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Essential Skills Matrix for City and Guilds Qualifications 2022-2023

Main qualification L3	Grades A*, A and B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	Grade F or below
The LAP states that learners must do 2 or 3 Essential Skills.	Complete ES at L3: 1.Digital Literacy Skills 2.Essential Employability Skills	Complete ES at L2: 1.Digital Literacy Skills 2.Essential Employability Skills	GCSE resit	Complete ES at L2 1.Communication 2.Application of Number	Complete ES at L2 1.Communication 2.Application of Number
Main qualification L2	Grades A*, A and B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	Grade F or below
The LAP states that learners must do 2 or 3 Essential Skills.	Complete ES at L3: 1.Digital Literacy Skills 2.Essential Employability Skills	Complete ES at L2: 1.Digital Literacy Skills 2.Essential Employability Skills	GCSE resit	Complete ES at L2* 1.Communication 2.Application of Number	Complete ES at L1 1.Communication 2.Application of Number
Main qualification L1	Grades A*, A and B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	Grade F or below
The LAP states that learners must do 2 or 3 Essential Skills.	Complete ES at L2: 1.Digital Literacy Skills 2.Essential Employability Skills	Complete ES at L1: 1.Digital Literacy Skills 2.Essential Employability Skills	GCSE resit	Complete ES at E3 1.Communication 2.Application of Number	Complete ES at E3 1.Communication 2.Application of Number
Main qualification E3		Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	Grade F or below
The LAP states that learners must do 2 or 3 Essential Skills.		Complete ES at E3 1.Digital Literacy Skills 2.Essential Employability Skills	GCSE resit	Complete ES at E2 1.Communication 2.Application of Number	Complete ES at E2 1.Communication 2.Application of Number
Main qualification E2		Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	Grade F or below
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		1.Digital Literacy Skills 2.Essential Employability Skills		1.Communication 2.Application of Number	1.Communication 2.Application of Number
Main qualification E1		Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	Grade F or below
The LAP states that learners must do 2 or 3 Essential Skills		Complete ES at E1 1.Digital Literacy Skills 2.Essential Employability Skills	GCSE resit	Complete ES at E1: 1.Communication 2.Application of Number	Complete ES at E1: 1.Communication 2.Application of Number

*This is to allow progression to a L3 programme and a GCSE re-sit.

The above matrix provides clear progression routes for learners and identifies the opportunities to stretch and challenge our more able learners. As you can see the priority for learners who are below the GCSE grade C threshold is to develop their literacy and numeracy skills; those learners who have already achieved a grade C in Maths and English will be directed to complete Essential Skills in Employability and Digital Literacy. The above matrix reflects the WG funding guidance for 22/23 which states that learners must study either at the current level of their main qualification or at one level below or one level above.

Learners that complete an Essential Skill at level 2 in Application of Number and/or Communication Skills can progress to a GCSE re-sit in September 2023.

Key: ES - Essential Skills

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