

Functional Skills in Apprenticeships

What are functional skills?

Functional Skills are qualifications designed to help you build the practical skills to get the most out of work, education and everyday life.

Functional skills are all about knowing when and how to use knowledge in real life situations.

Hairdressing apprenticeships have two compulsory functional skills; English and maths and these are taken by all apprentices (unless a prior qualification provides an exemption)

Functional skills help apprentices to:

- Apply their knowledge and understanding to everyday life
- Engage competently and confidently with others
- Solve problems in both familiar and unfamiliar situations
- Develop personally and professionally as positive citizens who can actively contribute to society

How are functional skills assessed?

Assessments will show the processes worked through to find an answer to a particular task. The purpose of the assessments is to test how well learning can be transferred to different everyday contexts. The tasks may be attempted at any time during the programme. Practise tests help ensure all learners are 'assessment ready' and know the type of questions to expect.

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