



Approved qualifications

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

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Level 2 maths and English skills



English qualifications:

- New GCSE English (from September 2017) grades 4-9 (Language or Literature)
- GCSE English A*-C (Language or Literature)
- O Level English (Language or Literature) any pass grade (grades 1-6)
- CSE grade 1 English (Language or Literature)
- Functional Skills in English Level 2 and above
- Key Skills Communication Level 2 and above
- Professional Skills Test in Literacy (DfE)
- ESOL Skills for Life examinations at Level 2 (full qualification)
- Northern Ireland Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills – Communication
- OCNW/OCN Level 2 GCSE equivalent in English
- Certificates in Essential Skills (3800)
- Equivalency Testing for Career Development (GCSE equivalent) L2 English - Grades 9 – 4

Maths qualifications:

- New GCSE Mathematics (from September 2017) grades 4-9
- GCSE Mathematics A*-C
- O Level Mathematics any pass grade (grades 1-6)
- CSE grade 1 Mathematics
- Functional Skills in Mathematics Level 2 and above
- Key Skills Application of Number – Level 2 and above
- Professional Skills Test in Numeracy (DfE)
- Associated Examining Board (AEB) Proficiency Test in Arithmetic
- City & Guilds Certificate in Mathematics Skills (14 credits)
- City & Guilds Certificate in Mathematical Techniques (13 credits)
- Essential Skills Wales in Application of Number Level 2
- NCFE Certificate in Basic Maths Level 2
- Northern Ireland Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills – Application of Number
- Certificates in Essential Skills (3800)
- University of Plymouth maths equivalency test
- Equivalency Testing for Career Development (GCSE equivalent) L2 Maths - Grades 9 - 4

Level 3 maths and English skills

English qualifications:

- A Level English Language
- AS Level English Language
- A Level English Language and Literature
- AS Level English Language and Literature
- A Level Communication Studies
- AS Level Communication Studies
- Oxford College Certificate of Diploma Education in English Literature
- IBSL Level 3 Certificate in British Sign Language Studies (QCF)
- Signature Level 3 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language (QCF)
- Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma – Level 3
- Certificate in Delivering Basic Skills to Adults (City & Guilds Wales)
- 14-19 Diplomas (higher and advanced) – England
- Level 3 Award in English for literacy and language teaching
- Level 3 (120 hours) TEFL teaching English certificate

Maths qualifications:

- A Level Mathematics
- AS Level Mathematics
- Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma – Level 3
- Certificate in Delivering Basic Skills to Adults (City & Guilds Wales)
- 14-19 Diplomas (higher and advanced) – must include Functional Skills Mathematics at Level 2
- Level 3 Award in mathematics for numeracy teaching
- Secondary mathematics TSST (Teacher Subject Specialist Training) certificate
- AQA Certificate Level 3 mathematical studies

Level 4 maths and English skills

English qualifications:

- Degrees in English Language/Literature/Communication
- Additional Diploma in Teaching English (Literacy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector
- Additional Diploma in Teaching English (ESOL) in the Lifelong Learning Sector
- Diploma in Teaching English (Literacy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector
- Diploma in Teaching English (ESOL) in the Lifelong Learning Sector
- Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (English Literacy)
- Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (English ESOL)
- Certificate for adult literacy subject specialists
- Certificate for adult ESOL subject specialists
- Signature Level 4 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language (QCF)
- Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)
- Diploma in teaching English to Adults (DELTA) (Cambridge ESOL)
- The Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (Cert TESOL)
- Trinity Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Level 7
- Diploma in English Language Teaching to Adults (that are, or have been, available from such awarding institutions as Cambridge ESOL, Trinity College London and RSA)

Maths qualifications:

- BA or BSc or BEd or higher degree in Mathematics
- Diploma in Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector
- Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (Mathematics Numeracy)
- Additional Diploma in Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector
- Certificate for adult numeracy subject specialists

Ireland



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- Leaving certificate (Level 4)

Level 3 maths and English skills

- Leaving certificate (Level 5)

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- Advanced certificate
- Higher certificate

Scotland



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English qualifications:

- English Intermediate 2 (Credit standard grade)
- SVQ Level 2
- Core Skills Communication – Intermediate 2 and above
- ESOL National Qualification – Intermediate 2 and above

Maths qualifications:

- Mathematics Intermediate 2 (Credit standard grade)
- SVQ Level 2
- Core Skills Numeracy – Intermediate 2 and above
- Scottish Certificate in Arithmetic – Ordinary level

Level 3 maths and English skills

- SVQ Level 3 (Highers)

Level 4 maths and English skills

- SVQ Level 3 (Advanced Highers)

European and international



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English qualifications:

- European Bacculaureate
- International Bacculaureate
- University of Cambridge International GCSE English

Maths qualifications:

- European Bacculaureate
- International Bacculaureate
- University of Cambridge International GCSE Mathematics

Level 3 maths and English skills

English qualifications:

- Trinity Integrated Skills – ISE 3 (Common European Framework)
- Edexcel International Test of English (Pearson) – Level 3 (CEF)
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System) – score 6.5 and above
- European Bacculaureate
- International Bacculaureate

Level 4 maths and English skills

English qualifications:

- Trinity Integrated Skills – ISE 4 (Common European Framework).
- Edexcel International Test of English (Pearson) – Level 4 (CEF).

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