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This statement has been produced to provide additional guidance for centres on the arrangements in place for NOCN's suite of Functional Skills and ESOL skills for life qualifications. This statement should be read in conjunction with the general guidance NOCN has provided on our website here: <https://www.nocn.org.uk/support/covid-19-guidance/approach-to-awarding-in-2021-2/>

This statement applies to assessments conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and replaces all previous sector statements published for this sector.

### Scope of Qualifications

Qual No.	Qualification Title
603/5270/X	NOCN Functional Skills Qualification in English at Entry 1
603/5268/1	NOCN Functional Skills Qualification in English at Entry 2
603/5272/3	NOCN Functional Skills Qualification in English at Entry 3
603/5266/8	NOCN Functional Skills Qualification in English at Level 1
603/5264/4	NOCN Functional Skills Qualification in English at Level 2
500/9762/3	NOCN Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Entry 1
500/9763/5	NOCN Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Entry 2
501/0749/5	NOCN Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Entry 3
500/9764/7	NOCN Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 1
500/9765/9	NOCN Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 2
603/5273/5	NOCN Functional Skills Qualification in mathematics at Entry 1
603/5271/1	NOCN Functional Skills Qualification in mathematics at Entry 2
603/5265/6	NOCN Functional Skills Qualification in mathematics at Entry 3
603/5269/3	NOCN Functional Skills Qualification in mathematics at Level 1
603/5267/X	NOCN Functional Skills Qualification in mathematics at Level 2
601/4016/1	NOCN Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (reading) (Entry 1)
601/4019/7	NOCN Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (reading) (Entry 2)
601/4013/6	NOCN Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (reading) (Entry 3)
601/4017/3	NOCN Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (speaking and listening) (Entry 1)
601/4014/8	NOCN Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (speaking and listening) (Entry 2)
601/4011/2	NOCN Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (speaking and listening) (Entry 3)
601/4018/5	NOCN Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (writing) (Entry 1)
601/4015/X	NOCN Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (writing) (Entry 2)
601/4012/4	NOCN Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (writing) (Entry 3)
601/3956/0	NOCN Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 1)
601/3957/2	NOCN Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 2)
601/3958/4	NOCN Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 3)
601/4010/0	NOCN Level 1 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (reading)
601/4008/2	NOCN Level 1 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (speaking and listening)
601/4009/4	NOCN Level 1 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (writing)
601/3959/6	NOCN Level 1 Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life

601/4007/0	NOCN Level 2 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (reading)
601/4005/7	NOCN Level 2 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (speaking and listening)
601/4006/9	NOCN Level 2 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (writing)
601/3960/2	NOCN Level 2 Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life
603/5675/3	NOCN Entry Level Award in Mathematics Skills (Entry 1)
603/5676/5	NOCN Entry Level Award in Mathematics Skills (Entry 2)
603/5678/9	NOCN Entry Level Award in Mathematics Skills (Entry 3)
603/5670/4	NOCN Level 1 Award in Mathematics Skills
603/5671/6	NOCN Level 2 Award in Mathematics Skills
603/5665/0	NOCN Entry Level Award in English Skills (Entry 1)
603/5666/2	NOCN Entry Level Award in English Skills (Entry 2)
603/5667/4	NOCN Entry Level Award in English Skills (Entry 3)
603/5673/X	NOCN Level 1 Award in English Skills
603/5674/1	NOCN Level 2 Award in English Skills

### Sector Engagement

NOCN supports the common approach implemented across Awarding Organisations for these qualifications.

### Adaptations to Delivery/Assessment

Assessments must continue to take place for achievement to be claimed. As a reminder for centres:

- Paper-based tests are on-demand and continue to be available.
- Online tests are on-demand and are available for Functional Skills English and Maths at Level 1 and Level 2.
- Remote invigilation for online tests is available. Invigilation can be carried out by trained college/centre/NOCN staff.
- Speaking, listening and communicating can be assessed remotely in adherence to NOCN guidance.

### Qualification Categories

All NOCN qualifications will be in Category A from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. This means that all training and assessment must be delivered to the required standard, either normally or through adaptations, to allow a claim for achievement.

### Use of Teacher Assessment Grades (TAGs)

The use of Teacher Assessed Grades is no longer possible. Where a qualification was previously categorised as 'Category B1' or 'Category B2' on the categorisation spreadsheet, a learner who should have received a TAG in 2021 but didn't, can still be considered for a TAG where there is sufficient assessment evidence. For further information, please contact [assurance@nocn.org.uk](mailto:assurance@nocn.org.uk).

### Remote Assessment and Invigilation

NOCN is able to offer and promotes the use of remote assessment and invigilation. For learners who have outstanding knowledge tests, centres are able to allow learners



to sit these tests and for them to be invigilated remotely. For further information regarding remote invigilation, please refer to our website [here](#).

For the latest rules around invigilation, please refer to our website [here](#).

### **Quality Assurance**

In all cases where adapted assessments are used, centres must ensure that the required internal quality assurance activities take place to ensure validity in result claims. Adapted assessments will fall into NOCN's standard practices regarding external quality assurance.