Onscreen Functional Skills – Frequently Asked Questions

How can I gain approval to run onscreen FS tests with Edexcel?

Centres are automatically approved if they are an existing Edexcel centre. If not, they will need to complete an academic approvals form.

If your centre does not currently offer Edexcel onscreen tests (for any qualification) you should complete the technical requirements form.

Are practice tests available for candidates before they sit the tests?

Practice tests are available for Paper Based and Onscreen.
https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-functional-skills/english-2019.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FSpecification-and-sample-assessments

When can my learners sit these tests?

Learners can sit tests when they are ready as these tests will be available on demand.

Once a learner is registered, you may book their test at any point up to two hours before the scheduled start time.

When can a learner re-sit a test?

Tests may be re-booked as soon as a learner receives their results, if they have not passed.

What access arrangements can be put in place?

You can apply for extra time for learners who require it as detailed in the ICE document.

What is the duration of the tests?

Maths Level 1 Non-calculator: 25 minutes
Maths Level 1 Calculator: 90 minutes
Maths Level 2 Non-calculator: 25 minutes
Maths Level 2 Calculator: 90 minutes

English Reading Level 1: 60 minutes
English Reading Level 2: 75 minutes
English Writing Level 1: 60 minutes
English Writing Level 2: 60 minutes

What are the unit codes for entry?

Level 1 Maths – OMAT1
Level 2 Maths – OMAT2
Level 1 English Reading - OENR1
Level 2 English Reading - OENR2
Level 1 English Writing - OENW1
Level 2 English Writing - OENW2
Level 1 English Speaking and Listening SLC01
Level 2 English Speaking and Listening SLC02

What happens if there is a technical problem or an emergency during the tests?

Please refer to the ICE document and Onscreen User guide for information on how to proceed in the case of technical difficulties. If you require technical support it is available from 08:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays).

How are the Speaking & Listening Component in Functional English assessed?

This component is an internally assessed unit. Centres with an accredited Lead Internal Verifier can submit marks. Claims are made via Edexcel Online.

Can we mix and match paper-based and onscreen for English components?

Yes, you can mix and match English components on the different platforms.

Can learners combine components from Levels 1 and Level 2 to gain an overall pass in Functional English?

No, all assessment has to be taken at the same level.

Do I need to claim for learner's Functional Maths and Functional English Certificates?

No. Our system will automatically issue a certificate as soon as a learner passes all the required components. These should arrive in centres within 10 working days after results have been issued on Edexcel Online.

How long will it take for me to receive a learner's results once I have uploaded their test?

Results will be available on Edexcel Online. This can take up to 28 days once Pearson receives the uploaded test file.

Will the certificates be the same as those offered for paper-based tests?

Yes, certificates will have the same currency as they are the same qualification.

What format will the results take?

We will issue a Pass/Fail result for each candidate as well as their raw mark.

What is the pass mark for each of the tests?

Each individual test paper is awarded in order for the pass mark to be set. These may vary between papers.

Can I receive a breakdown of a learners' performance?

Yes, ResultsPlus is a free online results analysis tool. This gives a detailed breakdown of your students' performance in Edexcel exams.

https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/Services/ResultsPlus.html

Can we see copies of the papers and the mark schemes after the test has been completed?

No, the tests/papers form part of a bank that is still live and test versions could be offered to other candidates in the future.