

## **Functional Skills Reform Update 1**

Welcome to the first of Pearson's updates on the reform of Functional Skills English and maths. In this issue we will be looking at the current timeline of the reform.

### **Mid February 2018**

The final Subject Content is due to be released by the DfE once it has received Ministerial sign off.

### **March 2018**

Ofqual will release their second consultation on the assessment of Functional Skills. We expect there will be more in this on the use of calculators in the maths assessments at level 1 and 2 and the use of dictionaries in the English assessments at level 1 and 2.

There should also be more information regarding guided learning hours and any period of dual running for the new Functional Skills and the legacy versions.

### **Summer 2018**

Pearson will be working with centres to ensure the assessment and support offers around the new Functional Skills is relevant to the needs our centres and learners. We will be hosting Network Events, carrying out market research and holding workshops specifically on the contexts we use to assess Functional Skills.

### **Early 2019**

The accreditation period for Functional Skills will end and Pearson will be able to release the new standards and sample assessment materials.

### **September 2019**

Planned first teaching and assessment of new Functional Skills.