

The ability to communicate with others, use and apply numbers, understand and use information technology are essential skills in every aspect of our lives. The **Essential Skills Wales** (ESW) suite of qualifications help to equip individuals with the fundamental skills required to succeed in life.

Essential Skills Wales (ESW) are designed to help individuals apply these skills in real life situations - from adding up bills to creating a CV or writing and sending an email.

The ESW qualification covers three main skills - Communication, Application of Number & Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Anyone of any age or ability who wants to increase their skills in maths, reading, writing, speaking or IT would benefit from ESW.

The aim of the **Communication standards** is to encourage learners to develop and demonstrate: their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills for different purposes.

The aim of the **Application of Number standards** is to encourage learners to develop and demonstrate their skills in using numbers to tackle a task, activity or problem. Learners will need to show that they can: understand numerical information, carry out calculations, collect and interpret information and interpret results and present findings.

The aim of the **Information and Communication standards** is to encourage learners to develop and demonstrate their skills in using ICT to carry out a task or activity by: using ICT systems to find and explore information, selecting and exchanging information and developing and presenting information

Agoriad offers ESW Qualifications from entry level 1 through to level 1.

Learning hours

The total learning hours for all ESW qualifications is 60 hours. This is only a guide as timescales will vary upon the programme.

How is ESW assessed?

Assessment at Entry Levels consists of 'one-off' series of tasks completed in a classroom environment.

At Level 1 and above, all ESW qualifications are assessed by creating a portfolio of evidence. Candidates complete logbooks to record evidence of their learning.

Mae'r gallu i gyfathrebu gydag eraill, defnyddio a chymhwyso rhifau, a deall a defnyddio technoleg gwybodaeth yn sgiliau hanfodol ymhob agwedd o'n bywydau. Mae'r ystod o gymwysterau a gynigir gan **Sgiliau Hanfodol Cymru** yn helpu paratoi unigolion a rhoi iddynt y sgiliau sydd eu hangen ganddynt i lwyddo mewn bywyd.

Cynlluniwyd Sgiliau Hanfodol Cymru i helpu unigolion ddefnyddio'r sgiliau hyn yng nghyd-destun bywyd bob dydd - y gallu i gyfrifo biliau, creu CV, neu ysgrifennu ac anfon e-bost.

Mae cymhwyster Sgiliau Hanfodol Cymru yn cael eu rhannu'n dri phrif faes - Cyfathrebu, Cymhwyso Rhifau, a Thechnoleg Gwybodaeth a Chyfathrebu.

Byddai person o unrhyw oed neu allu sydd eisiau gwella eu sgiliau mathemateg, darllen, ysgrifennu, siarad neu dechnoleg gwybodaeth yn cael budd o Sgiliau Hanfodol Cymru.

Amcan **safonau Cyfathrebu** ydy annog dysgwyr i ddatblygu ac arddangos eu sgiliau siarad, gwrando, darllen ac ysgrifennu i bwrpasau gwahanol.

Amcan **safonau Cymhwyso Rhifau** ydy annog dysgwyr i ddatblygu ac arddangos eu sgiliau defnyddio rhifau i wneud tasg arbennig, neu weithgaredd neu ddatrys problem. Bydd angen i ddysgwyr ddangos eu bod yn gallu deall gwybodaeth rifyddol, cyfrifo, casglu a dehongli gwybodaeth, a dehongli canlyniadau a chyflwyno canfyddiadau.

Amcan **safonau Technoleg Gwybodaeth a Chyfathrebu** ydy annog dysgwyr i ddatblygu ac arddangos eu sgiliau wrth ddefnyddio technoleg gwybodaeth i gyflawni tasg gan ddefnyddio systemau cyfrifiadurol i ddarganfod ac archwilio gwybodaeth, i ddethol a chyfnwied gwybodaeth, ac i ddatblygu a chyflwyno gwybodaeth.

Bydd Agoriad yn cynnig cymwysterau Sgiliau Sylfaenol Cymru o Lefel mynediad 1 hyd at Lefel 1.

Oriau dysgu

Cyfanswm oriau dysgu ar gyfer pob cymhwyster Sgiliau Sylfaenol Cymru ydy 60 awr. Dim ond canllaw ydy hwn, gan y bydd amser rhaglenni'n amrywio.

Sut mae Sgiliau Sylfaenol Cymru'n cael ei asesu?

Ar Lefel Mynediad, mae'r asesiad yn cynnwys cyfres o dasgau unigol wedi'u cwblhau dan amodau dosbarth.

Ar Lefel 1 ac uwch, bydd pob cymhwyster Sgiliau Sylfaenol Cymru yn cael eu hasesu drwy greu portffolio o dystiolaeth. Bydd ymgeiswyr yn llenwi llyfr log i gofnodi dystiolaeth o'u dysgu.