

## Proxy exemptions for key skills

### Proxy exemptions for the key skill: Communication

The qualification below	at	exempts a candidate from the Communication:					
		L3 test ?	L3 portfolio ?	L2 test ?	L2 portfolio ?	L1 test ?	L1 portfolio ?
GCE A level English language	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE A level English literature	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE A level English language and literature	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS level English language	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS level English literature	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS level English language and literature	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCSE English	A*-C	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCSE English literature	A*-C	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
AQA GCSE general studies	A*-C	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Certificate in adult literacy level 2**	Pass	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Certificate in adult literacy level 1**	Pass	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
GCE A level Welsh	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE A level Welsh second language	A-E	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS level Welsh	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS level Welsh second language	A-E	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Advanced subsidiary VCE in Welsh second language	A-E	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCSE Welsh	A*-C	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCSE Irish (Gaeilge)	A*-C	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

GCSE Welsh	D-G	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
GCSE Irish (Gaeilge)	D-G	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
GCSE Welsh literature	A*-C	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCSE Welsh literature	D-G	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
GCSE Welsh second language	A*-C	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
<b>GCSE Welsh second language</b>	<b>D-G</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Welsh second language GNVQ units (intermediate)	Pass-Distinction	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
<b>Welsh second language GNVQ units (foundation)</b>	<b>Pass-Distinction</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Foundation Award in Welsh second language</b>	<b>Pass-Distinction</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Intermediate Award in Welsh second language	Pass-Distinction	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

\*Those qualifications in bold do not act as proxies for the key skills tests, but are within suites of qualifications where different levels or grades do act as proxies.

\*\*Although this qualification is included on the proxy list, the test that is used for this qualification is the same as the key skills test. Therefore, this is not a standard proxy. It is included on the proxy list only so that it is clear that candidates that have this qualification do not have to also pass a separate key skills test.

### Proxy exemptions for the key skill: Application of number

The qualification below	at	exempts a candidate from the Application of number:					
		L3 test ?	L3 portfolio ?	L2 test ?	L2 portfolio ?	L1 test ?	L1 portfolio ?
GCE AS use of mathematics	A-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCE A level mathematics	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE A level pure mathematics	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE A level further mathematics	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE A level statistics	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS level mathematics	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS level pure mathematics	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS level further mathematics	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS level statistics	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS mechanics	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS discrete mathematics	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS applied mathematics	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCSE mathematics	A*-C	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCSE mathematics	D-G	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
GCSE use of mathematics	A*-C	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCSE use of mathematics	D-G	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Certificate in adult numeracy level 2**	Pass	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Certificate in adult numeracy level 1**	Pass	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

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**Proxy exemptions for the key skill: Information and communication technology**

The qualification below	at	exempts a candidate from the Information and communication technology:					
		L3 test ?	L3 portfolio ?	L2 test ?	L2 portfolio ?	L1 test ?	L1 portfolio ?
Edexcel Level 1 Award in digital applications for IT users (New for September 2006)	Pass	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Edexcel Level 2 Award in digital applications for IT users	Pass	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edexcel Level 1 Certificate in digital applications for IT users (New for September 2006)	Pass	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in digital applications for IT users	Pass	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edexcel Level Diploma in digital applications for IT users (New for September 2006)	Pass	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Edexcel Level 2 Diploma in digital applications for IT users	Pass	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
OCR Level 2 Certificate for IT users (CLAiT Plus)	Pass	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
OCR Level 3 Certificate for IT users (Advanced CLAiT)	Pass	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
BCS Level 2	Pass	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

Certificate for IT users (ECDL)							
GCE A level computing	A-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCE A level ICT	A-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCE AS level computing	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS level ICT	A-E	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
GCE AS level applied ICT	A-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCE AS level applied ICT (Double Award)	AA-EE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCE A level applied ICT	A-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCE A Level applied ICT (Double Award)	AA-EE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCSE computer studies	A*-C	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCSE computer studies	D-G	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
GCSE ICT	A*-C	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCSE ICT	D-G	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
GCSE applied ICT (Double Award)	A*A*-CC	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCSE applied ICT (Double Award)	DD-GG	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
GCSE information systems	A*-C	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCSE information systems	D-G	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Vocational A level ICT Double Award	A-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vocational A level ICT	A-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vocational Advanced Subsidiary ICT	A-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advanced GNVQ (Part Award, Single Award or Double Award) ICT	Pass/Merit/Distinction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intermediate GNVQ (full award or part one award) ICT	Pass/Merit/Distinction	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Foundation GNVQ	Pass/Merit/Distinction	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

(full award or part one award) ICT							
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\*Please note that for pre-2003 qualifications the terms ICT and IT are interchangeable.

**Special note for GCSE short course ICT and GCSE short course information technology**

The qualification below	at	exempts a candidate from the Information and communication technology:					
	Grade	L3 test ?	L3 portfolio ?	L2 test ?	L2 portfolio ?	L1 test ?	L1 portfolio ?
GCSE short course ICT	A*-C	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCSE short course ICT	D-G	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

The qualification below	at	exempts a candidate from the Information and communication technology:					
	Grade	L3 test ?	L3 portfolio ?	L2 test ?	one of the two specified purposes in the L2 portfolio?	L1 test ?	one of the two specified purposes in the L1 portfolio?
GCSE short course information systems	A*-C	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GCSE short course information systems	D-G	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

## Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) national courses that act as proxies for key skills

Following discussion between the regulatory authorities for England (QCA), Wales (ACCAC) and Northern Ireland (CCEA) and the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), it has been agreed that certain SQA qualifications will act as proxies for the key skills tests. These arrangements mirror those already agreed for GCSEs and A/AS levels in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Please check the tables below for details.

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The qualification below	at	exempts a candidate from the Communication:					
		L3 test ?	L3 portfolio ?	L2 test ?	L2 portfolio ?	L1 test ?	L1 portfolio ?
Standard grade English	General	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
English and communication	Intermediate 1	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Standard grade English	Credit	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
English	Intermediate 2	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
English and communication	Higher	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
English (Previously English and communication)	Advanced Higher	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

## Proxy exemptions for the key skill: Application of number

The qualification below	at	exempts a candidate from the Application of number:					
		Grade	L3 test ?	L3 portfolio ?	L2 test ?	L2 portfolio ?	L1 test ?
Standard grade mathematics	General	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Mathematics	Intermediate 1	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Standard grade mathematics	Credit	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Mathematics	Intermediate 2	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Mathematics	Higher	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Mathematics	Advanced Higher	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Applied mathematics	Advanced Higher	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

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The qualification below	at	exempts a candidate from the Information and communication technology:					
		Grade	L3 test ?	L3 portfolio ?	L2 test ?	L2 portfolio ?	L1 test ?
Standard grade computing Studies	General	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Computing studies	Intermediate 1	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Standard grade computing Studies	Credit	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Computing	Intermediate 2	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Information systems	Intermediate 2	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Computing	Higher	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Computing	Advanced Higher	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Information systems	Higher	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Information systems	Advanced Higher	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

## Proxy arrangements for the Irish leaving certificate

The qualification below	at	exempts a candidate from the Information and communication technology:					
	Grade	L3 test ?	L3 portfolio ?	L2 test ?	L2 portfolio ?	L1 test ?	L1 portfolio ?
Leaving Certificate English (higher level)	A1-C2	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Leaving Certificate English (higher level)	C1-D3	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Leaving Certificate English (ordinary level)	A1-B3	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Leaving Certificate English (ordinary level)	C1-D3	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
The qualification below	at	exempts a candidate from the Application of Number:					
	Grade	L3 test ?	L3 portfolio ?	L2 test ?	L2 portfolio ?	L1 test ?	L1 portfolio ?
Leaving Certificate mathematics (higher level)	A1-C2	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Leaving Certificate mathematics (higher level)	C1-D3	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Leaving Certificate mathematics (ordinary level)	A1-B3	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Leaving Certificate mathematics (ordinary level)	C1-D3	No	No	No	No	Yes	No