

Maths and English regular webinar updates

Situation and support

April 2020

Welcome!

This is a regular series of updates

- Each one will last about half an hour.
- There'll usually be a specific topic/theme.
- It **won't** be just about Functional Skills.
- You'll only need to sign up once
 - once you have done you'll get an email reminder a few days ahead of each live session
 - recordings of each session will be available from our [Maths and English resource hub](#).
- Don't forget to sign up for our [email alerts](#) too!

Maths and English resource hub

Welcome to Functional Skills 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

Digital resources for learners and tutors

- e-Functional Skills Reloaded
- SmartScreen
- Complete maths and English offer
- Network event materials
- Qualification support material
- Exam changes and invigilation
- CPD training

[View the 4748 qualification page](#)

QUICK LINKS

- Functional Skills
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- Functional Skills updates
- Why Maths?

Fast Track

Already delivering Functional Skills 3748? You can apply for Fast Track approval for Functional Skills 4748.


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Maths and English webinar series

Our webinar series covers a broad range of topics across the whole maths and English landscape including Functional Skills.

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Email updates

WHAT WE OFFER

CENTRES



In case you missed it...

Work continues on
sample FS
assessments

Reminder about Centre
Analytics

Regional networks
– watch this space

Look out for our special series of **Maths and English**
TeachMeets - starting Monday 4 May.

Our main topics

Specific changes and adaptations for COVID-19

- Regulatory and assessment changes
- other flexibilities that we've been able to introduce.

Support that's (still...) here

- Remembering what's available – and how to access
- Different things we're doing now.



Specific changes to **Functional Skills** in response to COVID-19

Changes we've introduced

- All EQA activity now remote, and exam audits suspended.
- Exams may take place up to 10 working days either side of scheduled date/time
 - with no need to complete the exam change notification form.
- Guidance produced for conducting SLC assessments remotely.
- Exams **are** still available
 - both on-screen and paper.

Changes mandated by DfE and Ofqual

- Functional Skills specifically mentioned in Ministerial Direction to Ofqual on 9 April about technical and vocational qualifications:
 - *“learners due to take assessments for Functional Skills Qualifications before the end of the summer [should], receive a calculated result rather than an adapted or postponed assessment”.*
- What this means in practice currently being worked through
 - with Ofqual and other Functional Skills awarding organisations.



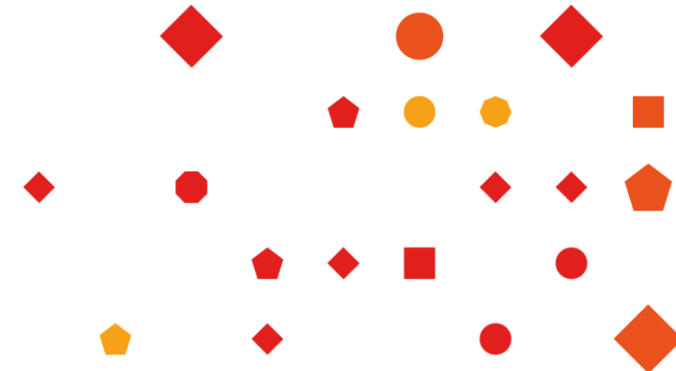
Specific changes to **Essential Skills** qualifications

Essential Skills Wales (3868)

- Qualifications Wales has announced a temporary change to the assessment requirements for Essential Skills:
 - learners due to complete before 31 July will be able to receive a 'calculated result'
 - further relaxations (eg no requirement to complete confirmatory test) will also apply until November.

Essential Skills Northern Ireland (4800)

- Department for the Economy (DfE) is currently reviewing a range of possible options for Essential Skills, in consultation with providers, awarding organisations and CCEA Regulation.



Potential changes to other maths/English/ESOL qualifications

‘Bite-sized’ qualifications – eg English Skills and Mathematics Skills (3847)

- The 3847 suite, especially, is portfolio assessed – so in any event can be completed quite flexibly.
- We’ll advise if there are any further specific regulatory changes.

ESOL Skills for Life (4692)

- These qualifications are potentially in-scope for adapted assessment arrangements – so **watch this space**.
- We’ve in any case published outline guidance for conducting speaking and listening remotely.





Continuing to support maths and English... from a distance

SmartScreen maths and English

Massive bank of teaching and learning resources, with guides and suggested schemes of work referencing from/to FS subject content.

Virtual networks

New series of online network meetings, focusing on FS subject content at levels 1-2; running throughout **May** and **June**.

Funding guides

Comprehensive guides to post-16 and adult funding rules for maths and English in England.

e-Functional Skills

End-to-end online platform to support learners' journey towards Functional Skills – including initial assessment, diagnostic, learning resources and assessment preparation.

How to...

Series of explanatory video presentations, exploring various aspects of Functional Skills and the wider maths and English arena.

TeachMeets

Series of online meetings where practitioners can (anonymously...) showcase ideas for remote learning that they've tried/considered.

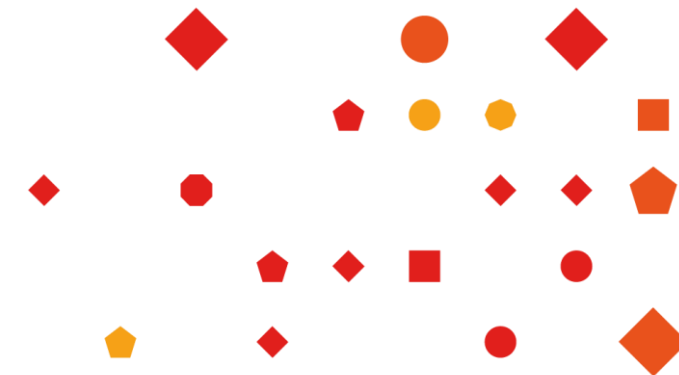
And we're looking for your views...

Essential Digital Skills

- A new set of Digital Skills standards have been developed for England, setting out a range of skills, attitudes and behaviours adults need in order to safely benefit from, participate in and contribute to the digital world.
- Essential Digital Skills qualifications will be available at Entry 3 and Level 1, with 'legal entitlement' status within the Adult Education Budget.
- We're consulting on what our EDS qualifications might look like.

ESOL qualifications refresh

- We're looking to review, update and possibly add to our ESOL Skills for Life (4692) suite.
- A survey will be going out shortly...





TeachMeet...

Get in touch
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andguilds.com](mailto:fsreform@cityandguilds.com)
if you want to
contribute

Three sessions
Monday 4 May
Monday 18 May
Monday 1 June

Sign up via
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English
resource
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**Because so much is
moving so quickly...**

**...there might
be some
additional
webinars**

Thank you

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