

Maths and English monthly webinar updates

Funding:
myths and opportunities

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Welcome!

This is the first in a brand new series of monthly updates from us

- Each one will last no more than half an hour.
- There'll be a specific topic/theme each month.
- It **won't** be just about Functional Skills reform.
- 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**.
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In case you missed it...

**We've added more
Functional Skills
sample assessments
and guidance.**

**Our networks are
continuing...**

**e-Functional Skills
reloaded and new
SmartScreen content
now available.**

This month's topic: funding

Separate rules/arrangements apply to each of the following

- 16-18 year-olds following study programmes
 - adult (19+) learners drawing from the Adult Education Budget
 - apprentices.
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- This information only applies to **England**, and only funding drawn from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA)
 - and also bear in mind some of the Mayoral Combined Authorities (eg Greater London, Greater Manchester, Tees Valley) now have **devolved adult funding**.





Introducing our two new funding guides...

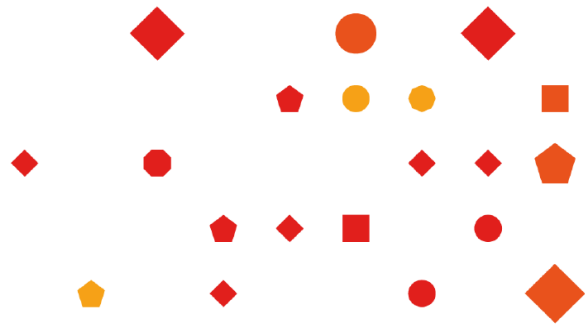


16+ Study Programmes | maths, English and ESOL

City & Guilds qualifications approved for 16-18 delivery in England, including their 'condition of funding' status

2019-20

Version 1.0

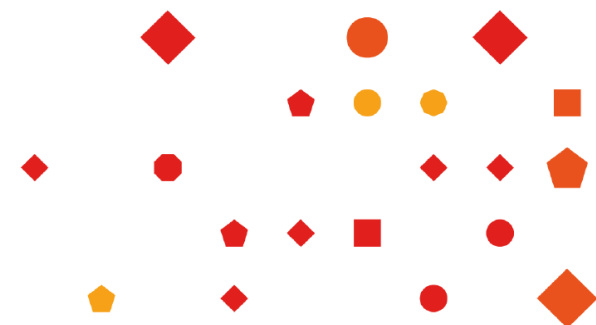


Adult Education Budget (AEB) | maths, English and ESOL

City & Guilds qualifications and components (units) eligible for funding in England under the AEB

2019-20

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Let's look first at study programmes

Condition of funding: busting a few myths

Requires learners to **study** maths and English if they do not already hold GCSE grade 4 (and now in some cases if they hold Functional Skills at Level 2).

The condition **doesn't**

- require exams to be taken
- preclude learners from accessing other maths and English qualifications
 - as long as they're also enrolled for a qualification that does count during the same year (or allowed for as part of the 5% tolerance).

However, it **does** include

- ESOL Skills for Life qualifications (Awards or Certificates)
- some of our Mathematics Skills and English Skills (3847) qualifications
 - ie Entry level, if at least 45 GLH.

It's important **not** to confuse condition of funding 'approved' status with the broader range of qualifications approved by the ESFA for use within publicly funded provision (previously known as Section 96).



Recent changes (for 2019-20 onwards)

Functional Skills accepted as 'alternative' for full-time learners with GCSE at/below grade 2

For **these** learners, Level 2 Functional Skills can now be treated as a 'destination' in its own right, rather than a 'stepping stone' towards GCSE grade 4+.

However

- this **doesn't** apply to full-time learners with GCSE grade 3
 - they still need to keep working towards GCSE until they achieve at least a 4
 - but they **could** still potentially do Functional Skills as part of their in-year progression.

Changes to progress measures

The progress point scores for maths and English qualification achievements has also been adjusted, to give more credence to Functional Skills and especially to recognise progress at Entry level.

Qualification/level/grade	New points score (from 2020)	Previous points score
GCSE grade 9	9.0	8.0
GCSE grade 5	5.0	5.7
GCSE grade 4	4.0	5.0
Level 2 Functional Skills	3.5	4.0
Level 2 ESOL Skills for Life	3.0	4.0
GCSE grade 3	3.0	4.0
Level 1 Functional Skills	2.0	2.5
Level 1 ESOL Skills for Life	1.25	1.5
GCSE grade 1	1.0	1.0
Entry 3 Functional Skills or ESOL Skills for Life	0.75	0.4
Entry 2 Functional Skills or ESOL Skills for Life	0.5	0.4
Entry 1 Functional Skills or ESOL Skills for Life	0.25	0.4



Now let's consider adult learners

Learners that have yet to achieve GCSE grade 4 (or C) in Mathematics and English are eligible for full funding

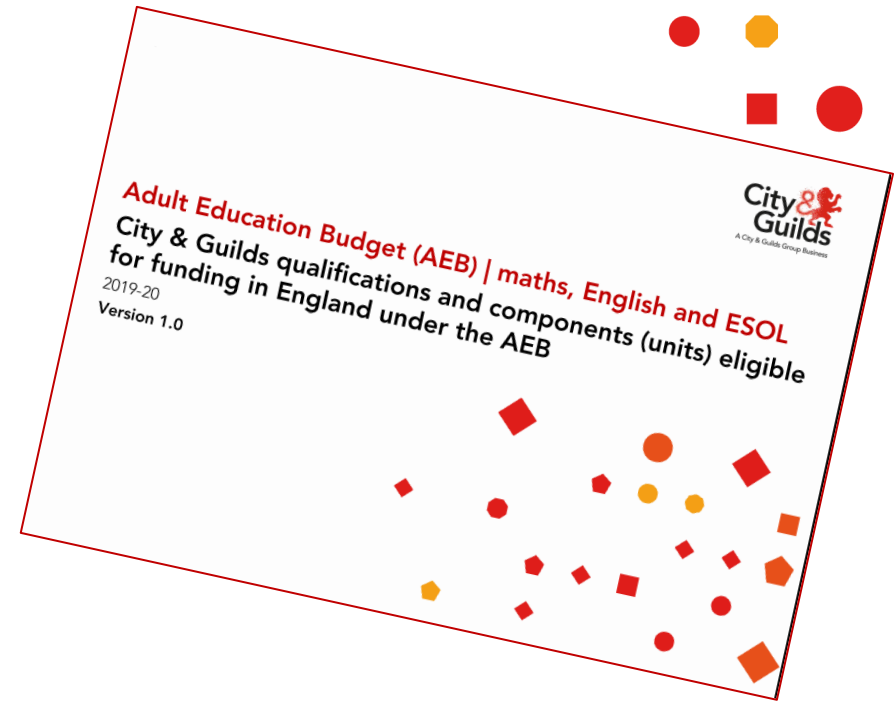
Funding is via the Adult Education Budget (AEB) 'legal entitlement'.

The following types of qualification may be funded

- GCSE (not offered by City & Guilds)
- Functional Skills
- approved 'stepping-stone' qualifications up to Level 1
 - intended to support progress towards Functional Skills and/or GCSE
 - includes **some** of the qualifications within our English/Mathematics Skills (3847) and Principles of English/Mathematics (3844) suites.

There are tight restrictions on the stepping-stone **qualifications** that may be funded

- Entry level qualifications must be at least 45 GLH
- Level 1 qualifications normally need to be at least 120 GLH, if internally assessed
- **no** Level 2 qualifications are fundable.



Unit/component funding – the AEB's hidden gem

It's possible to draw AEB funding for individual components of approved 'stepping stone' qualifications

So if a qualification is fundable, any **unit** included in its rules of combination potentially can be too!

- And since **3847** includes Certificate-sized qualifications (covering all units at each level), **most individual units up to Level 1 across the entire suite are still fundable.**

However

When accessing funding for units, the relevant **unit aim (UAN)** must be used, **not** the Qualification Aim for the single-unit qualification

- funding rate for units is £50 per credit (eg £100 for a 2-credit unit)
- there are a couple of quirks – units omitted from the list.

A complete list of fundable maths and English **units** from our English/Mathematics Skills suite (3847) can be found on the following pages (with **hyperlinks** to the relevant Learning Aim Reference listing on the [Hub](#)).
When accessing funding for units, the relevant **Unit Aim (UAN)** must be used, **not** the Qualification Aim (QAN) for the single unit qualification.
For example (for 'Reading words, signs and symbols' at Entry 1):
✓ Use [15044991](#) (aim type 1448 – QCF unit)
✗ **Not** [60075004](#) (Entry level Award in...)

ESOL funding

ESOL Skills for Life

is the main category of qualifications currently eligible for AEB funding that are intended **specifically** to support English language acquisition by speakers of other languages.

The suite spans Entry 1 to Level 2, and includes

- discrete Awards in each linguistic mode (Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening)
- Certificates combining achievement in all three modes.

Unlike maths and English, co-funding applies

unless ESOL learners are

- unemployed
- earning less than £16,009.50.

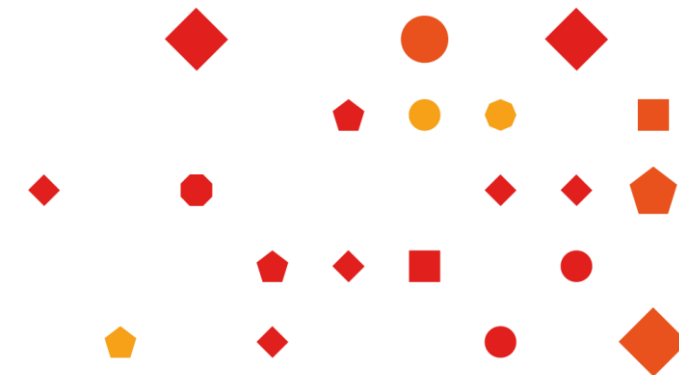
Funding top-up

(another flash of generosity...)

takes account of the uniquely diverse profile of ESOL learners and range of delivery settings.

Allows providers to claim a **funding top-up** where they can justify additional delivery hours (above and beyond the qualification's listed rate).

- AEB Funding Rates and Formula document sets out precisely how this works.



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