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AWARDING ORGANISATION EXAM COMPARISON

Assessment formats, qualification numbers, funding evidence, availability and learner preparation

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Use the whole set

The complete course teaches the shared content. Use the methods handbook for extra examples, diagnostics to repair a specific weakness, and problem solving before attempting the two practice assessments. Consult the comparison guide for the exact qualification route.

What all England routes share

All routes assess the same common subject content. Ofqual requires 25% of marks without calculator access and 75% with a calculator permitted. It separately requires the 25:75 underpinning-skills/problem-solving balance. A non-calculator section can contain a contextual problem. [OFQ]

The Pass boundary

Each version or permitted section pairing has one combined Pass boundary. There is no separate section pass mark and no fixed national 50%, 55% or 60% rule. Published indicative boundaries are not guarantees. [OFQ]

Evidence key

Confirmed: directly stated in the official source. Derived: a section mark allocation inferred from a confirmed total and the statutory 25:75 split, marked *. Confirm: the current official evidence reviewed does not establish the item. Historical: retained for learners interpreting older materials, not offered as a new-entry recommendation.

Dates are different kinds of evidence

Funding approval, registration availability, last assessment and last certification are separate dates. An approved funding listing can coexist with a closed registration route. Check the exact qualification number and academic year; do not infer personal entitlement from a database entry.

Coverage includes the awarding organisations named in the brief. It is a source-based comparison, not a live searchable register of every recognised organisation. Research date: 13 November 2026.

Timing and marks matrix

Each timing is the published standard allowance before individually approved access arrangements. Entries show minutes / marks. Read the notes for availability restrictions.

Awarding organisation	Non-calc	Calculator	Overall
Pearson Edexcel	25 min / 16	90 min / 48	115 min / 64
City & Guilds	25 min / 15	80 min / 45	105 min / 60
NCFE	30 min / 15	90 min / 45	120 min / 60
NOCN	30 min / 16	105 min / 48	135 min / 64
Open Awards	30 min / 15*	90 min / 45*	120 min / 60
Highfield	40 min / confirm	110 min / confirm	150 min / confirm
TQUK	30 min / 15*	90 min / 45*	120 min / 60
FutureQuals	30 min / 15*	90 min / 45*	120 min / 60

* Derived from a confirmed total and the national 25:75 mark allocation. Highfield: timing confirmed, current mark totals require cover-sheet confirmation. FutureQuals: funding dates need fresh confirmation. VTCT and AQA are discussed separately. Sources: individual profiles.

Compare like with like

More minutes or fewer marks do not establish that one assessment is easier. The common standard is maintained through awarding; question contexts, platform tools and paper design can differ.

Assessment mode matrix

Organisation	Published route	Remote / paper distinction
Pearson Edexcel	Paper and onscreen, on demand	Onscreen does not itself establish home testing; confirm the booked route.
City & Guilds	Paper (4748-220); e-volve (4748-120)	Confirm approved arrangements for any remote sitting.
NCFE	Paper and onscreen; remote route offered	Remote invigilation solution explicitly offered.
NOCN	Current specification centres on online platform	Remote subject to NOCN approval; paper not confirmed in current source.
Open Awards	Paper and XAMS onscreen; remote instructions exist	Remote conduct instructions exist; provider arrangements apply.
Highfield	Paper, onscreen and remote delivery routes	Core supports remote invigilation compatibility.
TQUK	Paper and online; optional remote invigilation	Optional TQUK remote invigilation explicitly offered.
FutureQuals	Published v6 specification: onscreen XAMS	Onscreen confirmed by v6; home testing not established.

An online course, an onscreen test at a centre and a remotely invigilated exam at home are different services. Ask the provider to identify which one is included. Sources: individual profiles.

Funding and availability evidence

Organisation / QN	Status shown in funding listing	Published offer end date
Pearson Edexcel 603/4268/7	Approved	31 July 2028
City & Guilds 603/4649/8	Approved	31 July 2027
NCFE 603/5060/X	Approved	31 July 2027
NOCN 603/5267/X	Approved	31 July 2027
Open Awards 603/4806/9	Approved	31 July 2027
Highfield 603/4992/X	Approved	31 July 2027
TQUK 610/2624/4	Approved	31 July 2027
FutureQuals 603/4804/5	Approved	31 July 2026 - expired
VTCT Skills 603/4808/2	Approved, but live record says registration ended	31 July 2028 (funding)

The dates above are those returned by the DfE records reviewed for Age 14-16, Age 16-19 and Legal Entitlement English and Maths. They are an evidence snapshot and may be stale. In particular, FutureQuals shows an expired 31 July 2026 end date despite Approved status. VTCT registration ended 23 October 2026 in its live record. Funding approval does not establish a place, provider delivery or individual eligibility. Sources: F + qualification number in directory; VT, FVT.

Pearson Edexcel | learner profile

Item	Published detail
Qualification number	603/4268/7
Non-calculator	25 min / 16 (minutes / marks)
Calculator	90 min / 48 (minutes / marks)
Overall	115 min / 64 (minutes / marks)
Mode	Paper and onscreen, on demand

Preparation and administrative details

Two booklets in one session. Published equipment includes ruler, protractor and compasses. Use the approved calculator policy. Resits are available; confirm booking and fresh-paper arrangements with the centre.

Pass boundary and result

One combined result is awarded. Use the boundary for the exact assessment version; do not assume a fixed national percentage or two separate section passes.

What to confirm before booking

Obtain the current paper or platform instructions, the permitted calculator model and drawing tools, the full resit fee and notice requirements, result timescales, and any access arrangements. If you need home testing, confirm it explicitly.

Evidence: [PEA, PEA25]; funding record [F60342687]. The funding listing does not guarantee provider availability.

City & Guilds | learner profile

Item	Published detail
Qualification number	603/4649/8
Non-calculator	25 min / 15 (minutes / marks)
Calculator	80 min / 45 (minutes / marks)
Overall	105 min / 60 (minutes / marks)
Mode	Paper (4748-220); e-volve (4748-120)

Preparation and administrative details

Level 2 handbook lists pen, pencil, eraser, ruler and calculator for Section 2. It explicitly prohibits a protractor at Level 2. Confirm the current handbook and resit version before booking.

Pass boundary and result

One combined result is awarded. Use the boundary for the exact assessment version; do not assume a fixed national percentage or two separate section passes.

What to confirm before booking

Obtain the current paper or platform instructions, the permitted calculator model and drawing tools, the full resit fee and notice requirements, result timescales, and any access arrangements. If you need home testing, confirm it explicitly.

Evidence: [CG, CGE]; funding record [F60346498]. The funding listing does not guarantee provider availability.

NCFE | learner profile

Item	Published detail
Qualification number	603/5060/X
Non-calculator	30 min / 15 (minutes / marks)
Calculator	90 min / 45 (minutes / marks)
Overall	120 min / 60 (minutes / marks)
Mode	Paper and onscreen; remote route offered

Preparation and administrative details

One external assessment in two sections. Current materials have been revised; ask for the latest specification and platform familiarisation. Remote invigilation requires the provider to have the appropriate arrangements. Resit booking follows current NCFE instructions.

Pass boundary and result

One combined result is awarded. Use the boundary for the exact assessment version; do not assume a fixed national percentage or two separate section passes.

What to confirm before booking

Obtain the current paper or platform instructions, the permitted calculator model and drawing tools, the full resit fee and notice requirements, result timescales, and any access arrangements. If you need home testing, confirm it explicitly.

Evidence: [NCFE, NCFES, NCFET]; funding record [F6035060X]. The funding listing does not guarantee provider availability.

NOCN | learner profile

Item	Published detail
Qualification number	603/5267/X
Non-calculator	30 min / 16 (minutes / marks)
Calculator	105 min / 48 (minutes / marks)
Overall	135 min / 64 (minutes / marks)
Mode	Current specification centres on online platform

Preparation and administrative details

Both sections in one sitting. Non-scientific calculator required: scientific/fraction-function calculators are prohibited in the cited specification. Remote invigilation is subject to NOCN approval. Paper availability is not established by the current source reviewed; obtain written confirmation. Resit details require centre confirmation.

Pass boundary and result

One combined result is awarded. Use the boundary for the exact assessment version; do not assume a fixed national percentage or two separate section passes.

What to confirm before booking

Obtain the current paper or platform instructions, the permitted calculator model and drawing tools, the full resit fee and notice requirements, result timescales, and any access arrangements. If you need home testing, confirm it explicitly.

Evidence: [NOCN, NOCNO]; funding record [F6035267X]. The funding listing does not guarantee provider availability.

Open Awards | learner profile

Item	Published detail
Qualification number	603/4806/9
Non-calculator	30 min / 15* (minutes / marks)
Calculator	90 min / 45* (minutes / marks)
Overall	120 min / 60 (minutes / marks)
Mode	Paper and XAMS onscreen; remote instructions exist

Preparation and administrative details

Both sections in one session. Non-scientific or onscreen calculator for the calculator section. Guide specifies paper booking notice of 10 working days. Check provider remote approval and current resit rules. *Section marks follow the 60-mark total and 25:75 split.

Pass boundary and result

One combined result is awarded. Use the boundary for the exact assessment version; do not assume a fixed national percentage or two separate section passes.

What to confirm before booking

Obtain the current paper or platform instructions, the permitted calculator model and drawing tools, the full resit fee and notice requirements, result timescales, and any access arrangements. If you need home testing, confirm it explicitly.

Evidence: [OA, OAP, OAB]; funding record [F60348069]. The funding listing does not guarantee provider availability.

Highfield | learner profile

Item	Published detail
Qualification number	603/4992/X
Non-calculator	40 min / confirm (minutes / marks)
Calculator	110 min / confirm (minutes / marks)
Overall	150 min / confirm (minutes / marks)
Mode	Paper, onscreen and remote delivery routes

Preparation and administrative details

The official factsheet confirms these timings but does not publish the mark total. Check the current paired paper cover sheets for total and section marks rather than assuming a 60-mark model. Core is the current platform; check calculator and drawing-tool rules and resit booking instructions.

Pass boundary and result

One combined result is awarded. Use the boundary for the exact assessment version; do not assume a fixed national percentage or two separate section passes.

What to confirm before booking

Obtain the current paper or platform instructions, the permitted calculator model and drawing tools, the full resit fee and notice requirements, result timescales, and any access arrangements. If you need home testing, confirm it explicitly.

Evidence: [HF, HFO, HFM]; funding record [F6034992X]. The funding listing does not guarantee provider availability.

TQUK | learner profile

Item	Published detail
Qualification number	610/2624/4
Non-calculator	30 min / 15* (minutes / marks)
Calculator	90 min / 45* (minutes / marks)
Overall	120 min / 60 (minutes / marks)
Mode	Paper and online; optional remote invigilation

Preparation and administrative details

One maths assessment with two sections. Current delivery guidance allows resits with no minimum waiting period when fresh exams are available. Paper booking requires at least 10 working days. Confirm permitted calculator and equipment from the current instructions. *Marks follow the official total and national split.

Pass boundary and result

One combined result is awarded. Use the boundary for the exact assessment version; do not assume a fixed national percentage or two separate section passes.

What to confirm before booking

Obtain the current paper or platform instructions, the permitted calculator model and drawing tools, the full resit fee and notice requirements, result timescales, and any access arrangements. If you need home testing, confirm it explicitly.

Evidence: [TQ, TQD, TQB]; funding record [F61026244]. The funding listing does not guarantee provider availability.

FutureQuals | learner profile

Item	Published detail
Qualification number	603/4804/5
Non-calculator	30 min / 15* (minutes / marks)
Calculator	90 min / 45* (minutes / marks)
Overall	120 min / 60 (minutes / marks)
Mode	Published v6 specification: onscreen XAMS

Preparation and administrative details

Published specification permits three attempts, with further attempts by discussion, and a two-week wait after the result for an onscreen resit. Funding listing has an expired end date; live enrolment and present funding must be checked. *Marks follow the published 60 total and split.

Pass boundary and result

One combined result is awarded. Use the boundary for the exact assessment version; do not assume a fixed national percentage or two separate section passes.

What to confirm before booking

Obtain the current paper or platform instructions, the permitted calculator model and drawing tools, the full resit fee and notice requirements, result timescales, and any access arrangements. If you need home testing, confirm it explicitly.

Evidence: [FQ]; funding record [F60348045]. Funding end date requires current confirmation.

Withdrawn and transition routes

AQA - historical

AQA states that its Functional Skills qualifications were withdrawn in August 2025. Mathematics Level 2 used code 8362; its historical papers had 20 non-calculator marks in 30 minutes and 60 calculator marks in 90 minutes. Do not treat old papers or a general mathematics subject page as proof of current enrolment. [AQA]

VTCT Skills / former Skillsfirst - registration closed in the live record

Qualification 603/4808/2, product RFSM2, has a registration end date of 23 October 2026 in the live VTCT record. Its funding listing still says Approved. The legacy Skillsfirst handbook described 30 minutes/15 marks plus 90 minutes/45 marks. Use this only as historical format evidence; existing-candidate completion and current replacement options need confirmation. [VT, VTL, FVT]

Gateway - archived legacy qualification

The specific Gateway qualification 601/7860/7 is archived in the funding database. It belongs in historical notes, not a current new-entry table. This finding concerns that exact qualification number and is not a general claim about every Gateway product. [GW]

FutureQuals needs a different check

Its published specification remains available and a funding record says Approved, but the listed funding end date is 31 July 2026. Neither withdrawal nor present funding should be inferred without current confirmation. [FQ, F60348045]

Booking, materials and resits

Permitted materials are provider-specific

Do not carry a scientific calculator on the assumption that it is universally allowed. NOCN explicitly requires a non-scientific model. Open Awards specifies a non-scientific or onscreen calculator. City & Guilds prohibits a protractor at Level 2 in the cited handbook; Pearson lists one among required items. Always use the current instructions for the exact mode. [NOCN, OA, CGE, PEA25]

Resit policies are not interchangeable

TQUK current guidance permits resits without a minimum waiting period when fresh exams exist. FutureQuals v6 specifies a two-week wait after results and normally three attempts before discussion. Other routes require their current administrative policy; this guide does not invent waiting periods or guarantee that section marks can be banked. Ask whether both sections must be retaken. [TQD, FQ]

A concrete booking record

Record	Fill in before paying
Identity	Awarding organisation, full qualification title and QN
Route	Paper / onscreen at centre / approved home testing
Session	Date, start, section timings and total duration
Equipment	Calculator model, ruler, drawing tools and allowed aids
Support	Approved access arrangements and platform practice
Afterwards	Result deadline, certification, resit policy and all fees

This guide deliberately does not guarantee acceptance for a particular employer, course or apprenticeship. Obtain written confirmation from the receiving organisation for your purpose.

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Open official source

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[PEA25] Pearson: additional examinations guidance 2025-26, mathematics equipment and timing p8

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[CG] City & Guilds: Level 2 mathematics chief examiner report, September 2025, structure p4

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[FVT] VTCT Skills: DfE funding listing, does not override registration closure

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