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NCFE Entry Level 1/2/3 Functional Skills Qualification in English

603/5059/3 / 603/5056/8 / 603/5052/0

About Functional Skills

Functional Skills English qualifications are designed to enable learners to develop confidence and fluency in, and a positive attitude towards, English. As a result of the qualification, learners should be able to demonstrate their competence in English by using it in real-world situations as well as demonstrating a sound grasp of basic English knowledge and skills.

They also aim to provide a foundation for progression into employment or further technical education and develop skills for everyday life.

They are suitable for a wide range of individuals and are fundamental to the successful completion of various wider qualifications and frameworks, such as Foundation Learning.

The content of Functional Skills qualifications is prescribed by the Department for Education, and a full list of the Functional Skills criteria is available on Qualhub.

Summary of changes in line with the Functional Skills reform

- Entry Levels now include the structured teaching of phonics.
- A 10 minute spelling test has been added to the writing assessment of each level.
- Contextualisation is allowed for all internal assessments except for Reading.
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed for 50-70%.

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE Entry Level 1/2/3 Functional Skills Qualification in English
Qualification number (QN)	Entry Level 1 – 603/5059/3 Entry Level 2 – 603/5056/8 Entry Level 3 – 603/5052/0
Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	55
Total Qualification Time (TQT)	61
How to achieve	Learners must obtain a grade of 'Pass' in each of the 3 mandatory assessment components: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaking, Listening and Communicating• Reading• Writing
Assessment availability	These qualifications are assessed and marked internally, with assessments devised by NCFE. A choice of assessments are available for download from QualHub. Centres are permitted to choose the date, time and location of assessments. Resits are available.
Direct Claim Status (DCS)	These qualifications are eligible for DCS. For more information on DCS please visit QualHub.
Entry guidance	There are no entry requirements for these qualifications.
Funding	This qualification may be eligible for funding. For further guidance on funding, please contact your local funding provider.

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve the NCFE Entry Level Functional Skills Qualifications in English could progress to:

- NCFE Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in English
- NCFE Level 1 Award in English
- NCFE Level 1 Certificate in English

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