

# FUNCTIONAL SKILLS IN MATHS

The **Functional Skills Qualification in Maths** is a practical, work-related qualification in mathematics designed to help individuals develop essential numeracy skills needed in everyday life, education, and the workplace.

## Key Features:

- **Real-life Application:** It focuses on solving real-world problems rather than just academic theory. This means learners use maths in everyday situations, such as budgeting, measuring, or understanding data.
- **Exam Board:** Edexcel [Specification](#)
- **Levels:** Functional Skills Maths is available at different levels:

## Entry Levels 1–3:

All students in year 9 maths sets 4 and 5 are entered in June for the entry level 3 examination.

## Level 1:

All students in year 10 maths sets 2a and 2b are entered in November for the Level 1 examination.

## Level 2: (equivalent to a GCSE grade 4 or C)

All students in year 11 maths sets 2a and 2b are entered in October for the Level 2 examination.

Any resitting year 12 and 13 maths students are entered for this exam in January and June.

## Topics Covered:

 These include:

- Using numbers and the number system
- Measures, shape, and space
- Handling data (like interpreting charts or calculating averages)

**Assessment:** The assessment consists of a single exam, split into a calculator and a non-calculator section. It's designed to test how well you can apply your maths skills to everyday tasks.

## Why It's Useful:

- It helps improve confidence with maths in daily life (like shopping or managing bills).
- It supports career progression and is often required for apprenticeships or vocational training.
- A Level 2 qualification is widely accepted by employers and colleges as an alternative to a GCSE pass.

## Revision Material:

- [Entry Level 3](#)
- [Level 1](#)
- [Level 2](#)