## **Functional Skills**

The Exam Journey – a walk through of the process for Level 1 & 2 Functional Skills exams

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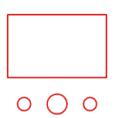
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#### **Introductions**



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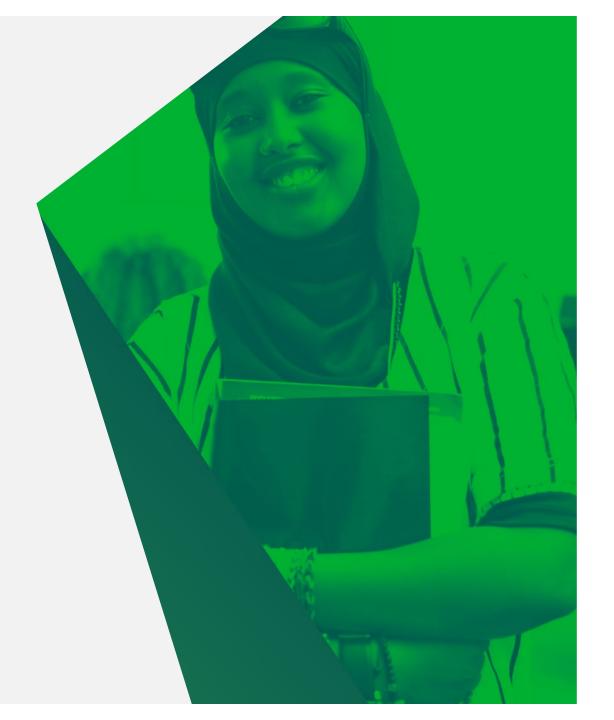
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#### Introduction

- This presentation is for exams teams, admin and any staff who will deal with any of the administration side of Level 1 and 2 Functional Skills exams.
- We will be covering:
  - 1. Centre requirements
  - 2. Instructions for conducting examinations
  - 3. Registrations
  - 4. Booking exams
  - 5. Flexibility of exams
  - 6. Paper-based exam administration
  - 7. Claiming
  - 8. Results
  - 9. Obtaining and using performance feedback





# **Centre Requirements**

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#### **Approval**

• To offer these qualifications, new centres will need to gain both centre and qualification approval.

#### **Resource requirements**

- Staff involved in teaching these qualifications must; be competent in the subject, have detailed understanding of specifications and assessment requirements, be familiar with centre manual
- There is no requirement to hold specific or subject specialism. Staff must be secure in personal literacy and numeracy skills.
- Centres are expected to support continuing professional development (CPD)
- City & Guilds supports centres in the delivery of these qualifications with materials such as SmartScreen and e-Functional Skills. Regional network events will be provided to provide ongoing support

## **Centre Requirements**

#### **Internal assessment- key roles**

Centres must ensure each of the following roles are fulfilled; Head of Centre, Centre Contact,
 Internal Quality Assurance Co-ordinator, Qualification Co-Ordinator(s), Assessor(s)

#### **External assessment**

To meet assessment conduct requirements each centre must have these roles in place;
 Head of Centre, Exams Officer, Invigilators

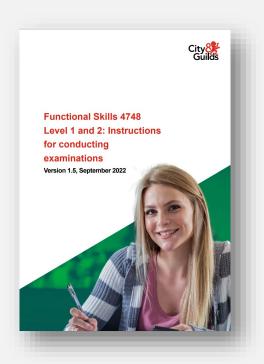


## **Conducting Exams and Assessments**

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Instructions for Conducting Exams – ICE Document





Assessor Guidance
– for SLC



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## **Instructions for Conducting Exams – ICE Document**

The ICE document sets out all the requirements for invigilating Functional Skills Reading, Writing and Mathematics exams at Level 1 and 2, both onscreen and on paper.

- The guide contains the specifications for storing and transporting paper based exams
- It also includes the exam audit criteria and guidance on choosing an invigilator
  - The requirements for invigilation of Functional Skills exams are specific around who can or cannot invigilate candidates during their exams
- It describes how to use calculators in Maths
- The Covid-19 adaptations have now been removed, however we have retained the ability to move an exam date for individual candidates (instead of the whole cohort)

We have updated the ICE document and there have been some amendments – it is important to make sure you are working from the latest version.

 We send out an email update when we make changes to key documents so make sure you have signed up to received Functional Skills updates in the email preference centre.

# Assessor Guidance – for Speaking Listening & Communicating



#### Each level has its own set of guidance

- It contains the subject content statements which the candidates are being assessed against
- There is an amplification on how each activity must be designed
- Guidance for the assessor about how the activity must be carried out
- There are examples of what evidence is acceptable
- Instructions about the requirements for remote assessment of SLC activities which must be recorded, including how the recordings must be labelled

Centres need to be aware that their External Quality Assurer (EQA) will be required to observe a **live** SLC activity as part of their annual monitoring activity. This can be done either in the centre in a face to face assessment or where assessments occur remotely, the EQA can be invited to join the meeting and observe the activity and the subsequent assessment by the assessor



# Registrations

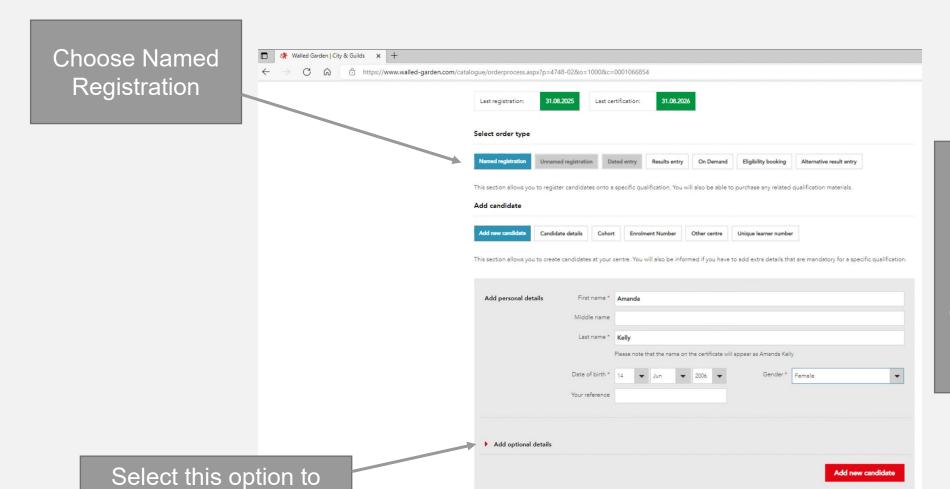
## Registration

All learners must be registered for Functional Skills before commencing learning and before any assessment takes place

The qualification codes for registration are as follows:

- 4748-02 Level 1 or 2 Functional Skills English
- 4748-04 Level 1 or 2 Functional Skills Mathematics

Registrations take place in Walled Garden Catalogue – Select the Orders link



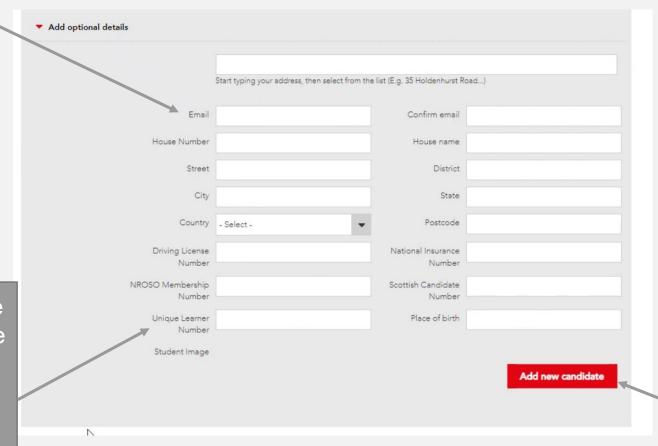
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are accurate

add candidate email

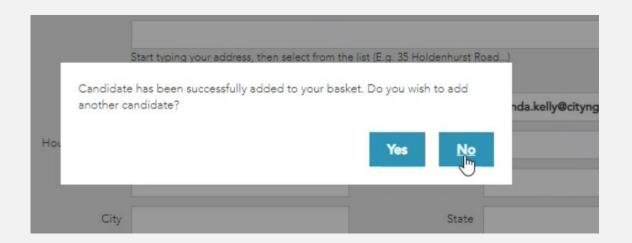
information and ULN

It is important to add the candidate's email address here so that they can receive their Digital Credential

Including an accurate ULN allows candidate achievement to be uploaded to their records on the National Database – key for apprentices

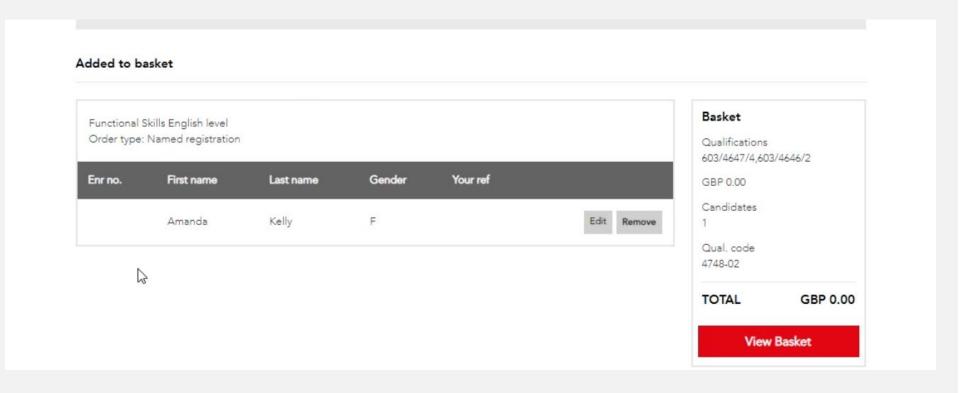


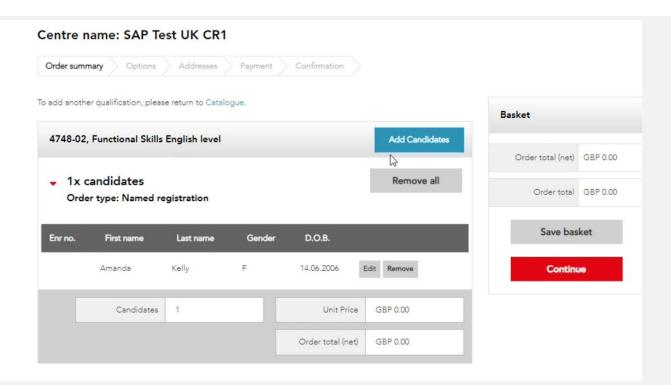
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If you need to register a further candidate(s) select "Yes" otherwise choose "No"

You can make amendments to errors or delete duplicate entries here - otherwise click on "View Basket"

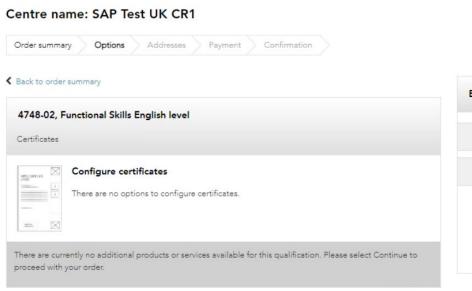


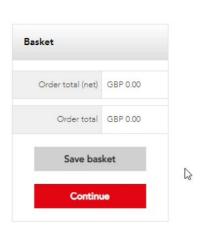


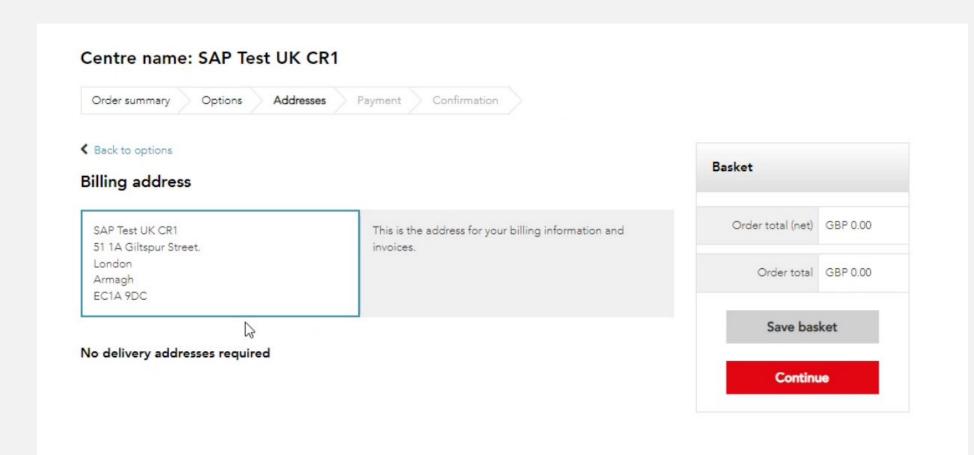
On the Order Summary page, a final chance to edit or remove or add a candidate otherwise select "Continue"

The next screen refers to options for configuring the Certificate – this does **not** apply to Functional Skills (only ILM, Assured and Endorsed products)

Click on "Continue"



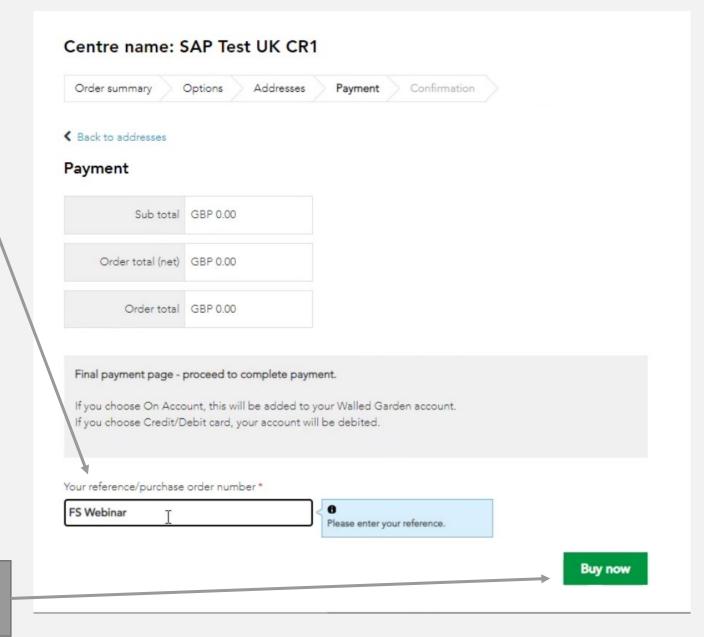




The Billing address will be the address of the centre, where there is more than one address, select from the drop down.

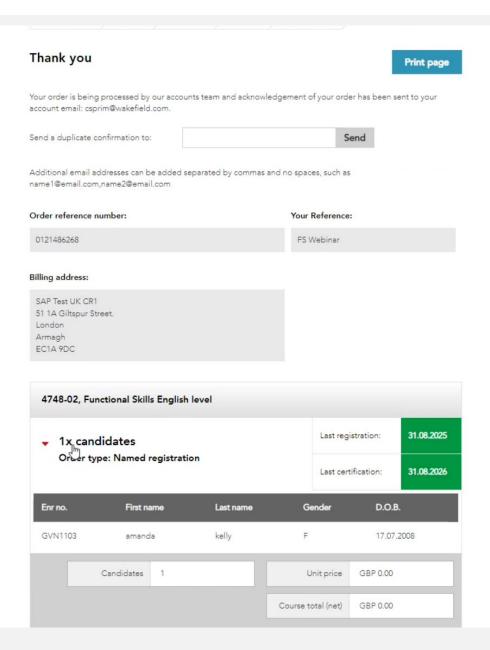
Click on "Continue" to move on

On the Payment screen, you need to enter a centre reference – this could relate to your internal process number for example or a class or cohort name. This is to assist you to identify groups of candidates.



Once you have entered your internal reference, click on "Buy now"

On the final screen the candidate will be allocated an enrolment number. This order will be emailed to your centre's address, but there is an opportunity here to have a duplicate confirmation sent and to print the page.



Congratulations – your candidate is registered!



## **Booking Level 1 & Level 2 exams**

### **Booking exams**

Once the learner is ready to take their Functional Skills exams there are two options:

#### Paper based exams

- Ordered through Walled Garden
- The exam date and time must be a minimum of 14 days in the future
- Exams delivered to centre's registered address
- Once candidates have taken the exam, the completed scripts are returned to the address on the pre-paid envelope for scanning and marking
- Results are released into Walled Garden

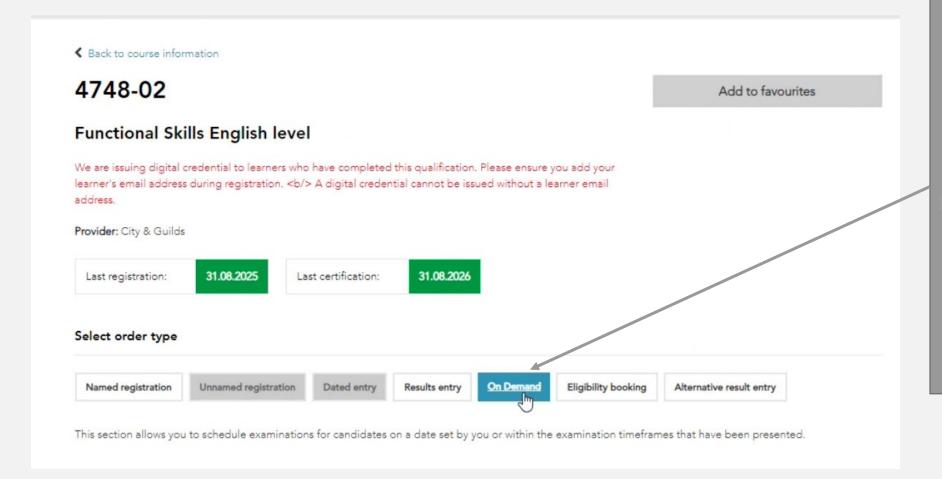
#### **Onscreen exams**

- Booked through Walled Garden
- Option of face to face invigilation in the centre
  - Exams available within 30 minutes of booking
- Centre uploads exam once candidate has finished

#### Or

- Remotely Invigilated through our Talview system
  - Exams must be booked 5 working days ahead
  - More information on the RI page on web here
- Provisional result only appears in e-volve
- Final result is released into Walled Garden

## **Booking paper-based exams**



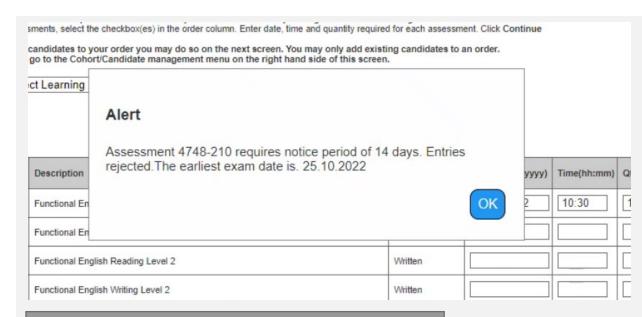
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Alternatively you can scroll through the list here and tick the relevant order box

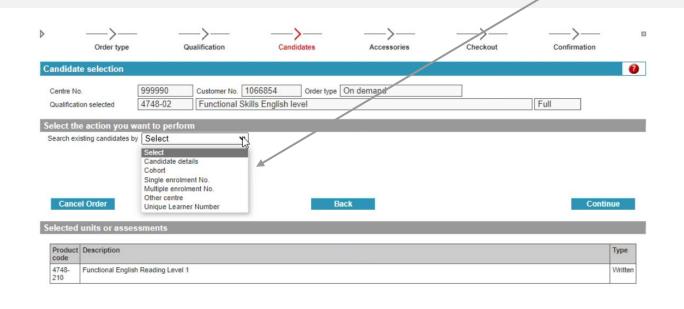
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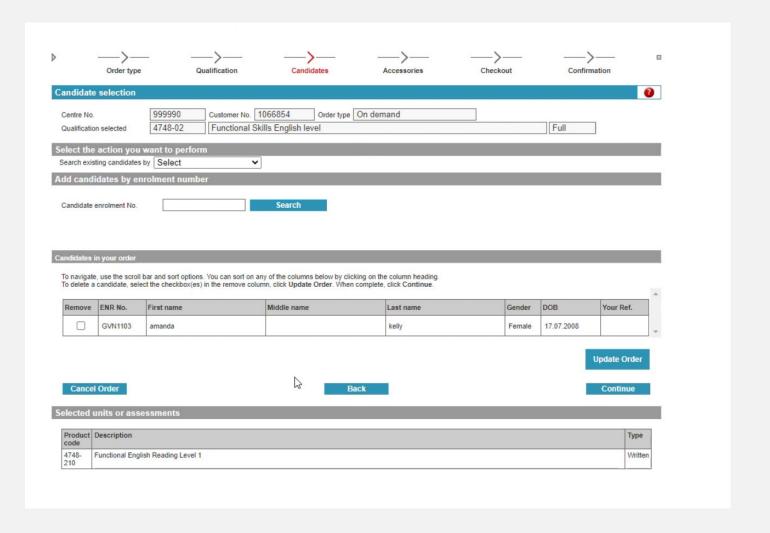


Once you have chosen the exam you wish to book, you need to link the candidates to the booking. You can search for the candidate(s) from your centre in a number of ways from the drop down list

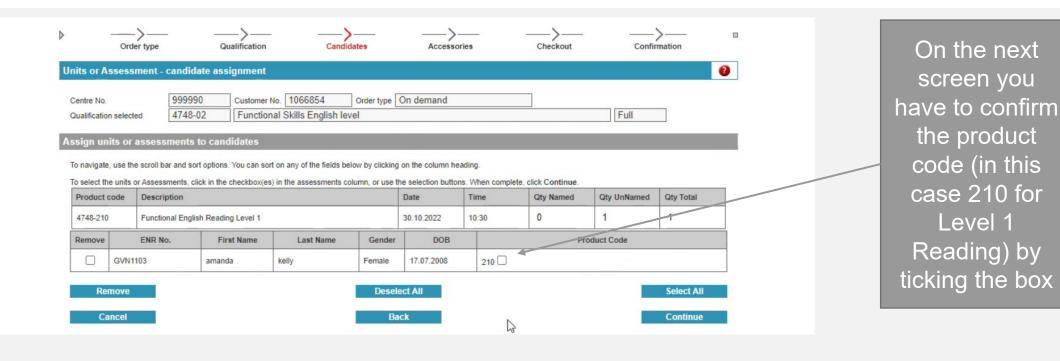
You must give 14 days notice when booking paper-based exams – if you give a date less than 14 days in the future you will see a pop-up

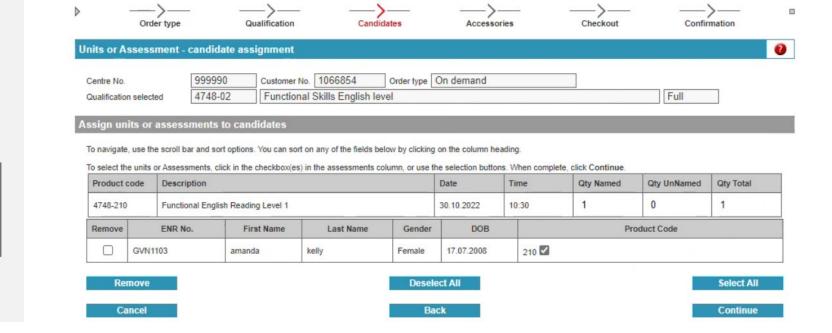


Once you have selected all the candidates who you want to book for the exam click on "Update order"



The number of candidates in the order MUST match the quantity of bookings given in the assessment selection – you can add more candidates here by searching for more candidates and adding them to the order, but if you haven't got the number of candidates to match the original assessment selection you cannot progress and will have to cancel the order and start again

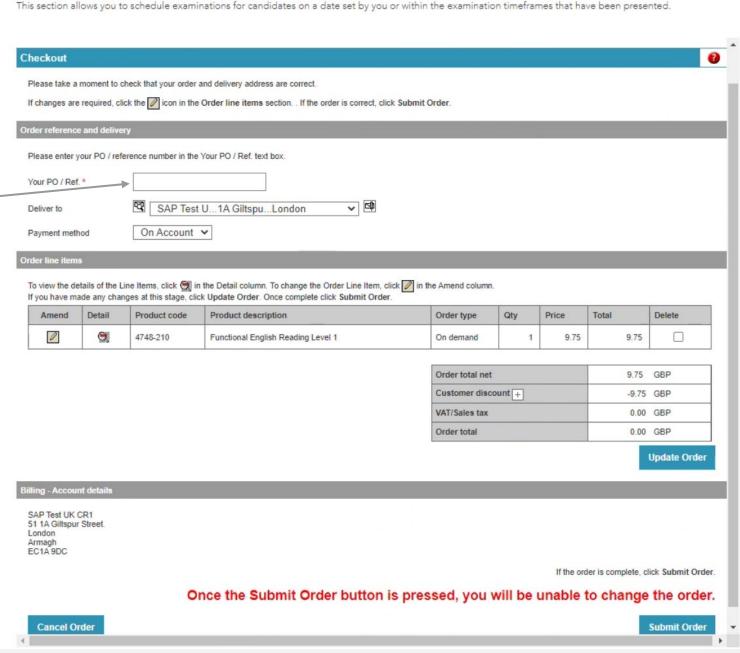




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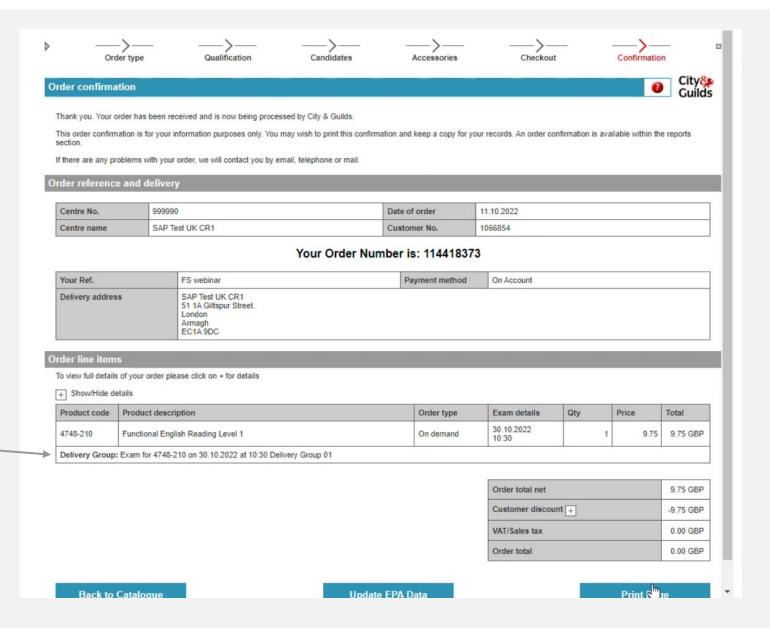
This section allows you to schedule examinations for candidates on a date set by you or within the examination timeframes that have been presented.

You will need to re-enter your internal reference number here



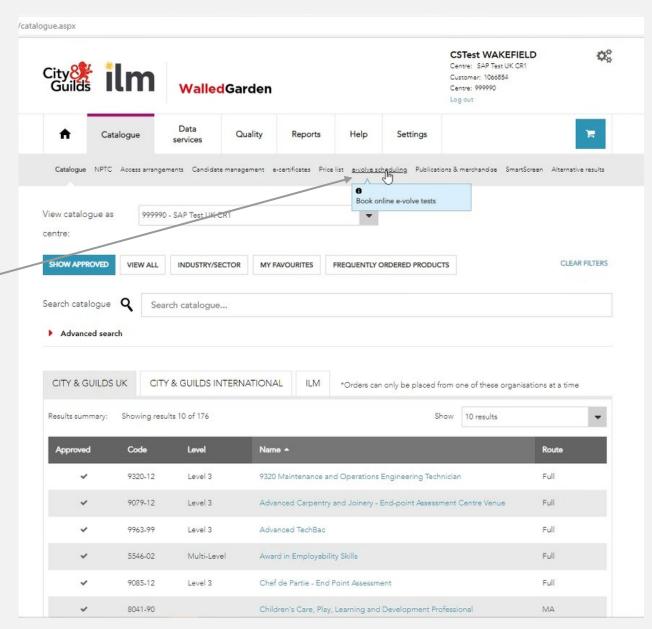
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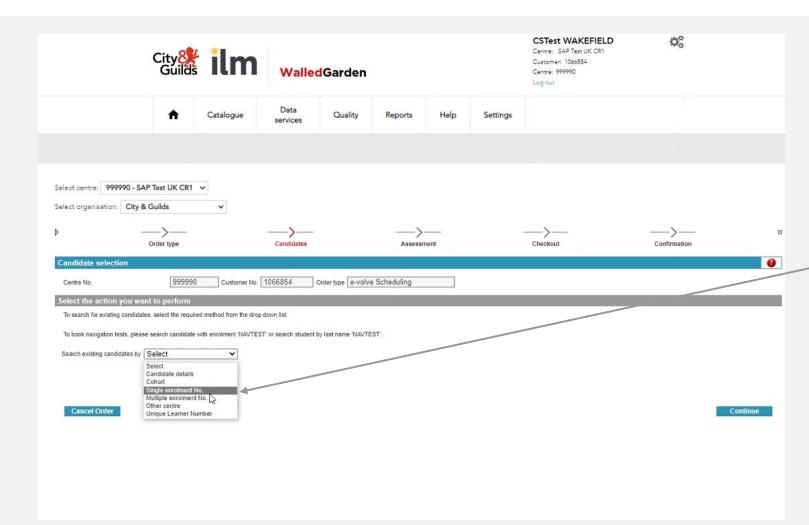
The final confirmation will show the delivery group for the exams



## Booking e-volve, onscreen exams

Onscreen e-volve exams are also booked in Walled Garden through the catalogue and click on the e-volve scheduling link





Next you need to find candidates to add to the order.
This can be done using the candidate's details,

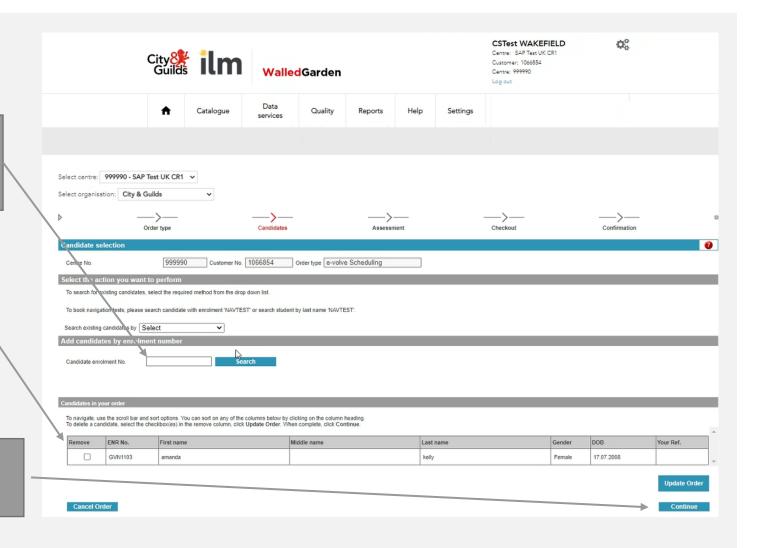
the cohort they belong to or their C&G enrolment number.
Select the required option from the drop

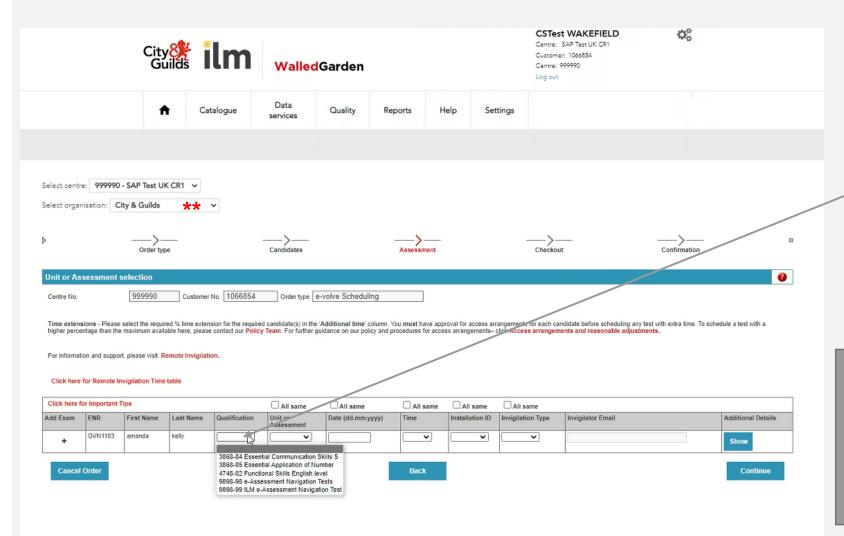
down list

In this case we entered the candidate enrolment number here and clicked on Search

The search returned the candidate and added them to the order

Click on the Continue button





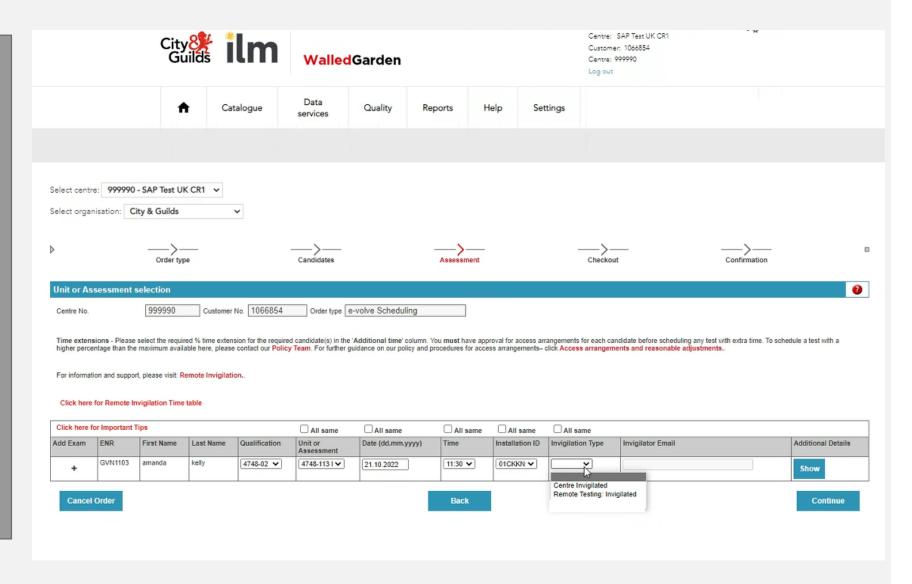
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note, you will only see
qualifications that the
candidate has a valid
registration for

If there are no qualifications in the drop down it is worth checking that the Organisation box says

City & Guilds and not ILM \*\*

- Select the Unit
- The date
- The time of the exam
   This can be the day you are making the booking or further ahead, we recommend no further than 6 months in advance. If booking for the same day, the time must be a full half an hour ahead

Enter the Installation ID and select from the invigilation type, centre invigilated or our Remote Invigilation service



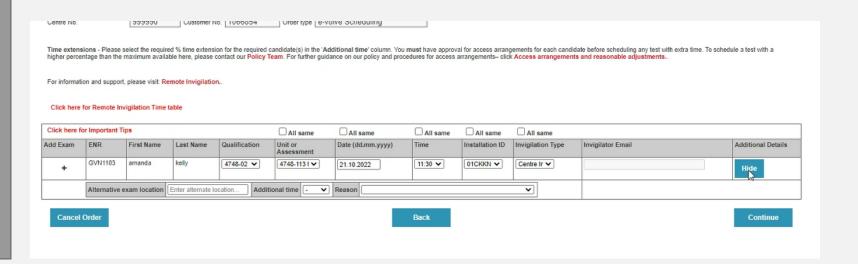
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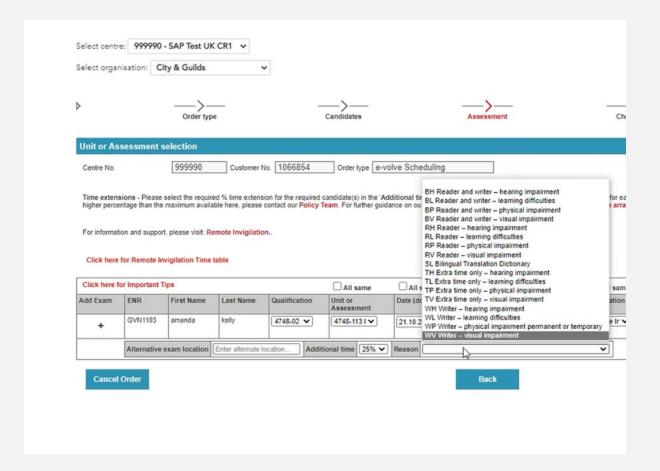
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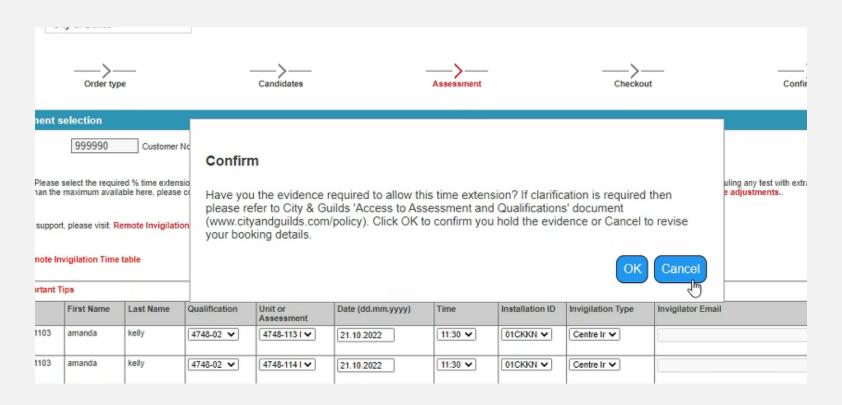
Book up to 50% extra time and give the reason

Dyslexia comes under learning difficulties.

The + symbol allows you to book additional exam (s)

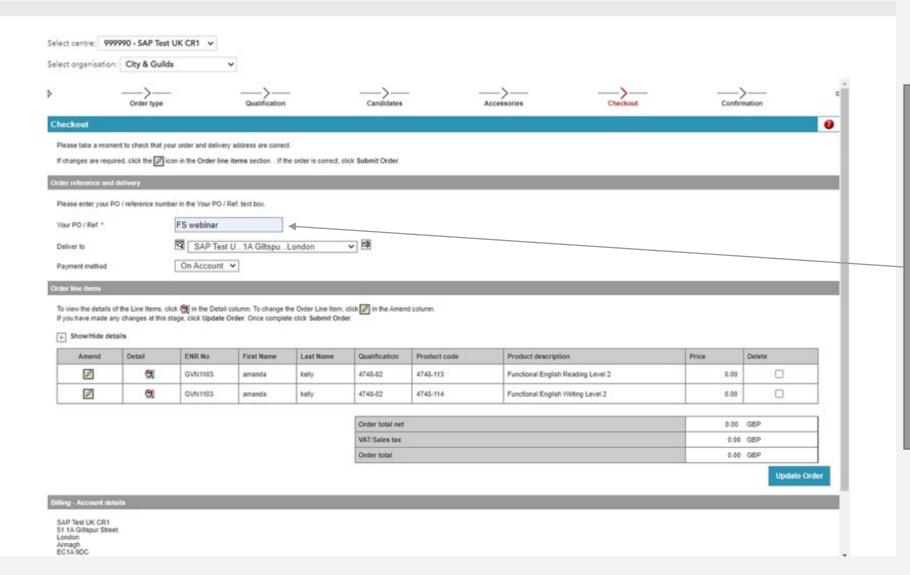






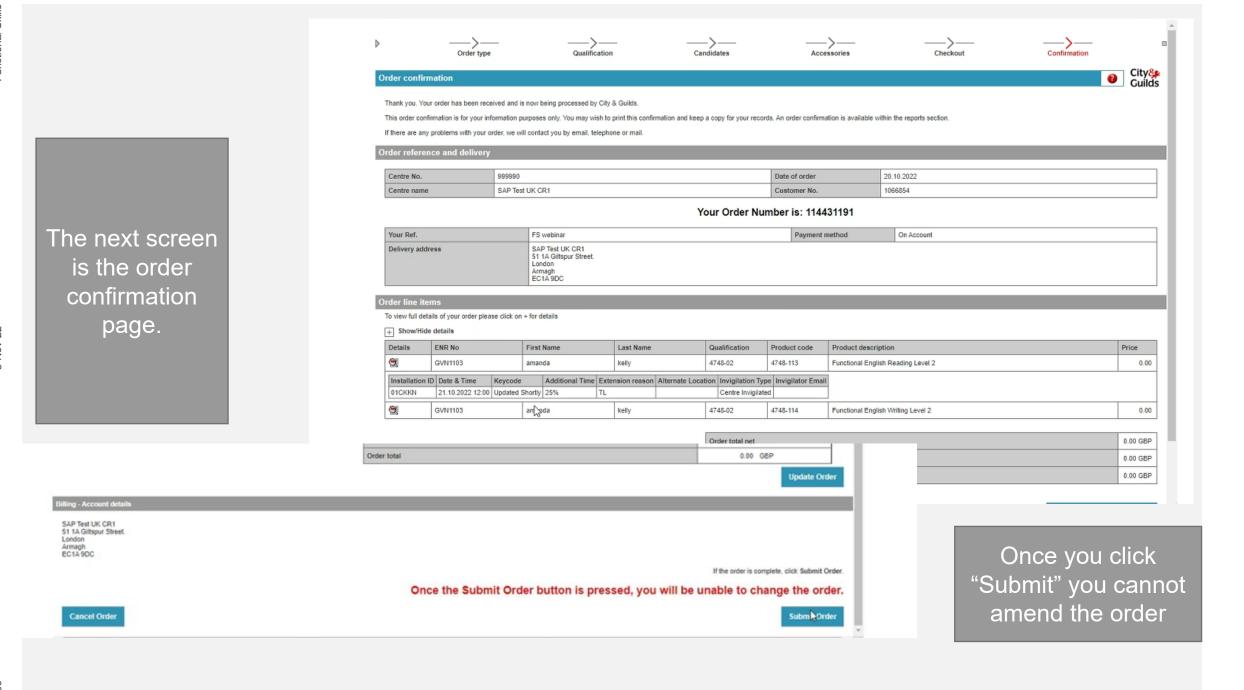
If you have added additional time for the candidate you will see a pop up which asks if you have the evidence which allows the adjustment to be made

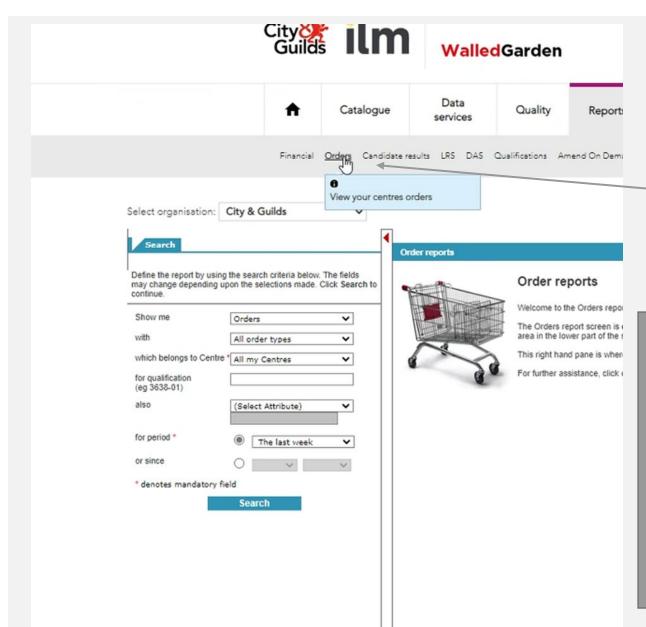
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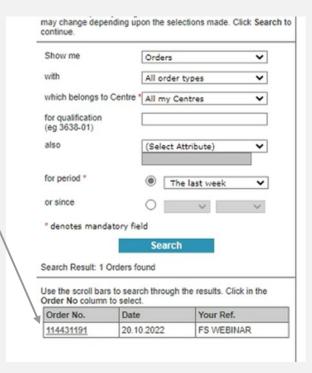
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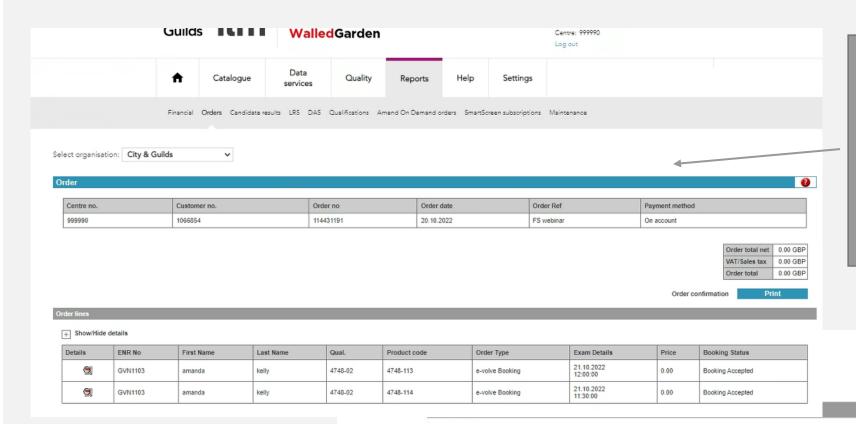




It is good practice to check that your orders have been placed correctly and to obtain the Keycodes and PIN numbers. To do this, select the Reports tab and select "Orders"

Select the relevant qualification for the period "The Last Week" and search – the order number is a link





The link takes you to this page which will list all the bookings that have been accepted for that order

If you click on the Details icon the drop down will show the Key Code and PIN that will be needed for the exam

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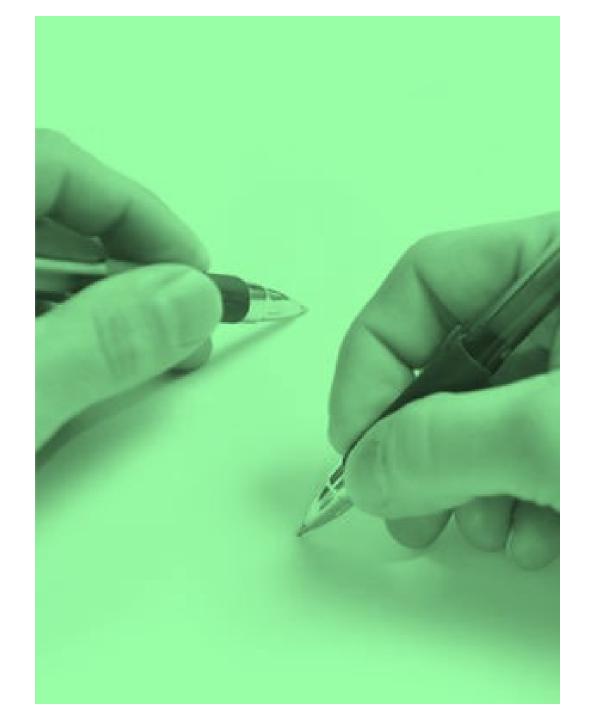


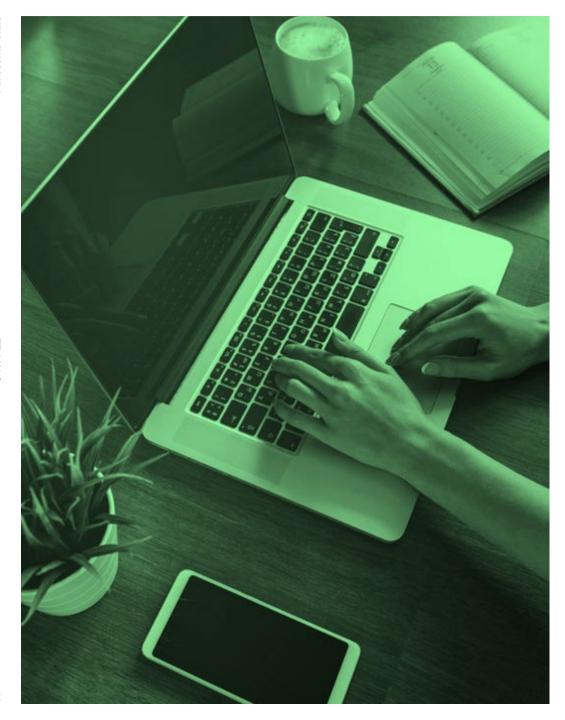


# Flexibility in exam sittings

### Paper-based exams

- When booking paper-based exams you have to provide a date and time for the exam, giving a minimum of 14 days notice
- If it is necessary to change this date, for example should the candidate or invigilator not be available, it is permitted to move the exam day and time up to 5 days before or 5 days after the original date
- Should this be necessary you need to notify City & Guilds, in advance using the Exam Date form on the website
- Exam dates can be moved for individual candidates on the attendance register instead of the whole cohort
- Payment for paper-based exams occurs when you book the exam





#### **Onscreen Exams**

- Onscreen exams can be booked in e-volve and be ready for the candidate to sit within 30 minutes.
- When booking you specify an exam date and time but should you need to, this can be moved, up to 10 calendar days before or after the original date
- Exam change form
- Payment for e-volve exams occurs when the candidate enters the key code



# **Exam administration**

### Paper exam administration

- Centres must be able to demonstrate and account for the receipt, secure movement and secure storage of confidential exam materials at all times.
- Opening packs of question papers:
  - In order to avoid potential breaches of security, care must be taken to ensure the correct question paper packs are opened. An additional member of centre staff, must check the day, date, time, subject, level and component, immediately before a question paper pack is opened.
  - Where orders for cohorts of candidates have been split, centres will receive different Versions of the question paper for the same exam.
  - The invigilator must make sure candidates sit the version allocated to them. If a candidate sits
    the incorrect version of the exam, City & Guilds may not be able to process the results.

#### E-volve onscreen administration

- To ensure smooth running of e-volve Functional Skills exams we recommend booking/sitting
  a navigation test ahead of the first exam to ensure that Secure Client works correctly the first
  time it is installed
- Should you book an e-volve onscreen exam but then discover that it is not going ahead, it is important to "Void" the exam in the e-volve Secure Assess platform.
  - This is particularly important for Functional Skills Mathematics exams because you may find, when you come to book a further exam for the candidate, that there are no further versions available for the candidate to take as the system is "holding" a version of the exam for the booking which can only be released when the candidate is marked absent or the booking is voided

### **Functional Skills Mathematics**

- For Functional Skills Maths there are **two** papers per candidate, section 1 and section 2
- It is mandatory that candidates complete both sections from the same version and versions are not mixed
- Should the candidate sit section 1 and section 2 from different versions it may not be possible to mark the paper and where City & Guilds provides this service there will be a delay in the issue of results and there may be an additional cost to the centre
- As each learner is only permitted to see each version of the paper once, cases where centres give candidates mixed version creates an additional barrier, removing both versions from availability should a re-sit be required.
- Should a candidate exhaust all available versions of the exam they will have to wait until a new version of the exam is released, alternatively they can take the exam by alternative mode such as e-volve onscreen.



# Post exam/assessment processes

### Level 1 & 2 Functional Skills qualifications

- Once the onscreen, e-volve exam has been uploaded in Secure Assess or for paper-based exams, the completed script is **received** at City & Guilds for scanning, it is then sent for marking
- While our agreed timeframe for releasing results is 32 working days, to take account of the need for new versions of exam papers to undergo the awarding process, we aim to issue all results within 20 working days.
  - In fact we regularly beat our 20 working day aspiration and the average results issue for FS
     Maths and English at Level 1 & 2 is currently at 7.1 days
- For FS English, once the Reading and Writing exams are achieved and the centre claims the SLC module in Walled Garden, the system automatically issues a certificate
- Where City & Guilds have been provided with the candidate's email address, a digital credential is issued and an email sent to the candidate for them to accept.

### **Onscreen Functional Skills exams**

- It is critical, once the candidate has completed their onscreen exam, that this is uploaded to e-volve.
- We have noticed that a number of centres recently have failed to do this, there is a strict time window to complete this action
- This can be checked by ensuring the exam has a green tick in the state column in the invigilate page.
- The orange arrow indicates that the exams is "Awaiting Upload"
- Any exams which are not uploaded within 30 days of the original exam date are voided and cannot be marked
  - The contents of the exam and the candidate's responses are deleted and are not available for City & Guilds to recover.

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# **Results for Level 1 & 2**

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#### **Paper-based results**

- Once the paper has been marked, the Pass or Fail results appear on Walled Garden
- A paper certificate is generated and issued within 10 working days
- It is possible to have an e-certificate for Functional Skills, which can be downloaded from your WG account if your centre has been set up to use this facility
- If your centre has opted in on centre preferences to receive Notification of Candidate Results for their learners they will be issued overall Results list

#### **Onscreen results**

- Once marked, Secure Assess will show a provisional score but this is subject to a review of marking, once completed then the final result will flow through to Walled Garden
- Where the candidate's result has been adjusted following a review, the final result will appear in Walled Garden.
  - The result in e-volve will not be changed to reflect any adjustment and this and the score report will reflect the provisional mark and the original marking, it is not possible for us to amend these.



# **Performance Feedback**

#### Performance feedback

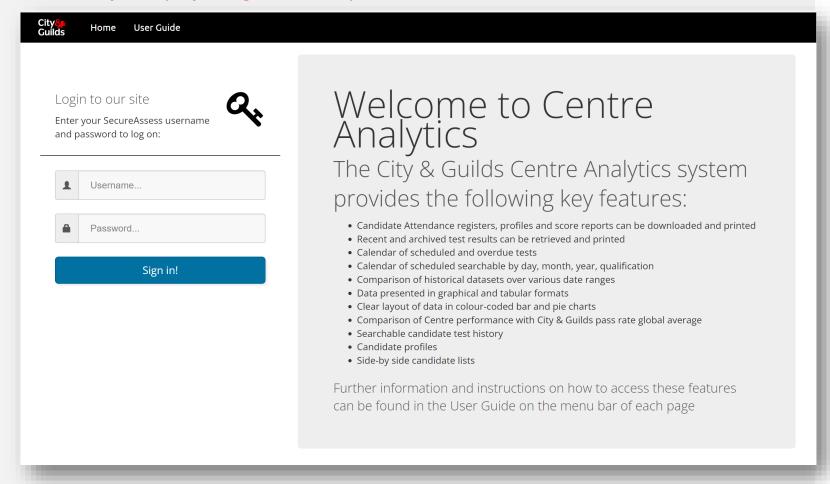
- Unfortunately candidates are not always successful in their attempt at Reading, Writing or Mathematics at Levels 1 or 2 and need to be entered for a re-sit
- It is vital that candidates receive further teaching to remedy the areas that need development before they are re-entered and to do this centres need to access the performance feedback
- City & Guilds provides feedback for both onscreen and paper-based exams
  - For onscreen exams, a score report is issued with a breakdown of how the candidate has performed across the exam
  - For paper-based exams, a Notification of Candidate Results is issued with the result and a series of performance codes mapped to the Functional Skills subject content statements which are explained in our guide available on the 4748 Qualification page <a href="here">here</a>:
- In addition both onscreen and paper-based feedback is available through the Centre Analytics platform

# **Centre Analytics**

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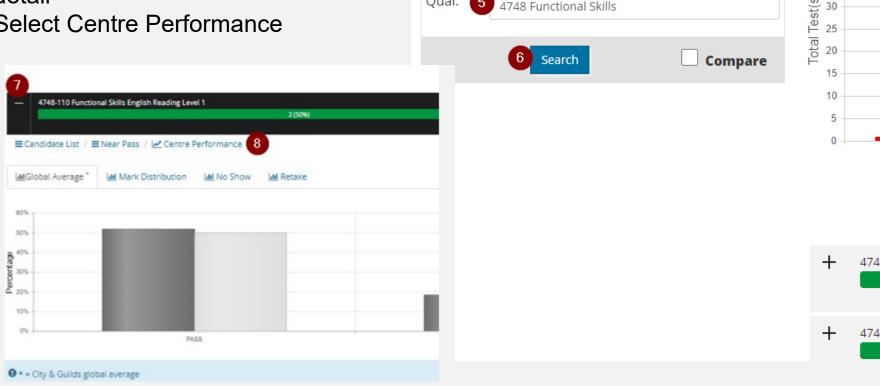
If you do onscreen exams you may already have a Centre Analytics account as it is the same login details.

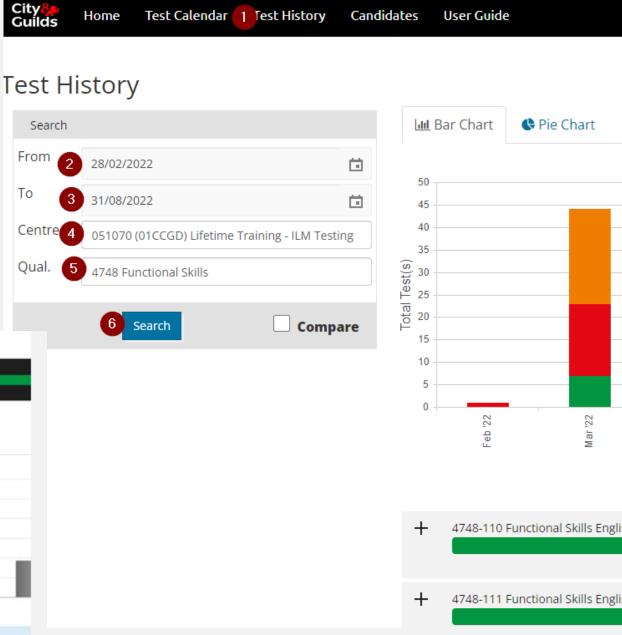
If you only do paper based exams you will need to have an account set up.
You can do this by emailing centresupport@cityandguilds.com



#### **Centre Performance reports**

- 1. Navigate to the Test History tab
- 2. Select Start date range
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- 7. Select the exam + to expand the detail
- 8. Select Centre Performance





#### **Centre Performance reports**

- The report will open and can be saved, printed or downloaded.
- This will need to be repeated per Installation ID and per exam.
- This can also be done for individual learners

#### Centre Overall Performance Report



Centre:

Centre Installation Code:

Qualification: 4748 Functional Skills

Unit or Assessment: 4748-110 Functional Skills English Reading Level 1

Test Date: 28/02/2022 - 31/08/2022

4748-110 Reading L1	Mark Available	Mark Achieved	Percentage
SCS10 Compare information, ideas and opinions in different text	6	0	0%
SCS18 Use knowledge of punctuation to aid understanding	8	3	37.50%
SCS17 Read and understand a range of specialist words in context	8	4	50.0%
SCS10 Compare information, ideas and opinions in different texts	18	8	44.44%
SCS12 Recognise that language and other textual features can vary to suit different audiences and purposes	15	6	40.0%
SCS16 Recognise vocabulary typically associated with specific types and purposes of texts	4	1	25.00%
SCS11 Identify meanings in texts and distinguish between fact and opinion	16	6	37.50%
SCS15 Infer from images meanings not explicit in the accompanying text	9	5	55.58%
SCS09 Identify and understand the main points, ideas and details	24	12	50.0%
SCS13 Use reference materials and appropriate strategies for a range of purposes	4	2	50.0%
SCS14 Understand organisational and structural features and use them to locate relevant information	8	3	37.50%
Internal Use Only	Mark Available	Mark Achieved	Percentage

	Mark Available	Mark Achieved	Percentage
Internal use only	0	0	0%
Overall Total	120	50	41.67%

31/08/2022

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- On boarding to support you to get up and running
- Networks to support you and encourage sharing of best practice
- Webinars to keep you up to date monthly and provide ongoing support

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Katherine Reid

Lead Technical

Advisor

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# Thank you!

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