

Essential Skills

Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.



What are the qualifications about?

Essential Skills Wales (ESW) are the fundamental qualifications for reading, writing, maths and IT in Wales. They're designed to help students apply their skills to real situations - from adding up bills to creating a CV.

All teachers need to:

- **Encourage and develop learners essential skills**
- **Plan essential skills on schemes of work**
- **Include/embed essential skills in every session**
- **Use plain English, simplify text, use vocabulary lists**
- **Mark spellings, punctuation and grammar.**
- **Encourage use of vocational workbooks,**
- **Teach the underpinning English and Maths skills within vocational sessions**



This is a cross-cutting curriculum theme, which means that the Welsh Assembly Government view it as a priority and are working for ESDGC to be 'embedded' in to all areas of the curriculum, not just in subjects which have sustainability or citizenship as a key focus

