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City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in English Skills (600/7595/8)

Overview

What does this qualification cover?

The Level 1 Certificate in English Skills is part of a series of qualifications offered by City & Guilds that are designed to support flexible and personalised patterns of maths and English learning.

This qualification in particular requires learners to build a portfolio of evidence covering **all three** of the following areas of the National Standards for Adult Literacy:

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking and Listening.

It is regulated in England as part of the Qualifications and Credit Framework.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is intended for learners with multiple identified gaps in their literacy skills. It is especially suitable for learners who have previously struggled to engage with English/literacy, as well as those who otherwise require a personalised approach to their learning with the opportunity to approach assessment in an engaging context that is relevant to their needs.

The unit-based structure of this qualification allows relatively small steps to be recognisable, helping to build learners' confidence and encourage them to make further progress.

How does this qualification relate to City & Guilds' other Framework English qualifications at Level 1?

This qualification covers all three themes of the National Standards for Adult Literacy, although is complemented by three other 'themed' Awards that focus on each area. Learners might achieve one or more themed Awards before progressing to this qualification.



What could this qualification lead to?

How does this qualification support progression to the next level(s)? The Level 1 Certificate in English Skills is part of a series of qualifications spanning the five levels of the National Standards for Adult Literacy (Entry 1, 2 and 3; Level 1 and 2). Each level subsumes the requirements of the level(s) below.

Any use of this qualification should be preceded by a thorough process of initial and diagnostic assessment, and learners would be expected to continue studying English after completing this qualification.

Immediate next steps after achieving this qualification might include Functional Skills in English at Level 2, or in some cases GCSE.

How does this qualification relate to Functional Skills and GCSE?

The Level 1 Certificate in English Skills is based on the National Standards for Adult Literacy, and relates closely to the Adult Literacy Core Curriculum.

The Functional Skills English and GCSE English Language Subject Criteria both relate closely to these standards, and this qualification therefore provides a solid foundation from which learners can continue their journey towards these qualifications.

How else might learners benefit from completing this qualification?

Strong English/literacy skills are essential for almost any chosen career path.

Who supports this qualification?

The following City & Guilds centres have indicated support for this qualification:

- learndirect (10003816)
- Reading Borough Council New Directions (10005398)
- MTC Learning (10004357)
- Manchester College (10023139)
- Realise Futures (10036580)
- Sussex Downs College (10006432)