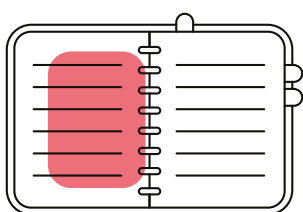


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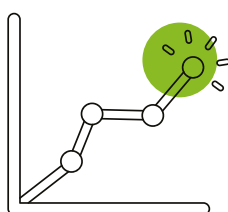


Pearson Functional Skills qualifications

Pearson Functional Skills qualifications are available in **English**, **Maths** and **Digital**. They are designed to equip your Entry Level 1 through to Level 2 learners with the practical skills they need to live, learn, and work successfully.



➡ **English**



➡ **Maths**



➡ **Digital**

Delivered in schools, colleges and by private training providers, they are suitable for 14+ learners, and are also an accepted part of all apprenticeship standards in England.

With Pearson **Functional Skills** you have access to:

- comprehensive qualifications suitable for a wide range of ages and learner types.
- a flexible approach to assessment
- an unrivalled level of support and guidance.

We are passionate about delivering the best possible learning experience for your learners and determined to make teaching and learning as flexible and accessible as possible.

This guide provides you with a summary of our Functional Skills offer, please see our website for full details.

Contents

For each Pearson Functional Skills qualification, you have access to a wide range of flexible assessment opportunities, revision materials, complimentary course materials and unrivalled support to help you and your learners get the most from these qualifications.

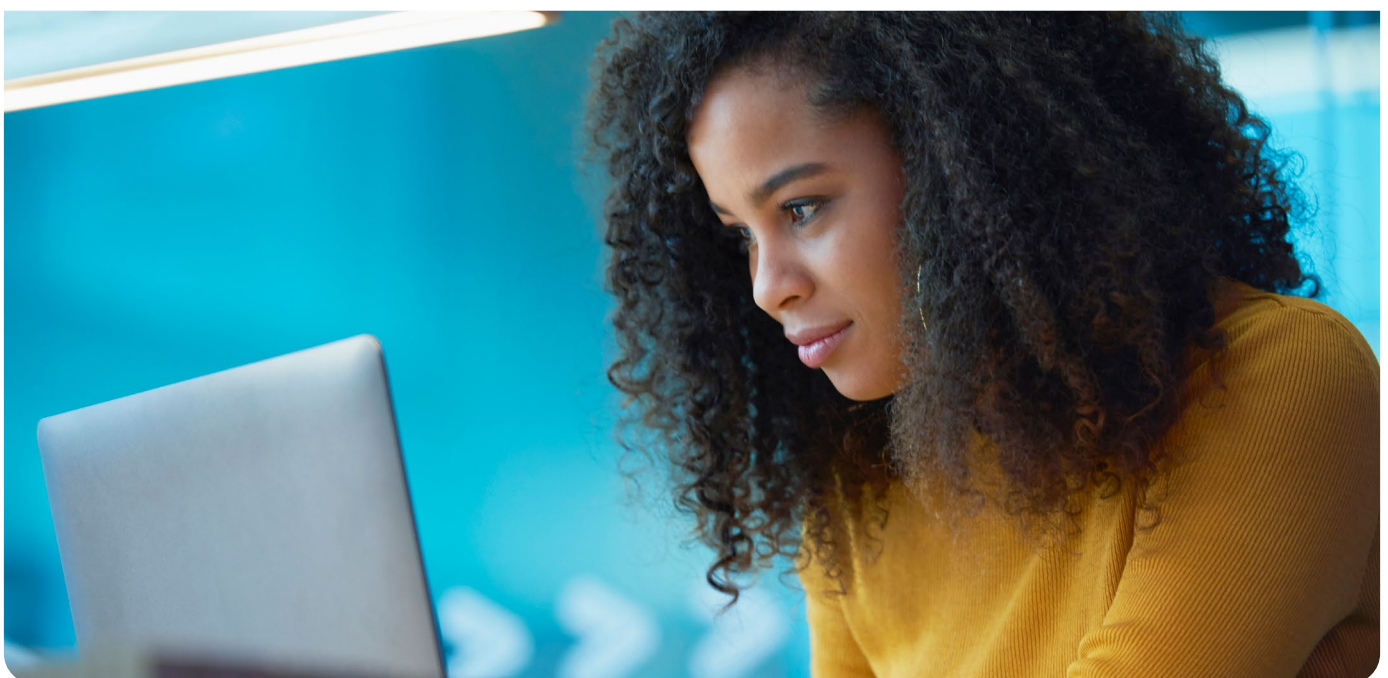
Flexible assessment

Pearson Functional Skills qualifications give you access to highly flexible assessment opportunities.

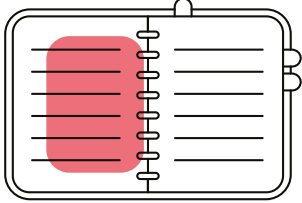
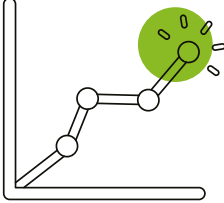

This means you can choose the method of assessment that's right for your learners as well the one most suited to where they will be located on the day of their assessment.

All the qualifications have been updated to comply with the latest 2019 reforms:

- They provide reliable evidence of a learner's achievements against demanding content that is relevant to the workplace.
- You can assess a learner's underpinning subject knowledge and their ability to apply this knowledge to different contexts.
- They give learners a foundation for progression to employment and further technical education and help them develop skills for everyday life.



Flexible assessment – an overview

	 English	 Maths	 Digital
Entry Levels 1-3	Internally assessed, externally verified. Can be contextualised by the centre. Available on demand.		Entry 3 Only – Externally Assessed (see below)
Onscreen On Demand Levels 1 & 2	Assessments available on demand with a minimum of 2 hours' notice. The window of the test is 4 hours either side of the start time. Internet access required to download the assessments but can be run offline. Externally set and verified. NB Entry 3 and Level 1 only for Digital		
Paper Based On Demand Levels 1 & 2	Assessments available with 14 days' notice. Can be run at a time to suit the centre and learner. Assessments are live from the moment they arrive in the centre and stay live for 5 days after the booked time and date. Learners who take the assessment at a different time to the rest of the cohort do NOT need to be isolated. Externally set and verified.		N/A
Remote Invigilation Onscreen Levels 1 & 2	Assessments available with 7 days' notice. Centre needs to be pre-approved to offer. Assessments are live for 1 hour prior to the test and 3 hours after. No download of assessment required but internet access is. The assessment is run in the learners' home or workplace. Externally set and verified.		N/A

For more information on our assessment processes view our

Flexible assessment – the detail

On-screen offer

- Assessments are bookable with 2 hours' notice and stay live for 4 hours either side of the exam time and date.
- Registration fees are only charged for actual tests, no charges if learners are absent.
- Results available in 20 working days.
- Example papers are available on our webpage.
- Remote Invigilation option is available.

Remote Invigilation



This flexible approach to onscreen assessment delivery allows assessments to be booked when a learner is ready without the pressures of ensuring invigilators or rooms are available.

- Pearson takes care of all the invigilation requirements for these assessments.
- Learners are invigilated via their webcam, microphone/speakers, mobile device camera and screenshare.
- There is no need to download software onto the computer to run the assessment, this system uses an online version of the assessments.
- Once you have an **Intention To Offer form**, the service predominantly follows Pearson's business as usual protocols.

Flexible assessment – the detail

Paper-based offer

- Assessments can be booked 14 days in advance.
- Assessments stay live for 5 days after the booked time and date, therefore cohorts don't all need to sit an Assessments at the same time.
- Results available in 20 working days.
- Example papers are available on our webpage.



Teaching resources

To help you monitor and tailor support for your learners we have a range of teaching resources designed to help save you time and build learner confidence.

ResultsPlus

ResultsPlus provides you with feedback and analysis on English and Mathematics Level 1 & 2 Functional Skills assessments helping you to identify learner weaknesses and tailor support.

- Gain better, deeper analysis of individual learners' exam performance, so you can develop tailored individual learning plans to address weaknesses
- Have a behind-the-grade insight into your learners' performance and also use cohort analysis to understand any wider trends.

examWizard

This revision tool provides you with access past papers and test questions so you can create tailored learner plans to target individual weaknesses.

- Save time creating your own mock exams, topic tests, homework or revision activities.
- Works in conjunction with ResultsPlus to help create exam practice resources for whole cohorts or individual learners.
- Links directly to associated examiner reports and mark schemes.
- Helps learners develop their skills and prepare for tests.

Course materials

In addition to our range of assessment support you also have a wide range of course materials to help you as you deliver your Functional Skills courses.

You'll find a mix of content from **Sample Marker Learner Work, Guidance on writing formats**, and **classroom resources** to **speaking and listening videos, Sample Assessments** and much more.

Full details are available on the Course Materials section of the relevant subject specification web page:

All materials are available to download from our [dedicated web page](#).

Support and guidance

We constantly updating our content to give you the latest support and guidance for delivering our qualifications. We've summarised below and on the following pages the different types of support you have access to.

Please bookmark the pages and check back regularly for updates.

Webinars and events

We host a mix of live events and webinars designed to summarise some of the latest information and developments for Functional skills.

Webinars



Live events



Support and guidance

Podcasts

Our Functional Skills podcasts are hosted by Chris Briggs, Post-16 English and Maths specialist at Pearson. The podcasts focus on everything post-16 English and Maths with guests from all aspects of the provision.



Blogs

Our monthly blog '**Insight**' focuses on all things Functional Skills including updates, discussions and outcomes from training events, and decisions from the regulator.



Newsletter

Our monthly **post-16 English and maths** newsletter will keep you up-to-date with the latest information and guidance.

Contact us



If you would like to find out more about Pearson Functional Skills or need help getting started let us know using the online form below:

We look forward to working with you.

"Our learners are passing first time with Pearson. We have seen great improvement in English and Maths, it is an awful lot more user friendly for learners.

We are impressed that Pearson is robust in its quality assurance. We have had a lot of support. The Standards Verifier has been incredibly supportive."

Kirstie Wright, Director of Quality and Curriculum at YMCA Training