# 8375 Level 3 Certificate for Essential Skills Practitioners

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### Qualification at a glance

Subject area	Delivery of essential skills to adults
City & Guilds number	8375
Age group approved	19+
Entry requirements	Level 2
Assessment	Will be by means of practitioner portfolio
Fast track	Available
Support materials	Centre handbook
Registration and certification	Consult the Walled Garden/Online Catalogue for last dates

Title and level	City & Guilds number	Accreditation number
Level 3 Certificate for Essential Skills Practitioners (Literacy)	8375-01	600/2783/6
Level 3 Certificate for Essential Skills Practitioners (Numeracy)	8375-02	600/2783/6
Level 3 Certificate for Essential Skills Practitioners (ESOL)	8375-03	600/2783/6



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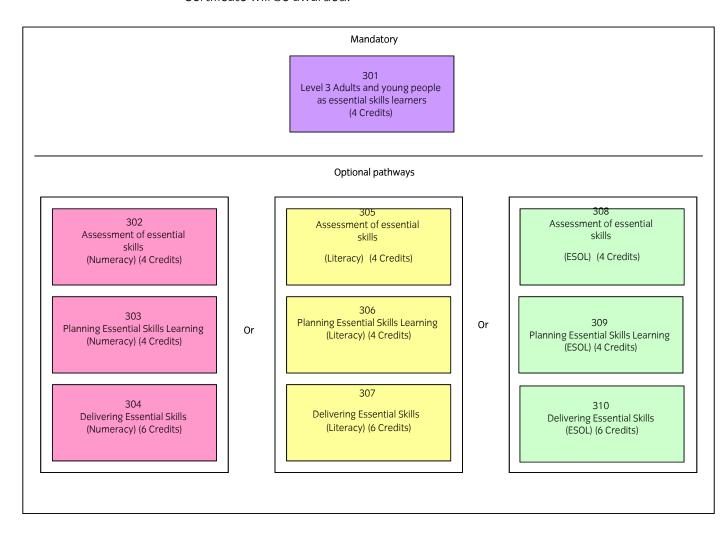


#### Structure

To achieve the Level 3 Certificate for Essential Skills Practitioners 8375, learners must achieve 4 credits from the mandatory unit and a minimum of 14 credits from the optional units available.

There are three pathways (Numeracy, Literacy and ESOL). The practitioner only has to achieve one of the pathway options to complete the qualification. Wording on the Certificate will reflect the pathway they followed.

However, if a practitioner wishes to complete an additional pathway there will be no requirement for them to repeat the mandatory unit and another Certificate will be awarded.





#### 1 Units

#### **Availability of units**

The units which make up this qualification can be obtained from the following pages of this document. They are also on The Register of Regulated Qualifications: http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Unit

#### Structure of units

These units each have the following:

- City & Guilds reference number
- unit accreditation number
- title
- level
- credit value
- unit aim
- endorsement by a sector or other appropriate body
- information on assessment
- learning outcomes which are comprised of a number of assessment criteria
- notes for guidance.

### **Summary of units**

Unit Number	Unit Title	Credits	QCF unit number
301	Adults and Young People as Essential Skills Learners	4	M/503/4423
302	Assessment of Essential skills (Numeracy)	4	T/503/4424
303	Planning Essential Skills Learning (Numeracy)	4	A/503/4425
304	Delivering Essential Skills (Numeracy)	6	F/503/4426
305	Assessment of Essential Skills (Literacy)	4	J/503/4427
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309	Planning Essential Skills (ESOL)	4	L/503/4431
310	Delivering Essential Skills (ESOL)	6	K/503/4436

### Unit 301 Adults and Young People as Essential Skills Learners

UAN:	M/503/4423
Level:	Level 3
Credit value:	4
GLH:	20
Relationship to NOS:	
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body:	This unit is supported by The Welsh Assembly Government and The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS)
Aim:	The aim of this unit is to enable effective working with essential skills learners through understanding of the importance of essential skills and the characteristics of learners.

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

1. Understand the importance of essential skills to adults and young people

#### **Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

- 1.1 Define the nature and scope of essential skills
- 1.2 Explain the role of essential skills in the lives of adults and young people in society
- 1.3 Describe the possible consequences of adults and young people having essential skills needs

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

2. Understand why adults and young people have essential skills needs

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 2.1 Describe a range of personal, social and economic reasons why adults and young people may have essential skills needs
- 2.2 Summarise the barriers to essential skills learning that adults and young people may experience

The learner will:

3. Understand factors that may assist essential skills learning

#### Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 3.1 Analyse different factors that motivate adults and young people to want to return to or continue learning
- 3.2 Describe different learning preferences that adults and young people have
- 3.3 Explain the importance of communication when working with adults and young people
- 3.4 Explain the value of relationship building and emotional intelligence when working with adults and young people
- 3.5 Describe different strategies that may be used to enable adults and young people to improve own learning

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

4. Understand the role of diversity and inclusion in essential skills learning

#### Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 4.1 Explain what is meant by 'diversity and inclusion' in the context of essential skills learning
- 4.2 Explain the effects that tutor values and attitudes in relation to diversity and inclusion may have
- 4.3 Identify relevant legal requirements in relation to diversity and inclusion
- 4.4 Compare different strategies to ensure diversity and inclusion in essential skills learning programmes

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

5. Understand issues concerning the wellbeing of learners in relation to essential skills learning

#### Assessment criteria

- 5.1 Identify legal requirements in relation to essential skills learning, including the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults
- 5.2 Summarise the main factors that need to be considered in relation to learner wellbeing, including emotional welfare

The learner will:

6. Be able to build effective relationships with essential skills learners

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 6.1 Demonstrate effective communication skills with essential skills learners
- 6.2 Demonstrate how to build relationships with essential skills learners which enhance essential skills learning

### Unit 301 Adults and Young People as Essential Skills Learners

Supporting information

#### **Evidence requirements**

**AC 2.1** The range must be a minimum of five and must include personal, social and economic reasons.

AC 3.5 A minimum of three different strategies

**AC6.1** and **AC 6.2** This must be observed within a real situation or situations which could be carried out at the same time as the observation of practice in units 4, 7 or 10. A simulated exercise would not be acceptable in this instance.

#### Guidance

Careful planning is recommended as a basis for concise evidence. A centre devised assignment or case study may be an appropriate method of assessing the criteria for outcomes 1-5.

Outcome 6 must be assessed by a tutor observation or by an expert witness statement.

## Unit 302 Assessment of Essential Skills (Numeracy)

UAN:	T/503/4424
Level:	Level 3
Credit value:	4
GLH:	20
Relationship to NOS:	
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body:	This unit is supported by The Welsh Assembly Government and The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS)
Aim:	The aim of this unit is to enable learners to use diagnostic assessment for numeracy effectively through the understanding of essential principles.

#### **Learning outcome**

The learner will:

1. Understand the principles and methods of the assessment of numeracy skills

#### **Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

- 1.1 Explain the purpose of:
  - initial assessment
  - diagnostic assessment
  - formative assessment (assessment for learning)
  - summative assessment
- 1.2 Describe different assessment tools and their application
- 1.3 Explain the reasons why assessment should be on-going during the development of numeracy skills learners

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

2 Understand the types of errors that numeracy learners can make

#### Assessment criteria

- 2.1 Give examples of some types of errors that a numeracy learner may make
- 2.2 Explain the reasoning that the learner may have used when making these errors
- 2.3 Explain how learner background can influence the strategies they use

The learner will:

3 Be able to carry out diagnostic assessment of numeracy skills

#### Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 3.1 Describe the adaptations to the diagnostic assessment which may be required for:
  - Learners with disabilities
  - Learners with literacy needs
  - Learners from a different cultural background
- 3.2 Describe the elements of an appropriate numeracy assessment environment
- 3.3 Prepare numeracy learners for assessment
- 3.4 Carry out the diagnostic numeracy assessment of a learner

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

**4** Be able to analyse the results of the diagnostic testing of numeracy skills

#### **Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

- 4.1 Interpret the errors made during diagnostic testing by numeracy learners at 3 different levels
- 4.2 Analyse mental and written strategies that learners are using which are inefficient (for example, using repeated addition in place of multiplication)

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

5 Be able to review and improve the process of numeracy assessment

#### Assessment criteria

- 5.1 Incorporate learners' feedback in review of the assessment process
- 5.2 Reflect on how assessment improvements can be made

## Unit 302 Assessment of Essential Skills (Numeracy)

Supporting information

#### **Evidence requirements**

**AC1.2** Minimum of three different tools, including one initial and one summative tool.

**AC2.1** Minimum of four different types of errors. At least two to be within the four rules of number:

- addition
- subtraction
- multiplication
- division.

**AC3.3** Prepare for numeracy assessment with three individual learners (diagnostic and/or summative). Assessment could be in the form of observation, expert witness testimony or reflective account.

**AC4.1** Learners need to be level 1 or below. The assessment from AC 3.4 could be used. Two of the diagnostic assessments for analysis could be simulated in order to provide a broader range of errors.

AC 4.2 Learners or case studies from AC 4.1 could be used.

#### Guidance

Where feasible, holistic assessment is recommended.

## Unit 303 Planning Essential Skills Learning (Numeracy)

UAN:	A/503/4425
Level:	Level 3
Credit value:	4
GLH:	20
Relationship to NOS:	
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body:	This unit is supported by The Welsh Assembly Government and The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS)
Aim:	The aim of this unit is to enable practitioners to plan, prepare and negotiate numeracy learning with essential skills learners.

#### **Learning outcome**

The learner will:

1 Understand the principles and methods of planning numeracy targets with learners

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 1.1 Describe the elements of an effective numeracy learning programme
- 1.2 Describe the variation that may be found in a group of learners to include:
  - level of skills already acquired and how they are categorised (i.e. level)
  - speed of learning
  - background (social and cultural)
  - disability
  - learning preferences
  - literacy
  - motivations
- 1.3 Explain how these variations impact on the planning of numeracy programmes
- 1.4 Evaluate the importance of context when designing numeracy learning programmes

The learner will:

2 Be able to negotiate numeracy targets with learners

#### **Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

- 2.1 Provide constructive feedback on the results of assessment to learners
- 2.2 Negotiate learning goals with learners based on assessment results
- 2.3 Agree and record SMART targets to achieve learning goals

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

3 Be able to plan a numeracy learning programme

#### **Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

- 3.1 Construct a learning programme linked to agreed learning goals
- 3.2 Develop a programme to teach specific numeracy skills including:
  - aims and objectives
  - context
  - teaching resources (such as Cuisenaire rods, tarsia puzzles)
  - differentiation
  - assessment tasks

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

4 Be able to prepare numeracy learning resources

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 4.1 Prepare learning resources for use within a planned learning programme
- 4.2 Adapt learning resources to satisfy factors such as additional learning needs and individual targets

The learner will:

5 Understand how to evaluate a numeracy learning programme and the need for this to be on-going

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 5.1 Develop criteria with which to evaluate a numeracy learning programme
- 5.2 Explain how to incorporate learner feedback into the evaluation of a numeracy learning programme
- 5.3 Explain the issues that could arise during the implementation of the planned programme which may necessitate its revision

## Unit 303 Planning Essential Skills Learning (Numeracy)

### Supporting information

#### **Evidence requirements**

- AC2.1 Provide feedback to three learners with different characteristics
- AC2.2 Learners could be those used in AC 2.1
- **AC3.1** Minimum of six sessions
- **AC4.1** Resources could be paper-based, electronic, kinaesthetic, etc. At least three resources are required
- AC4.2 At least two resources should be adapted.

#### Guidance

For learning outcome 1 practitioners may provide a short study of a group of essential skills learners.

For learning outcome 2 where feasible, holistic assessment is recommended.

## Unit 304 Delivering Essential Skills (Numeracy)

UAN:	F/503/4426
Level:	Level 3
Credit value:	6
GLH:	30
Relationship to NOS:	
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body:	This unit is supported by The Welsh Assembly Government and The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS)
Aim:	The aim of this unit is to enable practitioners to plan, deliver and evaluate numeracy sessions.

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

1 Understand the principles and methods of delivering numeracy learning

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 1.1 Explain the following active learning methods and how they can be applied in the delivery of numeracy:
  - Build on the knowledge learners already have
  - Expose and discuss common misconceptions
  - Use higher order questions
  - Use cooperative group work
  - Encourage reasoning rather than 'answer getting'
  - Use rich collaborative tasks
  - Encourage transference of skills
  - Use technology

The learner will:

2 Be able to plan numeracy learning sessions

#### **Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

- 2.1 Establish aims and objectives for the session with reference to assessment outcomes
- 2.2 Develop active learning approaches for the following numeracy topics:
  - place value
  - language of maths
  - number bonds and other addition subtraction facts and strategies
  - multiplication and division facts and strategies
  - measure
  - data handling
  - estimation
  - problem solving
- 2.3 Include active learning approaches within a numeracy programme

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

3 Be able to deliver numeracy learning

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 3.1 Deliver sessions to learners, taking account of the following factors:
  - aims and objectives
  - resources
  - differentiation
  - assessment activities.

The learner will:

4 Be able to evaluate and improve the delivery of numeracy programmes

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 4.1 Carry out an evaluation of essential skills numeracy delivery to include:
  - learner progress in acquisition of skills
  - own performance
  - effectiveness of resources
  - effectiveness of assessment activities
  - suggestions for improvement

## Unit 304 Delivering Essential Skills (Numeracy)

Supporting information

#### **Evidence requirements**

- **AC2.2** A worksheet for any of these topics would not be acceptable unless it was an integral part of the active learning strategy.
- **AC2.3** Strategies from AC 2.2 could be included in the programme. The programme could be that developed in unit 303
- **AC3.1** Observations should establish that plans have been implemented effectively on at least two occasions.
- **AC4.1** Evaluation should be of the sessions delivered in AC3.1.

#### Guidance

For learning outcome 3 the observation should establish that the lesson plans have been followed.

For learning outcome 4 it will be acceptable for evidence to consist of evaluation of one or two sessions.

Where feasible, holistic assessment is recommended.

## Unit 305 Assessment of Essential Skills (Literacy)

UAN:	J/503/4427
Level:	Level 3
Credit value:	4
GLH:	20
Relationship to NOS:	
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body:	This unit is supported by The Welsh Assembly Government and The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS)
Aim:	The aim of this unit is to enable learners to use diagnostic assessment for literacy effectively through the understanding of essential principles.

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

1 Understand the principles and methods of the assessment of literacy skills

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 1.1 Explain the purpose of:
  - initial assessment
  - diagnostic assessment
  - formative assessment (assessment for learning)
  - summative assessment
- 1.2 Describe different assessment tools and their application
- 1.3 Explain the reasons why diagnostic assessment should be ongoing during the development of literacy learners

The learner will:

2 Understand the types of errors that literacy learners can make

#### **Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

- 2.1 Give examples of the types of errors that literacy learners can make
- 2.2 Explain reasoning that literacy learners may have used when making errors
- 2.3 Explain how literacy learners' background may influence the strategies they use

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

3 Be able to interpret literacy assessment outcomes

#### **Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

- 3.1 Carry out literacy assessments as appropriate to the needs of learners
- 3.2 Analyse the outcomes of range of literacy assessments
- 3.3 Provide constructive feedback on literacy assessments to learners

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

4 Be able to diagnostically assess literacy strategies used by learners

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 4.1 Interpret the errors made by literacy learners at three different levels
- 4.2 Analyse the mental and written strategies that learners use that are inefficient
- 4.3 Make adaptations according to learner needs

The learner will:

5 Be able to review and improve the process of literacy assessment

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 5.1 Incorporate learners' feedback in review of the assessment process
- 5.2 Reflect on how future improvements can be made to the assessment process

## Unit 305 Assessment of Essential Skills (Literacy)

Supporting information

#### **Evidence requirements**

**AC1.2** Minimum of three different tools, including one initial and one summative tool.

**AC2.1** Minimum of four different types of errors. At least one of each to be in:

- reading
- writing
- **AC3.1** Prepare for literacy assessment with three individual learners (diagnostic and/or summative). Assessment could be in the form of observation, expert witness testimony or reflective account.
- **AC3.2** Assessment of reading and writing must be included. Assessments may also include speaking and listening
- **AC3.3** Evidence of verbal and written feedback must be presented. A summary of verbal evidence could be in the form of a written transcript or recording.
- **AC4.1** Errors should include those in reading and writing and may include speaking and listening

#### Guidance

Where feasible, holistic assessment is recommended.

## Unit 306 Planning Essential Skills Learning (Literacy)

UAN:	L/503/4428
Level:	Level 3
Credit value:	4
GLH:	20
Relationship to NOS:	
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body:	This unit is supported by The Welsh Assembly Government and The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS)
Aim:	The aim of this unit is to enable practitioners to plan, prepare and negotiate literacy learning with essential skills learners.

#### **Learning outcome**

The learner will:

1 Understand the principles and methods of planning literacy learning programmes

#### Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 1.1 Explain the principles and elements of learning cycle models in relation to literacy learning
- 1.2 Describe the elements of an effective literacy learning programme
- 1.3 Describe how the learning environment can encourage a positive attitude to learning

#### **Learning outcome**

The learner will:

2 Be able to negotiate literacy learning targets with learners when planning

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 2.1 Negotiate individual learning goals with learners based on initial assessment results
- 2.2 Agree and record SMART targets to achieve learning goals
- 2.3 Develop learning plans with individual learners

The learner will:

3 Be able to plan a literacy learning programme for learners

#### **Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

- 3.1 Construct a learning programme linked to agreed learning goals
- 3.2 Justify own choice of activities, methods and resources
- 3.3 Signpost opportunities to incorporate other skills
- 3.4 Plan for the differentiation of literacy learning according to learner needs

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

4 Be able to prepare literacy learning resources

#### Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 4.1 Prepare literacy learning resources for use within a planned learning programme
- 4.2 Adapt learning resources to satisfy factors such as additional learning needs and individual targets

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

5 Understand how to evaluate a literacy learning programme and the need for this to be on-going

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 5.1 Develop criteria with which to evaluate the literacy learning programme
- 5.2 Explain how to incorporate learner feedback into the review of a literacy learning programme
- 5.3 Explain the issues that could arise during the implementation of the planned programme which may necessitate its revision

## Unit 306 Planning Essential Skills Learning (Literacy)

Supporting information

#### **Evidence requirements**

- **AC1.1** Evidence may be presented in diagrammatic form.
- **AC2.1** Three Learners with different needs could mean:
  - level
  - literacy skills
  - background
- AC2.3 Learners could be those used in AC2.1
- **AC3.1** Minimum of six sessions
- **AC4.1** Resources could be paper-based, electronic, kinaesthetic, etc. At least three resources are required
- AC4.2 At least two resources to be adapted
- AC5.1 At least 4 criteria.

#### Guidance

For learning outcome 1 practitioners may provide a short study of a group of essential skills learners.

For learning outcome 2 where feasible, holistic assessment is recommended.

## Unit 307 Delivering Essential Skills (Literacy)

UAN:	R/503/4429
Level:	Level 3
Credit value:	6
GLH:	30
Relationship to NOS:	
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body:	This unit is supported by The Welsh Assembly Government and The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS)
Aim:	The aim of this unit is to enable practitioners to plan, deliver and evaluate literacy sessions.

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

1 Understand the principles and methods of delivering literacy learning

#### Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 1.1 Explain methods of engaging learners in literacy learning
- 1.2 Analyse good practice that reflects the effective use of principles and methods for delivering literacy
- 1.3 Evaluate specific issues that are relevant to literacy learning

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

2 Be able to plan literacy learning sessions

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 2.1 Establish aims and objectives for the session with reference to assessment outcomes
- 2.2 Plan learning strategies and resources to match the requirements of learners in terms of:
  - reading and writing
  - listening and speaking
- 2.3 Produce a literacy session plan including timings, use of resources, differentiation and the opportunities for the use of other skills

The learner will:

3 Be able to deliver literacy learning

#### **Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

- 3.1 Establish and maintain an inclusive learning environment
- 3.2 Implement the planned session
- 3.3 Communicate effectively with learners
- 3.4 Show evidence of differentiation

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

4 Be able to evaluate and improve the delivery of literacy programmes

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 4.1 Evaluate session planning
- 4.2 Reflect on the use of strategies and resources taking account of learner feedback
- 4.3 Evaluate session delivery
- 4.4 Reflect on own performance
- 4.5 Adapt plans for changes in future sessions

## Unit 307 Delivering Essential Skills (Literacy)

Supporting information

#### **Evidence requirements**

**AC1.1** Learning to include:

- reading
- writing
- speaking
- listening

**AC1.3** Learners should include an issue specific to literacy rather than a generic response regarding learning problems

**AC2.2** Specific strategies for each of reading, writing and listening and speaking should be shown. The learners need to be aware of active learning strategies for each of these topics. A worksheet for any of these topics would not be acceptable unless it was an integral part of the active learning strategy

**ACs 3.1-3.4** Evidence including session plans needs to be produced for at least two sessions. Observations must be by someone with at least a Level 3 qualification related to the delivery of literacy and considerable experience in teaching adult literacy

AC4.1 Evaluation could be of sessions delivered 3.1.

#### Guidance

For learning outcome 3 the observation should establish that the lesson plans have been followed.

For learning outcome 4 it will be acceptable for evidence to consist of evaluation of one or two sessions.

Where feasible, holistic assessment is recommended.

## Unit 308 Assessment of Essential Skills (ESOL)

UAN:	R/503/4558
Level:	Level 3
Credit value:	4
GLH:	20
Relationship to NOS:	
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body:	This unit is supported by The Welsh Assembly Government and The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS)
Aim:	The aim of this unit is to enable learners to use diagnostic assessment for ESOL effectively through the understanding of essential principles.

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

1 Understand the principles and methods of the assessment of ESOL skills for learning and progression

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 1.1 Describe how assessment tools and procedures need to:
  - reflect learners' real life language use
  - take account of the range of learners' linguistic and cultural backgrounds
  - take account of learners' prior educational experience
  - take account of any additional learner needs
- 1.2 Explain the roles of qualified ESOL practitioners in the assessment process
- 1.3 Describe the elements of an appropriate ESOL assessment environment
- 1.4 Explain the purpose of:
  - screening
  - initial assessment
  - diagnostic assessment
  - formative assessment (assessment for learning)
  - summative assessment
- 1.5 Compare different ESOL assessment tools and their use

The learner will:

2 Be able to interpret the outcomes of initial and diagnostic assessments for an individual learner/group of learners

#### Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 2.1 Describe a learner's assessed language skills and the factors affecting their learning identified through assessment
- 2.2 Based on assessment, describe:
  - a learner's language skills
  - factors affecting their learning
- 2.3 Develop learning objectives based on the assessment process
- 2.4 Describe some errors made by ESOL learners from different first languages

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

3 Understand the role of feedback in improving learning

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 3.1 Describe sources of feedback, including:
  - self-assessment,
  - peer assessment
  - practitioner assessment
  - external assessment
- 3.2 Explain how to use feedback as a tool for improvement
- 3.3 Compare types of oral and written feedback in ESOL formative assessment including:
  - verbal corrective feedback
  - use of encouragement and praise
  - use of feedback sandwich
  - judgement statements
  - developmental statements
  - marking methods
- 3.4 Explain the impact of the assessor's own use of language in giving feedback

The learner will:

4 Be able to review the ESOL assessment process

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 4.1 Explain the review process with ESOL learners and its role in developing learning
- 4.2 Describe how learner progress is recorded to support, inform and develop the learner
- 4.3 Conduct a review for an individual learner based on previous and on-going assessment and progression information
- 4.4 Reflect on how the assessment process can be improved

## Unit 308 Assessment of Essential Skills (ESOL)

Supporting information

#### **Evidence requirements**

- **AC1.5** Minimum of three different tools, including one initial and one summative.
- AC2.1 Cultural, educational and linguistic factors to be included
- **AC2.2** The same learner could be as used in AC2.1. Factors should include:
  - cultural
  - educational
  - linguistic

AC2.4 Must be at least two different languages

#### Guidance

Where feasible, holistic assessment is recommended.

### Unit 309 Planning Essential Skills (ESOL)

UAN:	L/503/4431
Level:	Level 3
Credit value:	4
GLH:	20
Relationship to NOS:	
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body:	This unit is supported by The Welsh Assembly Government and The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS)
Aim:	The aim of this unit is to enable practitioners to plan, prepare and negotiate ESOL learning with essential skills learners.

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

1 Understand basic aspects of English language structure and usage

#### **Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

- 1.1 Analyse English language for parts of speech and basic rules of syntax
- 1.2 Explain the meaning and functions of tenses
- 1.3 Explain basic aspects of word formation
- 1.4 Explain basic aspects of pronunciation and intonation

#### **Learning outcome**

The learner will:

2 Understand how ESOL learners learn language

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 2.1 Evaluate some current approaches in language learning and teaching
- 2.2 Describe some methods of introducing and teaching new language points
- 2.3 Evaluate individual learner factors influencing ESOL learning and progress

The learner will:

3 Understand the principles and methods of planning ESOL learning programmes

#### **Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

- 3.1 Evaluate elements of an effective ESOL learning programme
- 3.2 Explain the role of curriculum tools and standards in planning
- 3.3 Explain how 'citizenship' is integrated into learning programmes
- 3.4 Explain how the learning environment can encourage a positive attitude to support learning

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

4 Be able to develop an ESOL learning programme

#### Assessment criteria

- 4.1 Plan a learning programme for an individual learner based on assessment information and learner needs
- 4.2 Prepare a group profile from the results of initial assessments for a group of ESOL learners
- 4.3 Design a set of ESOL group learning goals developed from initial assessment information and the group profile
- 4.4 Design strategies, activities and resources to develop language for an individual learner through:
  - speaking and listening skills
  - reading and writing skills
- 4.5 Develop a short basic scheme of work to meet the ESOL learners' needs, including:
  - appropriate teaching strategies,
  - activities and resources
  - an embedded 'Citizenship' element

The learner will:

5 Be able to prepare ESOL learning resources

#### Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 5.1 Prepare learning resources for use within a planned learning programme
- 5.2 Demonstrate some differentiation in the choice of learning resources, including recognition of ESOL learner group diversity
- 5.3 Adapt learning resources to satisfy factors such as additional learning needs and individual targets

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

6 Understand how to evaluate an ESOL learning programme and the need for this to be on-going

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 6.1 Develop criteria with which to evaluate the learning programme
- 6.2 Explain how to incorporate feedback from learners and selfevaluation in the review of planning, implementation and learning resources
- 6.3 Describe issues that could arise during the implementation of the planned programme which may necessitate its revision
- 6.4 Justify choice of activities, methods and resources to develop English language

### Unit 309 Planning Essential Skills (ESOL)

### Supporting information

#### **Evidence requirements**

- **AC2.2** Two different methods must be presented.
- **AC4.1** Minimum of six sessions
- AC4.2 Group should comprise of a minimum of three learners
- **AC4.3** A minimum of three group learning goals to be established
- **AC5.1** Resources could be paper-based, electronic, kinaesthetic, etc. At least three resources are required.
- **AC5.3** At least two resources are required.

#### Guidance

For learning outcome 1 practitioners may provide a short study of a group of essential skills learners.

For learning outcome 2 where feasible, holistic assessment is recommended.

### Unit 310 Delivering Essential Skills (ESOL)

UAN:	K/503/4436
Level:	Level 3
Credit value:	6
GLH:	30
Relationship to NOS:	
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body:	This unit is supported by The Welsh Assembly Government and The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS)
Aim:	The aim of this unit is to enable practitioners to plan, deliver and evaluate ESOL sessions.

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

1 Understand some of the basic principles and methods of facilitating ESOL learning

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 1.1 Explain methods of engaging ESOL learners and how this relates to effective language learning
- 1.2 Describe some current methods and techniques for introducing and developing new language points
- 1.3 Analyse some aspects of good practice in ESOL delivery and learning

The learner will:

2 Be able to produce ESOL session plans

#### Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 2.1 Establish aims and objectives for an ESOL learning session with reference to assessment information and individual or group profiles
- 2.2 Plan an ESOL session including language learning strategies, activities and resources to match the requirements of the learner(s)
- 2.3 Produce an ESOL session plan including:
  - language learning objectives
  - timings
  - use of resources
  - interaction models (where group), differentiation
  - 'citizenship' (where appropriate)
- 2.4 Prepare resources to support the planned ESOL session

#### Learning outcome

The learner will:

3 Be able to deliver an ESOL learning session

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 3.1 Deliver the planned session, including the delivery of a range of language learning strategies and activities
- 3.2 Motivate ESOL learner(s) throughout the session
- 3.3 Communicate at appropriate language level(s) with learner(s), including with those with low level ESOL language skills
- 3.4 Establish and maintain an inclusive learning environment which reflects respect and value for culture and background
- 3.5 Demonstrate recognition of the range of ESOL differentiation needs in delivery

The learner will:

4 Be able to evaluate an ESOL learning session

#### **Assessment criteria**

- 4.1 Evaluate delivered learning session against language learning objectives
- 4.2 Explain how changes could be made to the session for improvement, following evaluation and reflection

### Unit 310 Delivering Essential Skills (ESOL)

Supporting information

#### **Evidence requirements**

**AC1.2** At least three different methods must be presented and these must be to learners at a minimum of two different levels

**AC3.1-3.5** Evidence including session plans needs to be produced for at least two sessions. Observations must be by someone with at least a Level 3 qualification related to the delivery of ESOL and extensive experience in delivering ESOL

AC4.1 Evaluation could be of sessions delivered in 3.1.

#### Guidance

For learning outcome 3 the observation should establish that the lesson plans has been followed.

For learning outcome 4 it will be acceptable for evidence to consist of evaluation of one or two sessions.

Where feasible, holistic assessment is recommended.

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