



Foundation Learning - frequently asked questions (FAQs) September 2011

10 top tips

Entry level 1 Qualifications in Personal Progress (QCF)

1. What qualifications do Edexcel offer at entry 1?

Edexcel have 10 qualifications available at entry 1 that recognise the needs of E1 learners and provide structured progression opportunities towards independent living and supported employment. To view our offer, visit our subject pages

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/flt/pp/Pages/default.aspx>

2. What makes Edexcel different?

Edexcel recognises the incremental learning stages of entry level learners. This is why we have split the personal progress qualifications into 10 bite size qualifications that support our centres in the planning and delivery of learning programmes with realistic timescales and promote personalisation.

3. Tell us more about how you compare?

You will be familiar with our vocational learning expertise, so it will be no surprise when we say that we have introduced vocational units into our E1 offer. Centres can now offer units in hospitality, arts, horticulture and waste management as part of the certificates and diplomas in personal progress and the certificate in independent living. Check out our updated specification here

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/flt/pp/Pages/default.aspx>

4. Can you advise us on the 10 stage continuum?

Entry 1 includes pre-entry learners. This means that there is a need to recognise the range of ability within the E1 level. The 10 stages continuum is explained within our specification together with a mapping document outlining learner characteristics at each of the developmental stages.

5. How do we evidence learner achievement and progression, can you help?

At Edexcel we are asking centres to record learner achievement on the E1 continuum and attach this information to all learner certification records.

6. How does Edexcel support the evidencing of E1 learner progression?

You can record unit achievement within the E1 qualifications on Edexcel online and receive a notification of performance for each learner. Once learners have achieved the full qualification then they will be certificated.

We have also produced an Entry 1 portfolio of evidence that includes all 42 unit transcripts. This word document can be downloaded from our Entry level 1 subject pages on our website <http://www.edexcel.com/quals/flt/pp/Pages/default.aspx>

7. Can learners aged 16-18 and 19-24 at entry level one be funded for the same qualifications or units more than once?

The following guidance has been taken from the YPLA funding document and can be downloaded here. [http://readingroom.ypla.gov.uk/ypla/ypla-Statutory Guidance Funding Arrangements for 16-19 Education and Training-gn-Aug11-v1.pdf](http://readingroom.ypla.gov.uk/ypla/ypla-Statutory%20Guidance%20Funding%20Arrangements%20for%2016-19%20Education%20and%20Training-gn-Aug11-v1.pdf)

'This will no longer be necessary as all qualifications that use the ten stage achievement continuum are unlisted. Providers should assess the GLH required to deliver the whole programme, including any repeat learning, and record this as PLANNED GLH. Funding will then be calculated based on the recorded PLANNED GLH'.

8. Do you need any more information around funding?

Specific questions relating to funding and learner eligibility should be sent to our dedicated funding team funding@edexcel.com

9. What resources do Edexcel have to support E1 delivery?

Our personal progress specifications include guidance on how learners may demonstrate the assessment criteria. We are also working on producing several good practice documents to support our centres.

10. Do Edexcel offer any training to support teaching and learning?

Yes. We have an annual national training programme that focuses on all aspects of Foundation Learning. We also offer customised training for centres and our Curriculum Development managers are able to offer support and advise centres. Our latest training and events programme can be accessed here

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/flt/training/Pages/default.aspx>