Maths and English regular webinar updates
England

Keeping afloat

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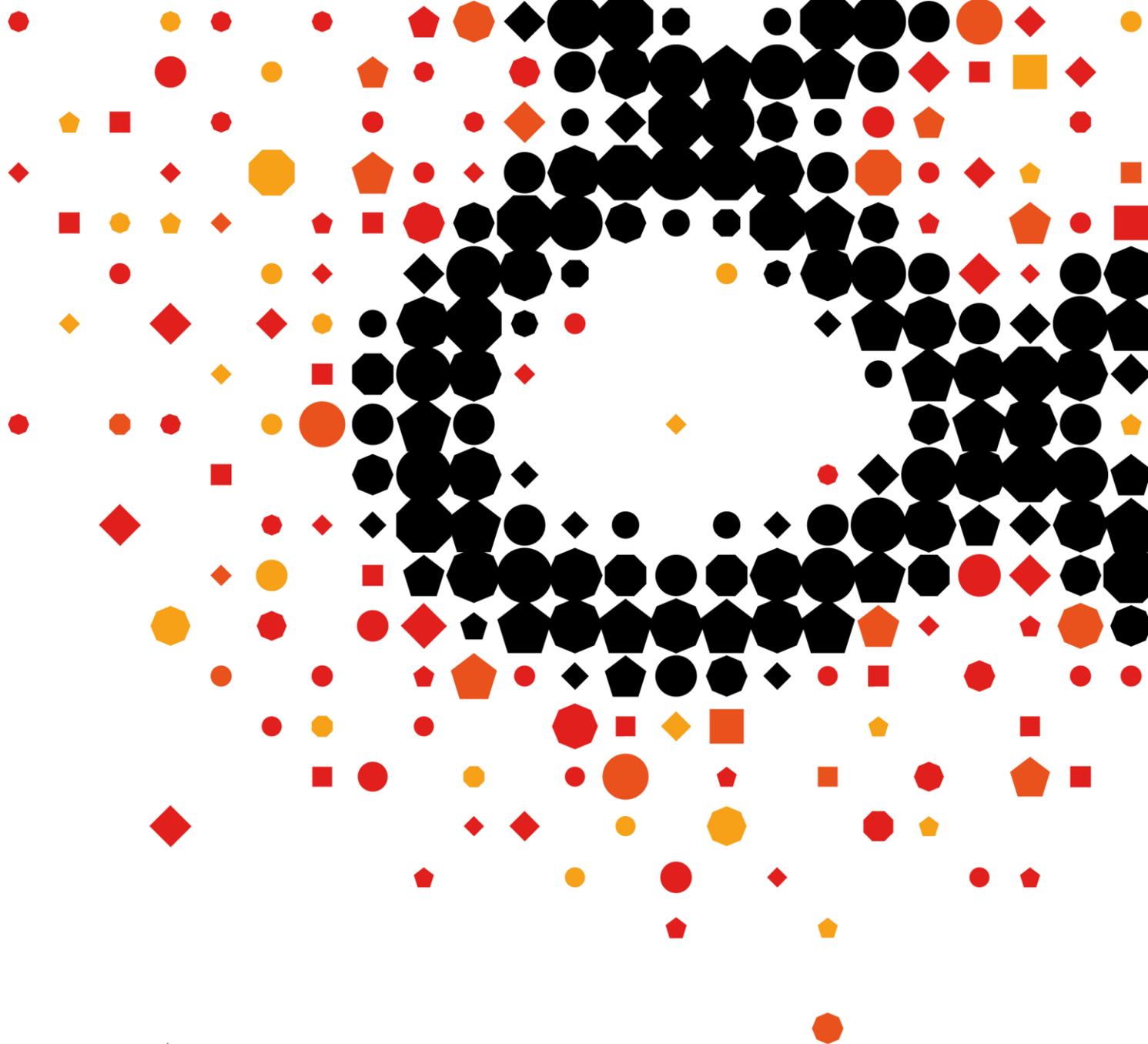
Welcome to this month's update

Two opportunities to join us live each month:

- second **Thursday** (morning)
- fourth **Wednesday** (afternoon).

- Once you're signed up, you'll get reminders to join your preferred slot.

- Recorded version (and slides) available afterwards from **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.

ICYMI...

Level 2 'take the test' rule returns for apprentices

Apprenticeship funding rules - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
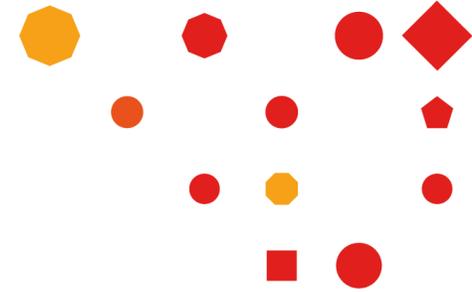
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Maths and English condition of funding

The condition of funding will apply to all students starting T Levels from academic year 2022 to 2023 in the same way as it does to students on 16 to 19 study programmes.

It will not apply to students who started T Levels in the academic years 2020 to 2021 or 2021 to 2022. However, we expect these students who have yet to achieve a GCSE grade 4 in English and/or maths to continue to work towards a Level 2 in these subjects.

Maths and English 'exit requirement' dropped from T Levels

Structure of a T Level

T Level courses include the following compulsory elements:

- a technical qualification, which includes:
  - core theory, concepts and skills for an industry area
  - specialist skills and knowledge for an occupation or career
- an industry placement with an employer

Students will also be required to work towards the attainment of maths and English if they have not already achieved grade 4 at GCSE, as they do on other 16 to 19 programmes.

How T Levels are funded - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

ICYMI...

Ofqual consults on Digital Functional Skills qualifications
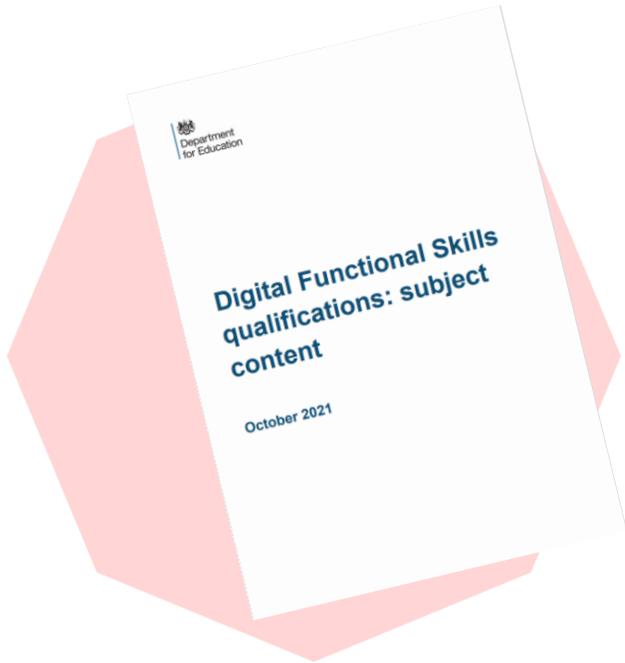
Consultation on regulating Digital Functional Skills qualifications - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Maths and English
support

What's new from us?

Functional Skills exam pass rate data

- Overview of exam attempts/outcomes during 2020-21, including
  - differences between provider types (FE vs training provider vs adult/community)
  - 'first-time' passes.

  - Also, reminder of resources available to support assessment preparation (eg Guidance for Delivery).

Functional Skills pass rates December 2021 (cityandguilds.com)

Functional Skills (4748)
Level 1 and Level 2
Mathematics and English
Pass rates 2020-21

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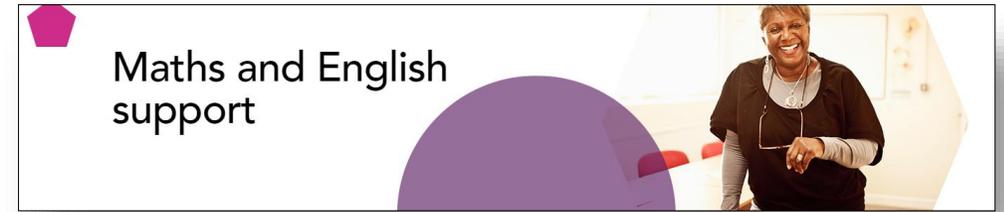
VCRF

Revised ICE conditions

# Conducting assessments

Permanent changes

What's always been allowed?

Adaptations guidance

Formal changes permitted as part of Vocational and Technical qualifications Contingency Regulatory Framework (VCRF)

- Government expects exams/assessments to go ahead (ie no TAG process).

- Various 'adaptations' to assessment arrangements (largely unchanged from 2020-21).

Adaptations 2022 - Covid-19 | City & Guilds (cityandguilds.com)
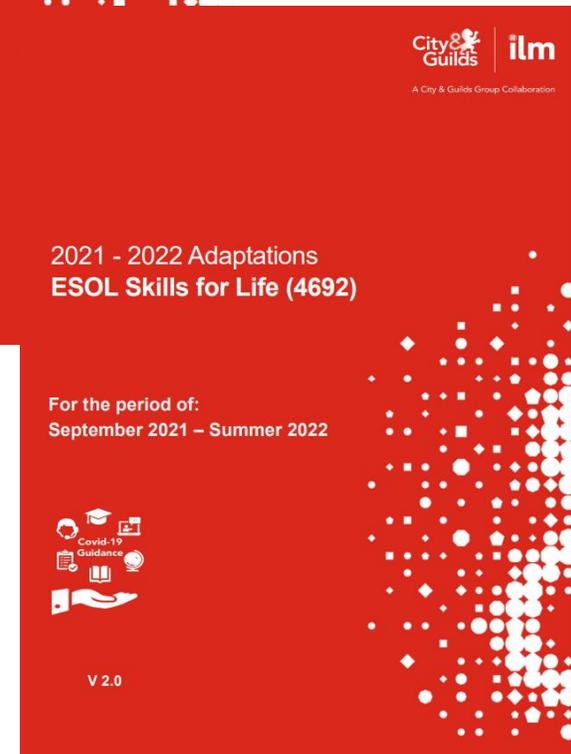
Specific points for Functional Skills

Adaptations relating to external assessments (exams) for FS English and FS Mathematics have been incorporated into the Functional Skills ICE document

- Make sure you're working from the latest version (1.4)
  - available from **FS qualification documents page**.

- Remote Invigilation Service available
  - see **Remote Invigilation - Exams Admin**.

- Remote assessment of Speaking, Listening and Communicating (SLC) no longer treated as a Covid-related Adaptation
  - see SLC assessor guidance.

Functional Skills 4748
Mathematics and English
Level 1 and 2:
Instructions for conducting examinations

Version 1.4
July 2021
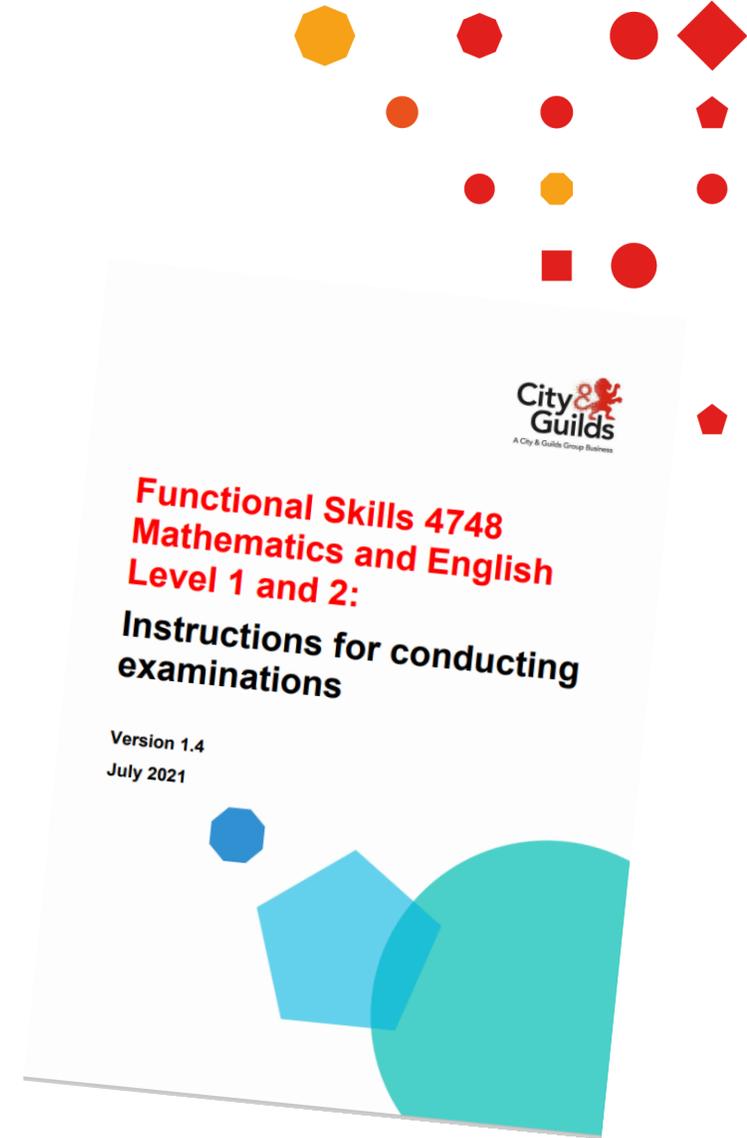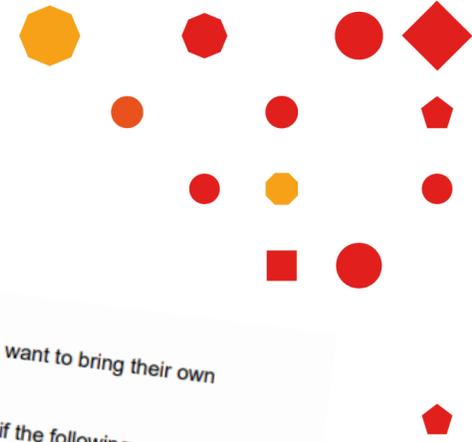
Bring your own calculator…

Candidates can use their own calculator for on-screen FS Mathematics exams

- ICE document provides further guidance
  - especially on transitioning from Section 1 to Section 2).

- This also now includes **Remote Invigilated** exams
  - see **Section 6** of the Remote Invigilation Service Centre Guide.

# FS ICT – different points to consider

FS ICT was not part of the 2019 reforms, so different assessment conduct arrangements apply from those for FS English and FS Mathematics

- Conduct requirements set out in qualification handbook
  – NB this is on **3748 qualification documents page**.

- Some adaptations nevertheless do apply
  – eg date/time changes for individual candidates entered for paper-delivered assessments.

- **Not** possible to facilitate remote invigilation
  – bearing in mind on-screen assessments involve 'in app' use of locally installed software applications.

ICT (3748)

The following flexibilities are permitted for paper-based exams:

- exam dates can be moved for individual candidates on the attendance register, instead of the whole cohort.
- any location can be used for an exam, providing it meets the requirements of the qualification handbook. This includes employer premises or the candidate's home. However, City & Guilds cannot send question papers directly to these addresses.
- if a location is only being used as an exam site, City & Guilds do not need to be informed of the address before exams take place at that site. The centre must keep records of all exam sites and this information must be provided to City & Guilds on request.
- scripts can be collected after candidates leave the room.
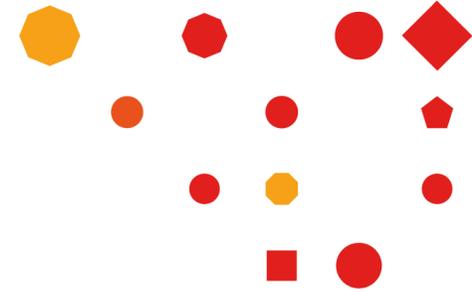
ESOL Skills for Life – points to consider

Scope of permitted adaptations largely unchanged from 2020-21 (though no TAG process permitted)

- Internal assessments may be completed and assessed remotely
  - assessment documents available as editable PDFs
  - further guidance in adaptations document.

- Remote Invigilation available for **on-screen** Level 1-2 Reading tests
  - see **Remote Invigilation - Exams Admin**.
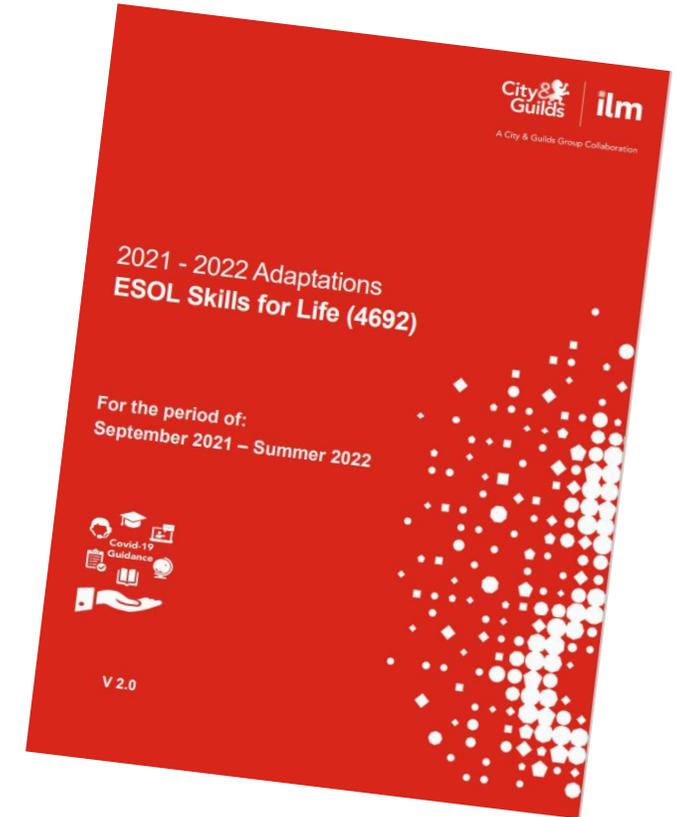
Questions and answers

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

Digital resources webinar

Tuesday 26 April

A special webinar to explore how our digital learning resources can support your maths and English delivery.

Register here (gotowebinar.com)

Digital resources
to support your delivery

Thank you

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