

ESSENTIAL SKILLS WALES

The new suite of Essential Skills Wales qualifications are designed to develop and assess a range of transferable skills that learners need for successful learning, employment and life. They provide a single ladder of progression across four levels comprising qualifications in:

Application of Number

- Understanding numerical data
- Carrying out calculations
- Interpreting and presenting results and findings

Communication

- Speaking and listening
- Reading
- Writing

Digital Literacy covers

- Digital Responsibly
- Productivity
- Information Literacy
- Collaboration
- Creativity
- Learning

Essential Employability Skills covers

- Planning and Organisation
- Creativity and Innovation
- Personal Effectiveness
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

EDLS and EES are referred to as 'holistic' qualifications

Essential Skills Wales qualifications aim to:

- structure and consolidate learning
- increase confidence and effectiveness in the use of these skills
- focus on the practical application of skills, especially learners' capacity to transfer their knowledge and understanding between contexts and purposes
- enable learners to develop and demonstrate proficiency in the skills that employers and next-stage educators' value

The qualifications have been designed for use with post-16 learners in a range of settings including:

- apprentices
- adult learners
- learners undertaking the Foundation post-16 and National post-16 Welsh Baccalaureate qualifications
- learners in non-traditional classroom settings.

They are also suitable for pre-16 learners not following a Welsh Baccalaureate programme.

ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Application of Number and Communication – Entry 1 to Level 3

Assessed through an internally-assessed and externally verified Controlled Task and on-line Confirmatory Test

Digital Literacy – Entry 1 to Level 3

Assessed through combination of internally-assessed and externally verified Controlled Task and Structured Discussion

Essential Employability Skills – Entry 3 to Level 3

Assessed through combination of internally-assessed and externally verified Controlled Task and Structured Discussion

	Essential Communication Skills	Essential Application of Number Skills	Essential Digital Literacy Skills	Essential Employability Skills
Level 3	Internally-assessed Controlled Task + A short, on-line Confirmatory Test	Internally-assessed Controlled Task + A short, on-line Confirmatory Test	Internally-assessed Controlled Task + A short, internally-assessed Structured Discussion.	Internally-assessed Controlled Task + A short, internally-assessed Structured Discussion
Level 2				
Level 1				
Entry Level (Entry 1, 2 and 3) Entry 3 for EES	Internally-assessed and Controlled Task	Internally-assessed Controlled Task		

WHY CHOOSE WJEC AS YOUR ESSENTIAL SKILLS WALES AWARDING BODY?

- We work closely with our centres to provide personal customer service with bespoke training and direct access to an ESW specialist
- Our new IT system WJEC Connect enables centres to register learners and claim certificates at any point throughout the year.
- Our e-assessment platform enables centres to plan and schedule confirmatory tests for learners at a time that suits them
- In addition to traditional certificates printed and issued by us, Centres have the flexibility to print e-Certificates providing instant recognition for learners who have achieved their qualification
- We have a team of Welsh medium external verifiers across Wales and are able to support assessment entirely through the medium of Welsh or any combination of English and Welsh
- All you pay is a registration fee per qualification per learner. There are no hidden costs such as centre registration fees or certificate fees