Maths and English regular webinar updates

Enabling further access to Functional Skills exams

December 2020

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Welcome to this month's festive update!

This month's webinar dates are a little earlier due to Christmas:

- **first** ~~second~~ Thursday (morning)
- **second** ~~third~~ Wednesday (afternoon)
- **third** ~~last~~ Thursday (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

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- 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

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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**.

Please keep them coming…

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

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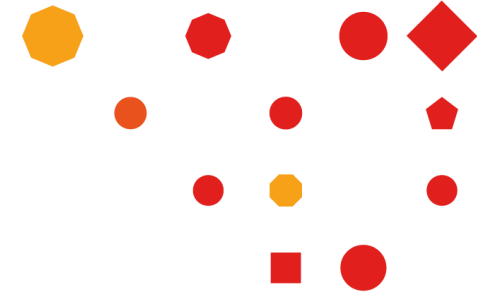
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E-volve upgrade

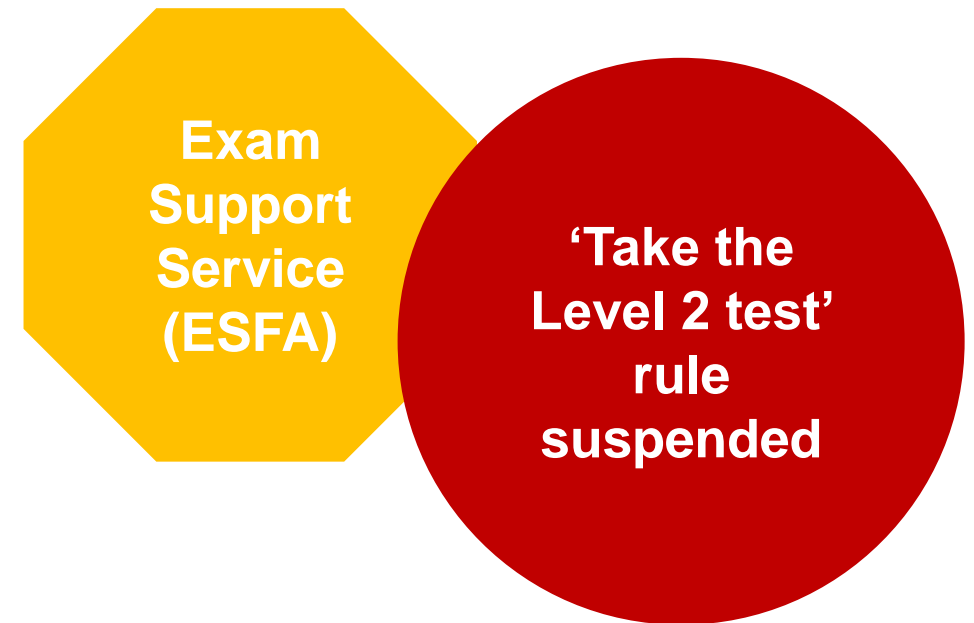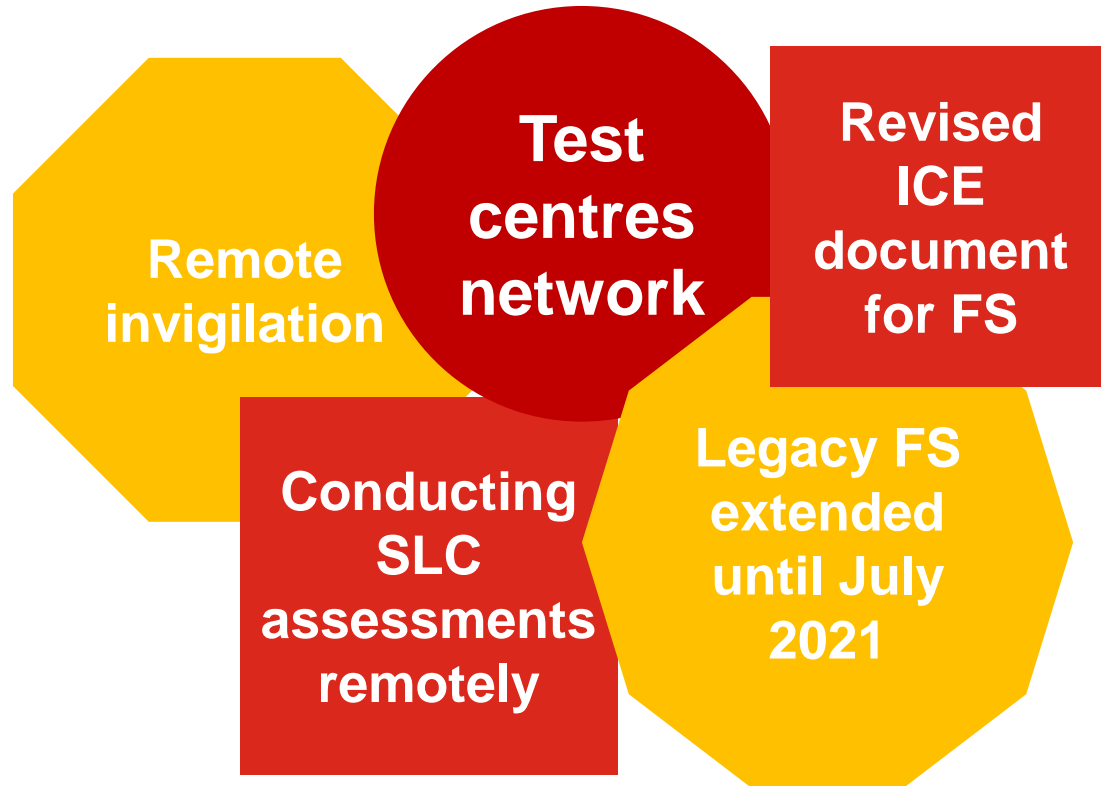**The long awaited upgrade to our SecureAssess test platform has taken place.**

- A set of FAQs is being collated based on the questions we have received from customers but here are a few key Q&A:
    - Does each user need to manually download the software using the link below?
        - Each <u>user</u> does not need to install the software, it only needs to be installed on each of the machines that they use for sitting tests.
    - What role does our IT department need to take?
        - It is usual practise for the IT department to install software because they have admin rights which is needed for the initial installation (it is not needed to run tests).
    - Do we need to uninstall the existing Evolve software?
        - Uninstalling the old evolve client is not mandatory but some users may try to launch the old one if the link on the desktop is still there.
    - Will each user receive a password individually.
        - Each individual user will be sent a link to reset their own password, details on how to do this will be sent with the link.
    - Will employers need to install new software also?
        - If tests are taken at employers premises using the SecureClient, then yes they will need to download the new version as well.

Delivering Functional Skills in current circumstances…

A shared challenge, and a shared opportunity

Adaptations and support
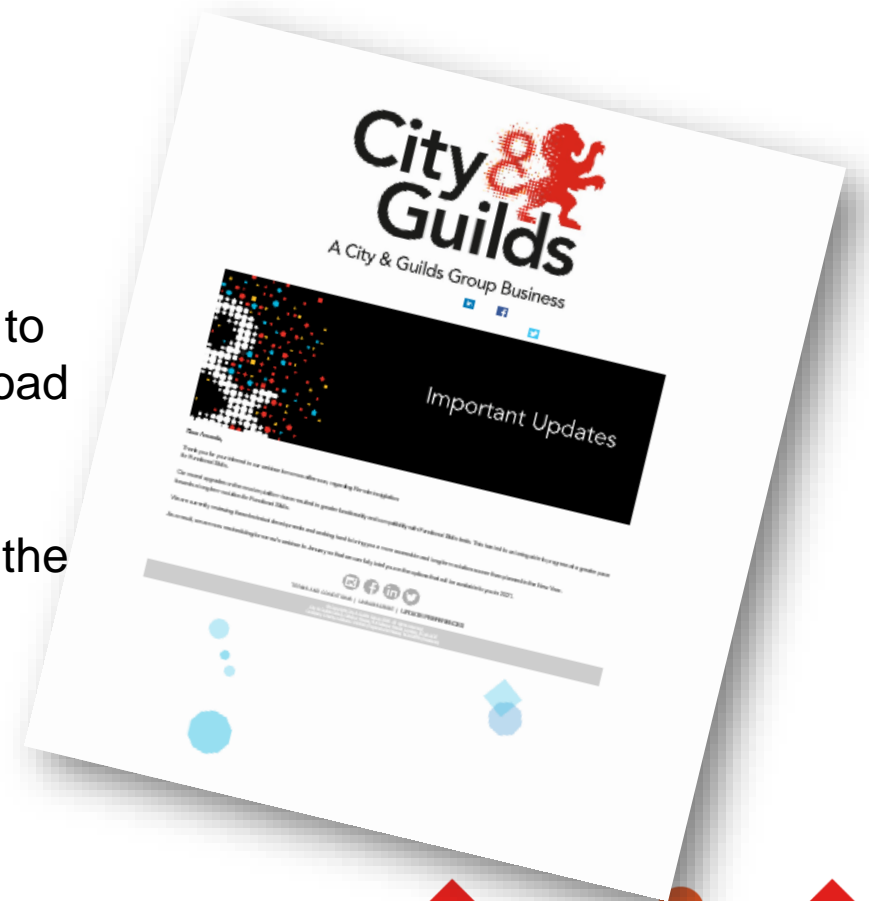
Remote invigilation

Test centres network

Revised ICE document for FS

Conducting SLC assessments remotely

Legacy FS extended until July 2021

Exam Support Service (ESFA)

'Take the Level 2 test' rule suspended

Remote invigilation

Launching our Remote Test at Home interim solution
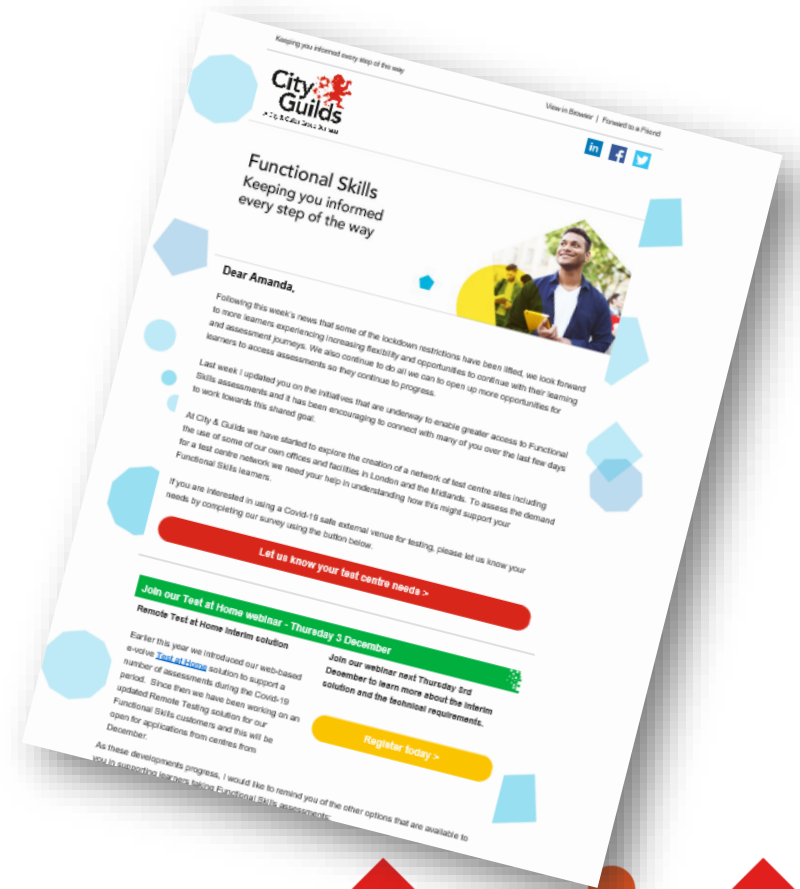
- Following the up-grade of our e-assessment platform we will now able to offer Functional Skills testing without the need for candidates to download the SecureClient software

- This new development requires further testing before it is launched so the planned webinar has been postponed to ensure that we can brief customers fully
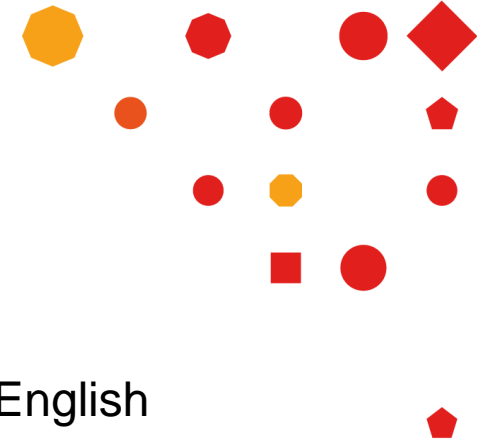
Network of test centre sites

Another possible solution for Functional Skills tests

- We are looking to launch this service in the week commencing 7th December, using some of our own offices in London, Bristol and the Midlands

- A communication is going out on 3 December with further information

- If you haven't already expressed an interest please complete the Test centre needs survey- to let us know more about numbers of candidates and locations

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 listen to the recording you can respond by email to pre-employment@cityandguilds.com Quoting Q1, Q2 and Q3

Q1. What percentage of your current delivery is being done face to face?

Q2. Have you been able to book and delivery any Functional Skills exams as you would do normally?

Q3. Are you using Bitesize 3847 qualifications?

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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