

Promoting the National Tests



This course forms part of a portfolio of courses furthering expertise in specific aspects of workplace language, literacy and numeracy (LLN). This specialist course will explore key aspects of delivering the National Tests in Adult Literacy and Numeracy in the workplace.

Course Overview

What are the National Tests?

Considering examples of the National Tests we discuss the following questions: How do Entry tests differ from the tests at Level 1 and Level 2? How are they delivered and administered (including online and on-screen testing)? What role do they play in meeting the *Skills for Life* targets?

Perspectives on the Tests

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of delivering the National Tests in the workplace from both learners' and providers' points of view.

Employers and the Tests

Consider how the tests can help employers meet their business objectives. Discuss ways of 'making the business case' to employers.

Outcomes

Participants will gain:

- An understanding of what the National Tests in Adult Literacy and Numeracy are, and where they fit into the broader context of government policy.
- An understanding of some of the key issues involved in delivering the National Tests in the workplace.

Who should attend?

This course is open to anyone with a professional interest in the delivery of workplace LLN.

To register:

To register your interest in attending this course, please contact:

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Half Day

Professional Development



Why attend a professional development course?

One of the primary activities of the Professional Development Team is the development and delivery of courses for providers and other professionals involved with workplace language, literacy and numeracy (LLN).

As well as our Level 4 course, Skills for Life in the Workplace, which can lead to the Breaking Down Barrier (BDB) certificate, we also have a portfolio of over 20 specialist half-day, one-day and two-day courses. We pride ourselves in providing quality flexible training solutions and have a team of experienced developers who can devise a course tailored to your needs. But why should you attend?

Attending any of our courses will provide you with specialist LLN knowledge, such as knowledge on workplace materials development and workplace curriculum issues. Participants are not only provided with an opportunity to expand their learning, they are also able to participate in group discussions and network with other people involved in the LLN field.

After each course has taken place, attendees are asked to complete an evaluation form, which is subsequently turned into a report.

Feedback from the courses is positive and examples of some of the comments can be seen below:

'An extremely enjoyable course. Well thought-out and delivered.'

Developing Workplace Materials—May 2005

'A very detailed and informative course'

Organisational Needs Analysis—July 2005

'Thoroughly enjoyed the course. I learnt a great deal, enjoyed the pace and style of delivery and it filled in the gaps I had about workplace delivery.'

ESOL in the Workplace—May 2005

'The networking and listening to the experiences and work examples of other people are very useful'

Using the Employer Toolkit—January 2004

Positive feedback has also been received from attendees of the Skills for Life in the Workplace course:

'An interesting and enjoyable course which gives honest information about the pros and cons of workplace learning'

Skills for Life in the Workplace—December 2004

Further details of all our courses can be found on our website.