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ESFA – Adult Learning, Allowable Learning Aims 2024-25 & Qualification Levels

New Learning Aims

Under the funding rules from 1st August 2024, each non accredited / regulated course must fit into one of the following learning aims.

Reference	Learning Aim Title
Z0060047	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Supported Learning and Independent Living
Z0060048	Non regulated Tailored Learning, First step engagement in learning
Z0060049	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Employability and transferable skills
Z0060050	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Managing mental health and well-being
Z0060051	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Vocational introduction - Health and Social Care
Z0060052	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Health and Social Care
Z0060053	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Health and Social Care
Z0060054	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Health and Social Care
Z0060055	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Construction
Z0060056	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Construction
Z0060057	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Construction
Z0060058	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Childcare, Teaching
Z0060059	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Childcare, Teaching
Z0060060	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Childcare, Teaching
Z0060061	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Horticulture, Agriculture, Animal Care, Environmental Conservation
Z0060062	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Horticulture, Agriculture, Animal Care, Environmental Conservation
Z0060063	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Horticulture, Agriculture, Animal Care, Environmental Conservation
Z0060064	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Manufacturing, Engineering
Z0060065	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Manufacturing, Engineering
Z0060066	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Manufacturing, Engineering
Z0060067	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Retail, Marketing
Z0060068	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Retail, Marketing
Z0060069	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Retail, Marketing
Z0060070	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Hospitality, Catering
Z0060071	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Hospitality, Catering
Z0060072	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Hospitality, Catering
Z0060073	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Leisure Industries, Tourism
Z0060074	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Leisure Industries, Tourism
Z0060075	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Leisure Industries, Tourism
Z0060076	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Creative Industries, Media
Z0060077	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Creative Industries, Media
Z0060078	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Creative Industries, Media

Z0060079	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Digital Sector
Z0060080	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Digital Sector
Z0060081	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Digital Sector
Z0060082	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Transport, Distribution
Z0060083	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Transport, Distribution
Z0060084	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Transport, Distribution
Z0060085	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Business Administration, Legal, Finance, Marketing, Public Services and Enterprises
Z0060086	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Business Administration, Legal, Finance, Marketing, Public Services and Enterprises
Z0060087	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Business Administration, Legal, Finance, Marketing, Public Services and Enterprises
Z0060088	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Entry Level, Science
Z0060089	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 1, Science
Z0060090	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Level 2, Science
Z0060091	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Pre-Entry Level, ESOL
Z0060092	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Entry Level, ESOL (Entry 1)
Z0060093	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Entry Level, ESOL (Entry 2)
Z0060094	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Entry Level, ESOL (Entry 3)
Z0060095	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Level 1, ESOL
Z0060096	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Level 2, ESOL
Z0060097	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Pre-Entry Level, English
Z0060098	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Entry Level, English (Entry 1)
Z0060099	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Entry Level, English (Entry 2)
Z0060100	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Entry Level, English (Entry 3)
Z0060101	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Level 1, English
Z0060102	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Level 2, English
Z0060103	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Pre-Entry Level, Maths
Z0060104	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Entry Level, Maths (Entry 1)
Z0060105	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Entry Level, Maths (Entry 2)
Z0060106	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Entry Level, Maths (Entry 3)
Z0060107	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Level 1, Maths
Z0060108	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Level 2, Maths
Z0060109	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Pre-Entry Level, Essential Digital Skills
Z0060110	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Entry Level, Essential Digital Skills
Z0060111	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Essential Skills, Level 1, Essential Digital Skills
Z0060112	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Life skills: healthy eating/cooking
Z0060113	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Life skills: first aid
Z0060114	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Life skills: household budgeting, financial literacy
Z0060115	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Life skills: lipreading
Z0060116	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Life skills: British Sign Language
Z0060117	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Life skills: parenting skills

Z0060118	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Life skills: environmental sustainability
Z0060119	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Life skills: volunteering, active citizenship
Z0060120	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Life skills: managing life transitions
Z0060121	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Preparation for Access to Higher Education
Z0060122	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Humanities and social sciences
Z0060123	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Languages
Z0060124	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Creative Arts
Z0060125	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Performing Arts
Z0060126	Non regulated Tailored Learning, Physical activity
Z0060127	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, ICT for Users
Z0060128	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Building and Construction
Z0060129	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Crafts, Creative Arts and Design
Z0060130	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Health and Social Care
Z0060131	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, ICT Practitioners
Z0060132	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Performing Arts
Z0060133	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Transport Operations and Maintenance
Z0060134	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Public Services
Z0060135	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Sports, Leisure and Recreation
Z0060136	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Hospitality and Catering
Z0060137	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Warehousing and Distribution
Z0060138	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Other Languages, Literature and Culture
Z0060139	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Engineering
Z0060140	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Business Management
Z0060141	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Service Enterprises
Z0060142	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Administration
Z0060143	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Media and Communication
Z0060144	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Accounting and Finance
Z0060145	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Retailing and Wholesaling
Z0060146	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Languages, Literature and Culture of the British Isles
Z0060147	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Environmental Conservation
Z0060148	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Direct Learning Support
Z0060149	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Teaching and Lecturing

Z0060150	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Horticulture and Forestry
Z0060151	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Agriculture
Z0060152	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Linguistics
Z0060153	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Marketing and Sales
Z0060154	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Child Development and Well Being
Z0060155	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, History
Z0060156	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Law and Legal Services
Z0060157	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Manufacturing Technologies
Z0060158	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Animal Care and Veterinary Science
Z0060159	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Science
Z0060160	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Travel and Tourism
Z0060161	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Publishing and Information Science
Z0060162	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Nursing and Subjects and Vocations Allied to Medicine
Z0060163	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Architecture
Z0060164	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Geography
Z0060165	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Sociology and Social Policy
Z0060166	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Urban, Rural and Regional Planning
Z0060167	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Politics
Z0060168	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Mathematics and Statistics
Z0060169	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Foundations for Learning and Life
Z0060170	Non-regulated Tailored Learning, Employer Facing Provision, Preparation for Work

* These are funded at up to Level 3. CLS have allocated 120GLH per level as an appropriate number of hours for a learner to complete a level, based on comparison to qualification hours and supporting as many learners as possible with limited budget. Learners cannot repeat the level on the same course / aim.

Understanding Qualification levels:

<https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels>

Source: nacro.org.uk

The Regulated Qualifications Framework has provided a structure of different levels of education in England and Wales.

Entry level qualifications

Entry level can be seen as a foundation to education. It is the preliminary form of qualification. It provides learners with an introduction to education. They are not generally compulsory. Entry level qualifications are available in three subcategories which progressively get more difficult: Entry level 1, 2 and 3.

Examples of entry level qualifications include:

- Functional or essential skills.
- Awards and diplomas
- Certificates
- English for foreign language speakers
- Skills for life

These are perfect for those trying to learn a new subject or language and or looking to enter formal education.

Common Entry Requirements:

None, perfect for those looking to learn a new subject or trying to enter formal education

Level 1 qualifications

Different from Entry Level, Level 1 is the earliest or first formal qualifications obtainable in the numbered system of qualifications. Level 1 is normally achieved years 10 and 11 of secondary school. Level 1 qualifications include and can be equivalent to achieving GCSE grades 3, 2, or 1 previously graded D, E, F, or G.

Other examples of Level 1 qualifications include:

- Level 1 functional skills or essential skills
- Level 1 awards and diplomas or certificates
- Level 1 National Vocational Qualification (NVQ)
- Level 1 ESOL

Common Entry Requirements:

No necessary entry requirements, perfect for those looking to further education.

Level 2 qualifications

Level 2 is the next step up from Level 1. Similar to Level 1 it is often achieved at the same time in years 10 and 11. Thus attaining a Level 2 qualification can be equivalent to achieving GCSE grades 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, or 4 previously graded A*, A, B, or C.

Other examples of Level 2 qualifications include:

- O level (grades A, B, or C)
- Grade 1 as CSE level
- Level 2 functional skills or essential skills
- Level 2 awards and diplomas or certificates
- Level 2 NVQ
- Intermediate apprenticeships
- Level 2 ESOL

Those who normally achieve Level 2 move onto Level 3. This is because Level 3 tends to require a higher level of knowledge and grades. By achieving a Level 2 the route to Level 3 opens up as well as other potential pathways which can be seen further below.

Common Entry Requirements:

No necessary entry requirements, perfect for those looking to further education and progress onto a level 3 or higher education.

Importance of Level 1 & 2

It can be said that achieving Levels 1 and 2 play an integral role in creating the foundations of learning and employment. In England the proportion of people achieving the equivalent of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above (also referred to as Level 2 attainment) by the age of 19 is falling and has been for five consecutive years – currently almost one in five young people do not achieve this. Too many young people are being held back from achieving their potential, unable to gain the skills that they need to achieve what they want with their lives – a situation that the pandemic has exposed and exacerbated.