

Functional Skills: Key Facts

NCFE

NCFE Level 1 and 2 Functional Skills Qualification in English

603/5058/1 / 603/5054/4

About Functional Skills

Functional Skills English qualifications enable learners to develop confidence and fluency in, and a positive attitude towards, English. Learners will be able to competently use English in the real world, and gain a sound grasp of basic English knowledge and skills.

They also help learners progress into employment or further technical education, and develop skills for everyday life.

They're suitable for a range of learners and are fundamental for completing various qualifications and frameworks, such as Foundation Learning.

The Department for Education (DfE) sets content for Functional Skills qualifications. QualHub has the Functional Skills criteria list.

Remote invigilation.

Our remote invigilation solution for Functional Skills enables your learners to sit their assessments anytime, anywhere.

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Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE Level 1 and 2 Functional Skills Qualification in English
Qualification number (QN)	Level 1 – 603/5058/1 Level 2 – 603/5054/4
Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	55
Total Qualification Time (TQT)	66
How to achieve	Learners must achieve a 'Pass' grade in the 3 mandatory assessment components: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaking, Listening and Communicating• Reading• Writing
Assessment availability	Reading and Writing assessments happen externally. Learners can sit paper-based assessments or online assessments on-demand. Resits are available. A choice of internal assessments for Speaking, Listening and Communicating are available for download from QualHub. Your centre can choose assessment dates, times and locations. Resits are available.
Direct Claim Status (DCS)	These qualifications are eligible for DCS. Visit Qualhub for more information on DCS.
Entry guidance	There are no entry requirements for these qualifications.
Funding	This qualification may be eligible for funding. Contact your local funding provider for more guidance on funding.

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve the NCFE Entry Level Functional Skills Qualifications in English could progress to:

- NCFE Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in English
- NCFE Level 2 Award in English
- NCFE Level 2 Certificate in English

Why choose us?

We offer full Functional Skills support from start to finish to ensure engagement, success and achievement. Benefits include:

- Initial assessment and tools from Skills Builder – identify your learners' English and maths skills level and get an individual learning plan, to set them on the right path.
- Continuing support from our dedicated Provider Development team from day one – made up of English and maths specialists who will support with your planning, training and resource needs.
- A range of learner and teacher resources – including remote learning tools and 'pick up and go' resources, allowing you to offer a full blended learning approach.
- Standardisation videos – to standardise the marking process for assessments.
- Reading and spelling lists – ideal for helping your learners to understand the key words required in the DfE subject content.
- Support to adapt the context of assessments – templates and guidance to support you to create context that specifically supports your learners, to help them achieve.
- Free External Quality Assurer (EQA) support – we'll appoint you an EQA when you register. They'll support you throughout the quality process.

Find out more

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