

Adult Learning - Course Information Sheet



AFET01_ - English Functional Skills 19 Week

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Start Date: 07 September 2026
End Date: 01 February 2027
Start Time: 9:30AM
End Time: 12:00PM
Day: Monday
Sessions: 19
Tutor: Mrs Elena Marin

What will I learn?

You will learn how to use English in everyday situations and develop your confidence in using the English language.

This course will equip you with important skills that help you in everyday life, such as problem -solving, communication and analytical thinking and it will increase your confidence and resilience.

What will I need to take part?

We recommend that you have paper, a pencil, a pen and a notepad during the session, resources are provided in Google Classroom. If this is an online course, a laptop, PC or tablet and a stable internet connection will be needed.

What to expect

English Functional Skills courses are aimed both at people looking to brush up on certain skills for everyday life, but also for those looking for GCSE grade equivalents. They are also the perfect qualification for you if you didn't achieve the GCSEs, you wanted when you were younger but now wish to develop essential life skills.

Functional Skills courses have different levels. Before the course starts, you will complete an initial assessment to make sure you join the most suitable course level for you.

Functional Skills are recognised GCSE alternative qualifications, with a Functional Skills Level 2 course being equivalent to a GCSE grade 4 (C).

Both GCSEs and Functional Skills qualifications are ideal for anyone who wants to get to grips with the basics of English. However, one may be more suitable for you than the other depending on your learning or career goals. If you are unsure which is more suitable for you, please contact us for further information, advice and guidance.

Where can it lead to?

Functional Skills in English and Maths are essential for success for further study, qualifications and work opportunities. This qualification can provide the basis to access jobs, training opportunities and higher - level education courses.

You could progress to higher level Functional Skills; a Level 2 course is the highest level available in Functional Skills.

This course is accredited by City and Guilds which means that upon successful completion, you will receive a certificate that is recognised by employers and other education providers showing the qualification title and level achieved.

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Course eligibility and fees

You may be able to study this course for free under the government's legal entitlement rules if you are:

- aged 19 or over on 31st August in the funding year
- resident in England, outside a devolved adult skills funding area.
- ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of learning.
- Able to provide evidence of your identity, residency, prior qualifications.

and:

- You need English or Maths up to and including Level 2.
- You need essential digital skills up to and including Level 1.

Asylum seekers may be eligible for funding in some circumstances, including where they have lived in the UK for 6 months or longer while their claim is being considered, or where they receive certain types of local authority support. We will check this with you at enrolment.

If you meet the legal entitlement rules, we will not charge you a course fee. If you are not eligible for public funding, including some international students or people not ordinarily resident in the UK, you will need to pay the full course fee; we will confirm your eligibility during enrolment.

If you are co-funded or not eligible for public funding, your first exam attempt will be included in the course fee. Any subsequent resits will incur an additional fee, which must be paid before the exam is booked.

These requirements are not exhaustive, and other conditions may apply for more information or to see whether you may qualify contact Adult Learning Northants or fill out our Online Eligibility Checker tool to see whether you might qualify - <https://forms.office.com/e/Wv2Mb9nSz6>

Funding is subject to eligibility checks and course availability.

Northamptonshire Adult Learning Service work in partnership with National Careers Service advisers who can provide information, advice and guidance on skills, learning and work. National Careers Service can be contacted by telephone 0800 100 900 or text your name and the word ADVICE to 07766 413219 and an adviser will call you back for free or go to <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>