guidance about invigilation and admin requirements
- c) formal training/CPD events (chargeable)
- d) Other – please state



Questions and answers

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

Thank you

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