

Essential Skills Matrix for City and Guilds Qualifications 2023-2024

Context

The Welsh Government 'Core' requirements as stipulated in the funding directory states:

"The level of Essential Skills may be different to the main qualification(s) based on the outcomes of initial/diagnostic assessment for each learner. **Essential Skills units may be at the same level or one level above or below**, but learners should develop the level of skills required to achieve the main qualification."

Learners aged 16-19 who are working towards a C grade in GCSE Maths, English or First Language Welsh as part of their programme of study are not required to undertake separate Essential Skills in Communication and Application of Number alongside each GCSE.

Main qualification L3	Exceptions	All Learners	GCSE Grade D
The LAP states that learners must do 2 or 3 Essential Skills. Key ES- Essential Skills LAP- Learning area programme	Complete ES at L3; if L2 already achieved 1.Digital Literacy Skills 2. Communication Skills	Complete ES at L2: 1.Application of Number 2.Communication Or 3.Digital Literacy	GCSE resit
Main qualification L2		All Learners	GCSE Grade D
The LAP states that learners must do 2 or 3 Essential Skills.		Complete ES at L1: 1.Application of Number 2.Communication Or 3.Digital Literacy	GCSE resit
Main qualification L1		All Learners	GCSE Grade D
The LAP states that learners must do 2 or 3 Essential Skills.		Complete ES at E3 1.Application of Number 2.Communication Or	GCSE resit

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		3.Digital Literacy	
Main qualification E3		All Learners	GCSE Grade D
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Main qualification E2		All Learners	GCSE Grade D
The LAP states that learners must do 2 or 3 Essential Skills.		Complete ES at E1/E2 1.Communication 2.Application of Number	GCSE resit
Main qualification E1		All Learners	GCSE Grade D
The LAP states that learners must do 2 or 3 Essential Skills.		Complete ES at E1 1.Communication 2.Application of Number	GCSE resit

Caveat

If learners have already achieved the level of ESQ, they can be entered for the higher level. However, for Digital Literacy Skills a minimum of 3 learners is required to complete the assessment.

If you have any queries about what qualifications or levels your learners should be doing, contact your Skills Leader.

Progression to GCSE

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 2024.

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