

Essential Skills Wales

Sample assessment materials for new qualifications

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The sample **controlled tasks** and **confirmatory tests** can be used to help centre staff and learners familiarise with the new qualifications and approaches to assessment. They comprise the following documents:

Essential Application of Number Skills (EAoNS):

- controlled task – candidate's paper (levels 1, 2 and 3)
- controlled task – *draft* mark scheme (levels 1, 2 and 3)
- confirmatory test – question paper (levels 1, 2 and 3)
- confirmatory test – answer keys and specification references (levels 1, 2 and 3)

Essential Communication Skills (ECommS):

- controlled task – candidate's paper (levels 1, 2 and 3)
- controlled task – *draft* mark scheme (levels 1, 2 and 3)
- confirmatory test – question paper (levels 1, 2 and 3)
- confirmatory test – answer keys and specification references (levels 1, 2 and 3)

Essential Digital Literacy Skills (EDLS):

- controlled task and structured discussion guidance – candidate's paper (Entry 1, 2 and 3, levels 1, 2 and 3)
- controlled task and structured discussion guidance – *draft* mark scheme (Entry 1, 2 and 3, levels 1, 2 and 3)

Essential Employability Skills (EES):

- controlled task and structured discussion guidance – candidate's paper (Entry 3, levels 1, 2 and 3)
- controlled task and structured discussion guidance – *draft* mark scheme (Entry 3, levels 1, 2 and 3)

About the controlled task mark schemes

Draft mark schemes have been developed to accompany each of the sample controlled tasks. These provide an overview of

- how the controlled tasks relate to the qualification specifications
- allocation of marks
- indicative pass marks and tolerances.

These *draft* mark schemes are being refined as the first live controlled tasks are developed, to provide greater consistency of approach across the skills/levels and more detailed task-specific guidance for assessors.

We'd welcome your feedback

We welcome feedback from centres about the design of the controlled tasks, especially the mark schemes. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact us using mathsandenglish@cityandguilds.com.

When will the live assessments be available?

An initial batch of live **controlled tasks** will be released later this autumn, with further topics released in phases over the next few months.

The first opportunity to sit the live **confirmatory tests** will be in February 2016.

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