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FUNCTIONAL SKILLS LEVEL 1 MATHS

AWARDING ORGANISATION EXAM COMPARISON

Exact Level 1 qualification numbers, timings, formats, availability and practical preparation

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Shared national rules and evidence key

The common course applies across awarding organisations. Papers differ in timing, mark total, context, platform and materials. There is one overall Pass boundary for each assessment version or permitted pairing, not a separate Pass mark for each section. [MOFQ]

Evidence categories

Confirmed: stated by a specification, factsheet or official sample. Derived: calculated from a confirmed total and the national mark allocation. Sample (*): evidenced by a published awarding-body-authored cover and requiring current-version confirmation. Confirm current: not established from the official evidence retrieved.

What this comparison covers

Pearson, City & Guilds, NCFE, NOCN, Open Awards, Highfield, TQUK and VTCT Skills/former Skillsfirst are compared below. FutureQuals' exact Level 1 maths funding record is archived and appears separately with its published format. AQA and OCR appear in historical notes.

Before paying

Confirm the full title, QN, current registration availability, actual provider place, assessment mode, calculator model and any approved support. Funding approval alone does not guarantee these. VQA is the new name for TQUK; QNs are unchanged. [VQA]

Timing and mark matrix

Organisation	QN	Non-calc	Calculator	Total
Pearson Edexcel	603/4267/5	25 min / 14	90 min / 42	115 min / 56
City & Guilds	603/4648/6	25 min / 15	80 min / 45	105 min / 60
NCFE	603/5055/6	30 min / 15	90 min / 45	120 min / 60
NOCN	603/5269/3	30 min / 14	75 min / 42	105 min / 56
Open Awards	603/4805/7	30 min / 15	90 min / 45	120 min / 60
Highfield	603/4996/7	40 min / 15*	110 min / 45*	150 min / 60*
VQA (formerly TQUK)	610/2623/2	30 min / 15*	90 min / 45*	120 min / 60*
VTCT Skills / Skillsfirst	603/4807/0	Confirm current	Confirm current	Confirm current

Entries show minutes / marks. *Sample-based or derived allocation: see the profile. No timing or mark total is invented for VTCT from another level’s paper.

Examples that affect practice

Pearson has 56 marks overall; City & Guilds and NCFE have 60. NOCN Level 1 uses 30 + 75 minutes, whereas its Level 2 calculator section is longer. Use the correct level and do not copy a Level 2 timetable. [MP, MC, MN, MO]

Mode and funding evidence

Organisation	Published route	Funding record
Pearson Edexcel	Paper and onscreen, on demand	Approved; offer dates checked separately
City & Guilds	Paper and e-volve onscreen	Approved; offer dates checked separately
NCFE	Paper and onscreen; remote route available	Approved; offer dates checked separately
NOCN	NOCN online platform; confirm any paper route	Approved; offer dates checked separately
Open Awards	Paper and onscreen; confirm provider remote arrangements	Approved; offer dates checked separately
Highfield	Paper and onscreen; Core supports remote compatibility	Approved; offer dates checked separately
VQA (formerly TQUK)	Paper and online; optional remote invigilation offered	Approved; offer dates checked separately
VTCT Skills / Skillsfirst	Current qualification listing includes RFSM1	Approved; offer dates checked separately

The inspected Pearson, City & Guilds, NCFE, NOCN, Open Awards, Highfield and TQUK records show funding offer end dates of 31 July 2027. The exact VTCT record is linked for checking; its current registration availability needs confirmation. Funding offers and individual eligibility are separate. Sources: F + QN in the directory.

Online is not automatically at home

A course delivered online, an onscreen test in a centre and a remotely invigilated home test are different arrangements. Obtain explicit provider confirmation of the one booked and practise that system’s tools.

Pearson Edexcel | Level 1 profile

Item	Published information
Qualification number	603/4267/5
Non-calculator	25 min / 14 (minutes / marks)
Calculator	90 min / 42 (minutes / marks)
Overall	115 min / 56 (minutes / marks)
Route	Paper and onscreen, on demand

Preparation detail

Separate non-calculator and calculator booklets are taken in one examination session. Use Pearson’s current calculator and equipment instructions.

Boundary and resits

Use the boundary for the exact combined version. Practise both sections; there is no independent section Pass. Confirm current resit fees, fresh-version rules, result times and whether the full assessment is retaken.

Sources: [MP]; funding [F60342675].

City & Guilds | Level 1 profile

Item	Published information
Qualification number	603/4648/6
Non-calculator	25 min / 15 (minutes / marks)
Calculator	80 min / 45 (minutes / marks)
Overall	105 min / 60 (minutes / marks)
Route	Paper and e-volve onscreen

Preparation detail

The Level 1 equipment list includes a protractor, unlike the cited Level 2 list. Use pen, pencil, eraser, ruler and calculator for the permitted section as directed.

Boundary and resits

Use the boundary for the exact combined version. Practise both sections; there is no independent section Pass. Confirm current resit fees, fresh-version rules, result times and whether the full assessment is retaken.

Sources: [MC]; funding [F60346486].

NCFE | Level 1 profile

Item	Published information
Qualification number	603/5055/6
Non-calculator	30 min / 15 (minutes / marks)
Calculator	90 min / 45 (minutes / marks)
Overall	120 min / 60 (minutes / marks)
Route	Paper and onscreen; remote route available

Preparation detail

A resit is available. The specification recommends allowing at least two weeks after results for further teaching; this is a recommendation, not a universal national waiting rule.

Boundary and resits

Use the boundary for the exact combined version. Practise both sections; there is no independent section Pass. Confirm current resit fees, fresh-version rules, result times and whether the full assessment is retaken.

Sources: [MN, ENP]; funding [F60350556].

NOCN | Level 1 profile

Item	Published information
Qualification number	603/5269/3
Non-calculator	30 min / 14 (minutes / marks)
Calculator	75 min / 42 (minutes / marks)
Overall	105 min / 56 (minutes / marks)
Route	NOCN online platform; confirm any paper route

Preparation detail

Both sections form one sitting. A non-scientific calculator is required; scientific/fraction-function calculators are prohibited by the cited specification. Remote assessment is subject to approval.

Boundary and resits

Use the boundary for the exact combined version. Practise both sections; there is no independent section Pass. Confirm current resit fees, fresh-version rules, result times and whether the full assessment is retaken.

Sources: [MO, NO]; funding [F60352693].

Open Awards | Level 1 profile

Item	Published information
Qualification number	603/4805/7
Non-calculator	30 min / 15 (minutes / marks)
Calculator	90 min / 45 (minutes / marks)
Overall	120 min / 60 (minutes / marks)
Route	Paper and onscreen; confirm provider remote arrangements

Preparation detail

Official Level 1 sample specifies a non-scientific calculator for Section B and no access in Section A. Practise using the official current platform where applicable.

Boundary and resits

Use the boundary for the exact combined version. Practise both sections; there is no independent section Pass. Confirm current resit fees, fresh-version rules, result times and whether the full assessment is retaken.

Sources: [MA]; funding [F60348057].

Highfield | Level 1 profile

Item	Published information
Qualification number	603/4996/7
Non-calculator	40 min / 15* (minutes / marks)
Calculator	110 min / 45* (minutes / marks)
Overall	150 min / 60* (minutes / marks)
Route	Paper and onscreen; Core supports remote compatibility

Preparation detail

Timings are confirmed by the official factsheet. *Non-calculator marks are evidenced by a published Highfield-authored sample; total and calculator allocation follow the 25:75 split. Verify current paired paper covers.

Boundary and resits

Use the boundary for the exact combined version. Practise both sections; there is no independent section Pass. Confirm current resit fees, fresh-version rules, result times and whether the full assessment is retaken.

Sources: [MH, MHS, HCO]; funding [F60349967].

VQA (formerly TQUK) | Level 1 profile

Item	Published information
Qualification number	610/2623/2
Non-calculator	30 min / 15* (minutes / marks)
Calculator	90 min / 45* (minutes / marks)
Overall	120 min / 60* (minutes / marks)
Route	Paper and online; optional remote invigilation offered

Preparation detail

Timing confirmed for Level 1. *Published Level 1 practice cover uses 60 total marks; the 25:75 split gives section allocations. Current delivery guidance allows resits when fresh exams exist.

Boundary and resits

Use the boundary for the exact combined version. Practise both sections; there is no independent section Pass. Confirm current resit fees, fresh-version rules, result times and whether the full assessment is retaken.

Sources: [MT, MTS, MTP, TD, VQA]; funding [F61026232].

VTCT Skills / Skillsfirst | Level 1 profile

Item	Published information
Qualification number	603/4807/0
Non-calculator	Confirm current (minutes / marks)
Calculator	Confirm current (minutes / marks)
Overall	Confirm current (minutes / marks)
Route	Current qualification listing includes RFSM1

Preparation detail

A current qualification list is evidence of listing, not enough to establish today’s registration availability or exact assessment pack. Obtain the live RFSM1 specification and booking confirmation. Do not copy Level 2 timings without checking.

Boundary and resits

Use the boundary for the exact combined version. Practise both sections; there is no independent section Pass. Confirm current resit fees, fresh-version rules, result times and whether the full assessment is retaken.

Sources: [VT]; funding [F60348070].

Archived, historical and unconfirmed routes

FutureQuals: exact maths record archived

The DfE record for FAQ Level 1 Functional Skills Mathematics, QN 603/4803/3, is archived and shows funding offers ending 31 July 2026. Its v6 specification describes 30 minutes non-calculator and 90 minutes calculator, with 60 marks overall. Treat this as published-format evidence, not proof that new enrolment or funding is currently available. [FMF, MF]

AQA and OCR

AQA states that Functional Skills qualifications were withdrawn in August 2025. OCR also states that its reformed Functional Skills English and maths were withdrawn. Old papers remain historical practice resources, not current new-entry evidence. [AQA, OCR]

VTCT Skills / Skillsfirst

VTCT’s current list includes RFSM1, QN 603/4807/0. Today’s registration status and exact assessment pack were not established from that listing. Obtain the live record rather than assuming the Level 2 route or a legacy Skillsfirst format applies unchanged. [VT]

Subjects have separate records

FutureQuals Level 1 English and Level 1 maths have different QNs and different funding evidence. Check the subject-specific entry instead of treating an awarding organisation as either universally open or universally withdrawn.

Equipment, resits and booking record

Materials vary

NOCN specifies a non-scientific calculator and prohibits scientific/fraction-function models. Open Awards' Level 1 sample uses a non-scientific calculator in Section B. City & Guilds' Level 1 equipment list includes a protractor. These are reasons to use your own provider's current instructions, not a universal equipment list. [MO, MA, MC]

Resit preparation

NCFE recommends further teaching and a gap of at least two weeks after results before a resit. TQUK current guidance has no minimum wait when fresh papers are available. Neither creates a national waiting rule for every organisation. [MN, TD]

Record	Fill in
Exact award	Full title, QN and Level 1
Booking	Date, mode and approved centre/remote route
Timing	Section times, total and approved additional time
Materials	Calculator, ruler, protractor and permitted aids
Afterwards	Result deadline, certification, resit rules and full cost

This guide is an independent evidence snapshot, not a live booking service. Sources checked 13 November 2026.

Sources and edition notes

Sources checked on 13 November 2026. Use the current official specification and booking instructions for your qualification and assessment mode. Dates and formats below are an evidence snapshot.

[MOFQ] Ofqual: mathematics conditions and requirements, May 2024

Open source document

[VQA] VQA: November 2026 rebrand announcement; qualification numbers unchanged

Open source document

[VQAP] VQA: current Functional Skills suite and delivery routes

Open source document

[MTP] TQUK-authored Level 1 maths published paper cover: 60 marks, 15/45 split

Open source document

[MP] Pearson: Level 1/2 mathematics specification; Level 1 structure p7

Open source document

[MC] City & Guilds: 4748-04 mathematics handbook v1.3, exam requirements

Open source document

[MN] NCFE: Level 1/2 mathematics specification v2.0 August 2025

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Sources and edition notes (continued)

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[MO] NOCN: Level 1/2 mathematics specification v1.7 March 2026

Open source document

[NO] NOCN: online assessment and remote invigilation subject to approval

Open source document

[MA] Open Awards: Level 1 mathematics sample cover and section timings

Open source document

[MH] Highfield: Level 1 mathematics factsheet, 40 + 110 minute assessment

Open source document

[MHS] Highfield-authored Level 1 maths non-calculator sample cover, mirrored by Pass Functional Skills

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[HCO] Highfield Core: platform and remote invigilation compatibility

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[MT] TQUK: mathematics exam duration by level

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[MTS] TQUK: mathematics specification, Level 1 QN and subject content

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[TD] TQUK: delivery formats, booking and resits, May 2026

Open source document

[VT] VTCT Skills: current Functional Skills and Core Skills qualification list

Open source document

[FMF] DfE: archived FutureQuals Level 1 maths 603/4803/3, funding ended July 2026

Open source document

[MF] FutureQuals: Level 1 mathematics specification v6 October 2023

Open source document

[AQA] AQA: Functional Skills withdrawn August 2025

Open source document

[OCR] OCR: published withdrawal statement for reformed Functional Skills English and maths

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[JCQ] JCQ: Functional Skills assessment instructions, effective September 2026

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[F60342675] Pearson Edexcel: DfE exact qualification funding record

Open source document

[F60346486] City & Guilds: DfE exact qualification funding record

Open source document

[F60350556] NCFE: DfE exact qualification funding record

Open source document

[F60352693] NOCN: DfE exact qualification funding record

Open source document

[F60348057] Open Awards: DfE exact qualification funding record

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[F60349967] Highfield: DfE exact qualification funding record

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[F61026232] VQA (formerly TQUK): DfE exact qualification funding record

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[F60348070] VTCT Skills / Skillsfirst: DfE exact qualification funding record

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