Functional Skills



Functional Skills Qualifications in Maths at Entry Level

Qualification Brochure 2025

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	VQA Functional Skills Qualification in Maths at Entry Level 1 (RQF)	VQA Functional Skills Qualification in Maths at Entry Level 2 (RQF)	VQA Functional Skills Qualification in Maths at Entry Level 3 (RQF)
Qualification number:	610/6266/2	610/6268/6	610/6267/4
Guided learning hours (GLH)	55	55	55
Total qualification time (TQT)	60	60	60
Registration fee:	£16.00		
Funding:	These qualifications are eligible for funding. Centres should check the funding hub regularly for current and accurate information on funding eligibility.		



About these Qualifications

Functional Skills qualifications are designed to provide reliable evidence of a learner's achievements against demanding content that is relevant to the workplace. They also provide a foundation for progression into employment or further technical education and support the development of skills for everyday life.

Purpose

The VQA Functional Skills Qualifications in Mathematics at Entry Level are regulated by Ofqual.

The VQA Functional Skills Qualifications in Mathematics at Entry Level enable learners to build their confidence in the application of Mathematics, fostering a positive attitude towards the subject. Learners will demonstrate their understanding of basic Mathematical knowledge and apply these skills to solve problems in familiar, practical contexts.

The purpose of the Functional Skills Qualifications in Mathematics at Entry Level is to prepare learners for work, study, and everyday life. Achievement of these qualifications will enable learners to demonstrate their ability to apply mathematical skills at an appropriate level to solve everyday problems within practical contexts.

Subject content

The Department for Education (DfE) has specified the subject content which should underpin all Functional Skills qualifications, including the learning aims and outcomes that learners must achieve. The qualification specification provides full details of the subject content for the VQA Functional Skills Qualifications in Mathematics at Entry Level.

Direct claim status (DCS)

These qualifications are eligible for direct claim status.

Entry requirements

These qualifications are suitable for learners aged 14+.

There are no specific entry requirements, but an initial assessment would be beneficial to determine a learner's starting level.

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve a Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics at Entry Level can progress to the next level. This structured pathway provides a foundation for learners to further develop their mathematics skills, which they can apply in employment, education, or everyday life.

On successful completion of the Entry Level 3 qualification, learners can advance to the VQA Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics at Level 1.

Centre approval

VQA has a systematic, process-driven approach to centre approval for all qualifications, including Functional Skills qualifications. To work with us, you will need to meet our centre requirements. **Click here** for a breakdown of what this includes.

Assessment Delivery

These qualifications are assessed by an externally-set, controlled assessment that is internally marked and is subject to external quality assurance. Centres are responsible for delivering and marking all Functional Skills assessments at Entry Level.

VQA will release four externally-set controlled assessment papers and associated mark schemes for each entry level qualification for all approved centres at the beginning of the VQA cycle (1 September – 31 August). The assessments will be available to download from our online portal.

Learners must achieve a pass grade in the single, mandatory assessment. The assessment is divided into two sections: Learners must achieve a pass grade in the three mandatory components:

- Section A: Non-Calculator (25% of the total marks)
- Section B: Calculator (75% of the total marks).

Learners are given a total mark across both sections A and B and are then graded with a pass/not achieved result for the whole qualification.

Pricing

Our pricing is simple and transparent, making it easy for you to understand costs and budget effectively.

Fees

£16.00 registration fee per learner.



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