

Purpose Statement

Level 1 Functional Skills in Mathematics

The primary purpose of the Open Awards Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics at Level 1 is to support you to progress to the next level of learning in this subject. It could also support your entry to employment or your development within employment. The qualification was designed to help you develop your Mathematics skills in a practical, rather than academic, context.

Who is it for?

- People looking to work towards higher Maths qualifications including GCSEs
- People doing a supported internship
- People doing a vocational learning course

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the qualification you will be required to commit to approximately 55 hours of guided learning.

You will learn to deal with Mathematics problems that will help you develop and apply your mathematical skills, through appropriate reasoning and decision making, to solve realistic problems of increasing complexity.

- Examples of the types of skills you will develop include:
- count in steps of various sizes, including negative numbers;
- read, write and understand positive whole numbers to one million;
- work out simple relationships between common units of measurement to define quantities, also involving mathematical terms for position and direction
- apply and use calculations with common measures including money, time, length, weight and capacity
- select, construct and interpret a range of statistical diagrams in various contexts
- select and use methods and forms to present and describe outcomes

What are the Entry Requirements?

There are no age restrictions for working towards this qualification and no specific prior achievements required. However, it may be useful to have completed a Mathematics qualification at Entry 3. Your college and/or training provider may have specific entry requirements and you should speak to them to find out more information.

How do I start?

Speak to your tutor or teacher. If you are not in school or college, you can ask for help from:

- Parent/carer
- Support worker
- Employer
- Friend

How will you be tested?

There will be tests at the end of your course. This will be marked by your teacher or tutor. If you do not pass the test, you can try again. You can view examples of these assessments on our website www.openawards.org.uk

What are the Progression Opportunities?

When you achieve your qualification, you will be able to show you have basic Maths skills. These are important to

- Schools
- Colleges
- Employers
- You!

You could go on to study towards Maths qualifications at a higher level. The next level is Level 2. Example qualifications are:

- Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics at Level 2
- Awards in Mathematics at Level 2

You could also start a different course to help you get a job. An example is:

- A supported internship
This course includes: - Work Placements - Qualifications - Maths/English