

Request to fund a regulated qualification

NCFE Entry Level 3 Functional Skills Qualification in English | Qualification number 603/5052/0

For the person who signs off training spend: what the qualification is, what it costs, what it asks of the business, and how to verify every claim on it independently.

What it is

A regulated qualification awarded by NCFE, an awarding organisation recognised by Ofqual, sitting on the Regulated Qualifications Framework at Entry Level 3. Not a certificate of attendance issued by a training company: the award is issued and recorded by the awarding organisation, so it is verifiable by anyone, including a future employer.

Master practical English, speaking, listening, reading and writing, the final entry-level step before Level 1 Functional Skills.

The facts

Regulated title	NCFE Entry Level 3 Functional Skills Qualification in English
Qualification number	603/5052/0, searchable on the Ofqual Register of Regulated Qualifications
Level	Entry Level 3 on the Regulated Qualifications Framework
Study time	55 guided learning hours; self-paced online study
Delivery	Online, self-paced, no travel and no fixed classroom hours
Assessment	Set and marked by NCFE, taken online under remote invigilation, with an identity check and a device check beforehand
Fee	£295, payable in full or across 3 monthly instalments. Invoiced directly to the employer on request
Included in the fee	Registration with the awarding organisation, teaching, assessment by a qualified assessor, internal quality assurance and certification
Start date	Enrolment is open, so the start is any working day rather than a September intake

What it asks of the business

Time. Study is self-paced and online, so it fits around the working week rather than removing someone from it. There is no day release and no travel.

Evidence, where the qualification is portfolio assessed. The evidence is drawn from work the learner is already doing, which means the assessment produces a written record of competence the business can also use.

Money. £295, invoiced to the employer. We can raise a purchase order against your own reference.

How to check all of this

- Search 603/5052/0 on register.ofqual.gov.uk to confirm the qualification, its level and its status.
- Confirm the centre with the awarding organisation: NCFE centre 11001657.
- Check the provider at Companies House: THE DATA AND AI SCHOOL OF LONDON LTD, company number 16953235. UKPRN 10100463, ICO registration ZC086597.
- Read the full course page, including the fee, the units and the entry requirements, at www.dataaischool.com/courses/nfce-entry-level-3-functional-skills-qualification-in-english/

What we are not claiming

No claim about salary, promotion or a job outcome, because no provider can know those. A regulated qualification is independent evidence, against a national standard, that the person can do the work. What you do with that evidence is your decision.

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