

Functional Skills qualifications

Pearson EDI and Pearson Edexcel

Differences in assessment – a quick guide for centres.

What's happening?

Now that Pearson EDI qualifications have closed to new registrations, any Functional Skills candidates will need to be registered and assessed on the Pearson Edexcel version of the qualification.

There are some minor differences to assessment methods between the two versions, so here's a side-by-side comparison to help you get your bearings.

Assessment

Entry level

Topic	EDI	Pearson Edexcel	Further information
Mode of dispatch	Paper-based test materials sent to centres	Log in to secure section of ediplc.com and download tests in .zip folder.	
Marking	Tests externally assessed by an EDI marker.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests are internally assessed by a centre assessor • Verified by an internal verifier • Confirmed by a Pearson Standards Verifier during a visit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Assurance Handbook (extract) • Instructions for the Conduct of Controlled Assessment (ICE) document (extract)
Quality Assurance	Two visits per year by EDI verifier	Centres receive a yearly visit from a Pearson Standards Verifier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Assurance Handbook (extract)

Assessment

Maths

Level	Mode	EDI	Edexcel
Level 1	Paper-based	50 marks 1h 30m	48 marks 1h 30m
	Onscreen		40 marks 1h 30m
Level 2	Paper-based	50 marks 1h 30m	48 marks 1h 30m
	Onscreen		40 marks 1h 30m

Assessment

English Level 1

Component	Mode	EDI	Edexcel
Reading	Paper based	30 marks 1 hour	20 marks 45 mins
	Onscreen	30 marks 1 hour	25 marks 45 mins
Writing	Paper based	30 marks 1 hour	25 marks 45 mins
	Onscreen	30 marks 1 hour	25 marks 45 mins
Speaking and listening	Informal discussion	20 minutes total for both discussions	30 minutes total for both discussions
	Formal discussion		

Assessment

English Level 2

Component	Mode	EDI	Edexcel
Reading	Paper based	45 marks 1h 15m	25 marks 45 mins
	Onscreen	45 marks 1h 15m	25 marks 45 mins
Writing	Paper based	30 marks 1h 15m	25 marks 45 mins
	Onscreen	30 marks 1h 15m	25 marks 45 mins
Speaking and listening	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal discussion • Formal discussion 30 mins total for both discussions	Criteria-based assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Presentation 30 mins total for both activities

Assessment

ICT – Levels 1 and 2

Level	Mode	EDI	Edexcel
Level 1	On-demand / paper based	50 marks 2 hours	50 marks 2 hours
Level 2	On-demand / paper-based	50 marks 2 hours	50 marks 2 hours