

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS



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Qualifications for Life
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Who we are

ABC Awards is a leading national awarding organisation with a long-established reputation for high-quality support and services to the educational sector. We are committed to helping employers, organisations and learners cultivate the relevant skills for learning, skills for employment, and skills for life.

Working with over 600 Centres and providers nationally, we help tens of thousands of learners gain the skills needed to progress in their chosen career. We work closely with leading employers and industry bodies from a variety of sectors to ensure our products meet local and national standards.






This book is specifically about our Functional Skills offer. For more information about ABC Awards and our other products and qualifications, please visit www.abcawards.co.uk.



Functional Skills

Functional Skills qualifications are available in English, maths and ICT and offer a vocationally-focused, real-world structure to learning these vital skills at Level 1 and Level 2, suitable for all learners aged 14 and over.

Functional Skills qualifications can be used as:

-  A stepping stone for learners who are struggling with more academically focused qualifications in English, maths and ICT
-  Formal recognition for adult learners who haven't yet accomplished these skills
-  Part of an apprenticeship or traineeship
-  An addition to tailored programmes of study
-  An alternative for learners who have learning difficulties or disabilities



Getting Start

ABC Awards is working with Open Awards to deliver Functional Skills qualifications as part of the Awarding Consortium.

As one of our Centres, you will maintain day-to-day working relationships with ABC Awards while delivering Functional Skills qualifications via Open Awards.

To become an Approved Centre for delivering Functional Skills, ABC Awards Centres will need to complete a simple application form, sign a centre agreement, and pass some straightforward quality checks.

Your application will be facilitated by a dedicated ABC Awards Centre Support Officer who will submit the completed documentation to Open Awards on your behalf. Once approval has been confirmed, you will gain access to the required systems and resources to deliver Functional Skills.

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As a Centre for Functional Skills, you will benefit from:

- A professional solution to delivering Functional Skills qualifications
- Outstanding customer service
- Competitive prices
- High-quality qualifications which are simple to administer, both online and on paper, and are regulated by Ofqual
- Quick certification and secure eCertification platform
- Access to free, online practice assessments
- Being part of a consortium of like-minded awarding organisations committed to the ongoing development and improvement of Functional Skills

The Awarding Consortium

The Awarding Consortium provides competitively-priced Functional Skills qualifications suited for young people and adults at all stages of learning and life.

Combining five leading awarding organisations and an innovative assessment system provider, we are committed to providing high-quality English, maths and ICT qualifications to our wide-ranging centres across the UK.

With a network of experienced and friendly staff, our mission is to raise the standards of Functional Skills and deliver you a reliable, consistent and customer-focused service with efficient results.

Together, we offer a fully competent, professional solution to delivering Functional Skills qualifications which are simple to administer. We use an innovative online system called XAMS[®], provided by consortium member Coelrind, which enables secure and straightforward delivery, marking and awarding of Functional Skills assessments with quick results.

As part of the Awarding Consortium, ABC Awards has partnered with Open Awards, to deliver Functional Skills qualifications. Regulation and certification of the qualifications are carried out by Open Awards and the assessments are marked by their qualified markers.

All members of the Awarding Consortium support the ongoing development, improvement and innovation of our collective Functional Skills offer, underpinned by a Memorandum of Understanding signed by all members.

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