

Teach Functional Skills Maths with us

A qualification to support your
learners in achieving a GCSE in maths



About Functional Skills Maths

Want to explore real life scenarios with your learners? Our Functional Skills qualification is based around everyday mathematics such as problem solving and finances, giving teachers the freedom to shape what success looks like for every learner.

How does this benefit your learners? By grounding learning in real-life contexts, you can create engaging lessons that resonate with them. This approach not only enhances understanding but also equips your learners with practical skills essential for everyday life. This qualification provides a foundation for progression into employment or further technical education. Learners are assessed on their underpinning knowledge as well as their ability to apply this in different contexts.

Functional Skills Maths is available at Level 1 (8361) and Level 2 (8362) and is available four series a year – January, March, June and November.



Content overview

The specification covers the subject content that will be assessed through both papers. For ease of comparison Level 1 and Level 2 content is presented together. The content is broken down into:

- Using numbers and the number system
- Using common measures, shape and space
- Handling information and data.

How is the assessment structured?

The assessment structure is the same for both Level 1 and Level 2.

Learners must take two question papers at the same level on the same day.

Paper 1 is in the morning and paper 2 in the afternoon.

Paper 1

Non-calculator – 30 minutes, 20 marks, 25% weighting

Paper 2

Calculator – 90 minutes, 60 marks, 75% weighting

Both papers split into Section A: underpinning skills and Section B problem solving

Section A: a mix of multiple choice and short response questions

Section B: short response questions



Co-teachability with our maths qualifications

This qualification is suitable to be taught alongside GCSE Maths. There is some overlap between this specification and AQA's GCSE Mathematics. Our Teaching Guidance resource highlights the links to GCSE Maths and can assist with co-teaching.

Unit Award Scheme

We have mapped some Unit Award Scheme (UAS) units to our Functional Skills Specification. Learners will receive a certificate each time they complete a unit. By recognising their achievements in this way, the scheme allows learners to engage with learning and take clear steps towards success in Maths.

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Why choose AQA?

Our Functional Skills Maths qualification has been carefully designed to prepare learners for real-life scenarios. The qualification includes problem-solving, personal finance, planning and organising activities and how these skills can be used in the world of work.

This approach gives you the freedom to explore the application of maths with your learners, whether that's showing them how to set a budget, organise an event, or even calculate quantities for a project.

We're here to support you every step of the way. Like you, our priority is the learners in your care. We want to help you to ensure they're confident and well-prepared mathematicians through our assessments and we've got some great resources, past papers and experience to help you teach.

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Our teams are experts in assessment. We're also experts at giving you the support you need, when you need it.

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