

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS - *For Modified SASW Effective 14/10/16*

GUIDANCE NOTES

****ONLY FOR NEW STARTS ON, AND AFTER, 14TH OCTOBER 2016****

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Intro

The purpose of this document is to give some additional guidance and clarity around the issue of the Transferable Skill (English, Maths, and ICT) requirements within Apprenticeships in Wales, following the modifications made to SASW in October 2016 which are effective ONLY for new Apprenticeship starts from 14th October 2016.

Grade Requirements

SASW does state minimum grade/level requirements for each type of qualification that is acceptable. These can be different at Foundation and Apprenticeship level. Where SASW does not state a minimum grade/level requirement then any pass grade (A* - G) is acceptable. However it is essential to check specific Apprenticeship framework requirements as framework developers may have set grades that are above the minimum level required by SASW.

Apprenticeships commenced prior to 14th October 2016

This guidance document applies only to new Apprenticeship starts on or after 14th October 2016. For any apprentice starting prior to this date please refer to our separate ACW Transferable Skills (Starts up to 13th Oct 2016) document.

Welsh Language Qualifications

Qualifications achieved in Welsh language can at the discretion of the issuing authority be used as evidence of achievement of Communication within ACW.

Higher / Equivalent Qualifications

As per the SASW guidance, an issuing authority has the discretion to specify within a framework the acceptance of regulated qualifications that are equivalent or at a higher level to the proxies listed in SASW for Essential Skills in Communication and Application of Number. Any such qualifications must evidence completion of the competencies being assessed in the Essential Skills qualifications in communication and number.

Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

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English / Communication

Essential Skills Wales	Min Level 1
Essential Skills Qualification	
Key Skills (Welsh Key Skills only contain a portfolio component whereas English Key Skills required achievement of two components - test and portfolio)	
Functional Skills	
GCSE (English Language or Literature)	Min Grade G Or Min Grade 1
IGCSE (English Language or Literature)	
A/AS Level (English Language or Literature)	Min Grade E
O Level (English Language or Literature)	Min Grade E
SCQF Level 4 Communication Core Skill (Oral Communication AND Written Communication)	PASS
SQA National 4 English	PASS
Welsh Baccalaureate	Only where ESW or ESQ Communication element is demonstrated

Unacceptable Evidence

GNVQ	Unacceptable
Access to Higher Education Diplomas	Unacceptable
FE Access Programmes in Literacy	Unacceptable
Adult Literacy Certificates	Unacceptable

Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

Maths / Application of Number

Essential Skills Wales	Min Level 1
Essential Skills Qualification	
Key Skills (Welsh Key Skills only contain a portfolio component whereas English Key Skills required achievement of two components - test and portfolio)	
Functional Skills	
GCSE	Min Grade G Or Min Grade 1
IGCSE	
A/AS Level	Min Grade E
O Level	Min Grade E
SCQF Level 4 Numeracy Core Skill (Graphical Information AND Using Number)	PASS
SQA National 4 Mathematics	PASS
Welsh Bacallaureate	Only where ESW or ESQ Application of Number element is demonstrated

Unacceptable Evidence

GNVQ	Unacceptable
Access to Higher Education Diplomas	Unacceptable
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Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

Digital Literacy / IT / ICT

Essential Skills Wales

Essential Skills Qualification

Key Skills (Welsh Key Skills only contain a portfolio component whereas English Key Skills required achievement of two components - test and portfolio)

Min Level 1

Welsh Baccalaureate

Only where a ESW or ESQ IT / Digital Literacy element is demonstrated

Unacceptable Evidence

GNVQ

Unacceptable

Access to Higher Education Diplomas

Unacceptable

GCSE

Unacceptable

Functional Skills

Unacceptable

A/AS - Level

Unacceptable

O - Level

Unacceptable

Any other IT / ICT qualifications not specifically listed in SASW e.g. BTEC, DIDA, CLAIT, ECDL, OCR etc.

Unacceptable

Apprenticeship (Level 3)

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English / Communication

Essential Skills Wales	Min Level 2
Essential Skills Qualification	
Key Skills (Welsh Key Skills only contain a portfolio component whereas English Key Skills required achievement of two components - test and portfolio)	
Functional Skills	
GCSE (English Language or Literature)	Min Grade C
IGCSE (English Language or Literature)	Or Min Grade 4
A/AS Level (English Language or Literature)	Min Grade E
O Level (English Language or Literature)	Min Grade C
SCQF Level 5 Communication Core Skill (Oral Communication AND Written Communication)	PASS
SQA National 5 English	Min grade D
Welsh Baccalaureate	Only where ESW or ESQ Communication element is demonstrated

Unacceptable Evidence

GNVQ	Unacceptable
Access to Higher Education Diplomas	Unacceptable
FE Access Programmes in Literacy	Unacceptable
Adult Literacy Certificates	Unacceptable

Apprenticeship (Level 3)

Maths / Application of Number

Essential Skills Wales	Min Level 2
Essential Skills Qualification	
Key Skills (Welsh Key Skills only contain a portfolio component whereas English Key Skills required achievement of two components - test and portfolio)	
Functional Skills	
GCSE	Min Grade C
IGCSE	Or Min Grade 4
A/AS Level	Min Grade E
O Level	Min Grade C
SCQF Level 5 Numeracy Core Skill (Graphical Information AND Using Number)	PASS
SQA National 5 Mathematics	Min grade D
Welsh Baccaulaureate	Only where ESW or ESQ Application of Number element is demonstrated

Unacceptable Evidence

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Access to Higher Education Diplomas	Unacceptable
FE Access Programmes in Numeracy	Unacceptable
Adult Numeracy Certificates	Unacceptable

Apprenticeship (Level 3)

Digital Literacy / IT / ICT

Essential Skills Wales

Essential Skills Qualification

Key Skills (Welsh Key Skills only contain a portfolio component whereas English Key Skills required achievement of two components - test and portfolio)

Min Level 2

Welsh Bacalaureate

Only where a ESW or ESQ IT / Digital Literacy element is demonstrated

Unacceptable Evidence

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Access to Higher Education Diplomas

Unacceptable

GCSE

Unacceptable

Functional Skills

Unacceptable

A/AS - Level

Unacceptable

O - Level

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Higher Apprenticeship (Levels 4-7)

Transferable Skill requirements are the same as those for at Apprenticeship Level 3. As these are minimum SASW requirements, please refer to specific framework document to confirm the if a higher level has been specified by the industry.