

The Essential Skills qualifications are concerned with the practical ability to apply communication, number and ICT skills within everyday situations. Essential Skills qualifications are “skill”, rather than “subject” orientated. The emphasis is on purposeful application rather than just recall. All Essential Skills assessments therefore involve working through problems or scenarios.

Being able to communicate effectively, apply mathematics effectively and make good use of technology is crucial to almost every activity in life, work or learning. These qualifications are a crucial passport to success in almost any area of work, life or further learning.

These qualifications are suitable for learners of all ages, though are designed particularly for learners over the age of 16. These qualifications recognise the ability to read, write, speak, listen, use numerical skills and technology at a level necessary to function and progress at work and in society in general.

Essential Skills qualifications are available in various levels:

Essential Skills Literacy (Entry Level 1, Entry Level 2 and Entry Level 3)

Assessment and achievement based on entry level task completed successfully in all 3 sub-skills (reading, writing, speaking & listening).

Essential Skills Numeracy (Entry Level 1, Entry Level 2 and Entry Level 3)

Assessment and achievement based on entry level task completed successfully in all 3 curriculum areas (number, measure, shape & space and handling data).

Essential Skills Communication (Level 1 and Level 2)

Assessment and achievement based on external assessment in Reading/Writing completed successfully along with internal assessment in Speaking/Listening completed successfully.

Essential Skills Application of Number (Level 1 and Level 2)

Assessment and achievement based on external assessment completed successfully.

Essential Skills Information, Communication and Technology Level 1 and Level 2

Assessment and achievement based on portfolio completion meeting evidence requirements.

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