

Ascentis Level 1 Awards, Extended Award and Certificate

in

English Skills

Overview Specification



These qualifications are being withdrawn. The last date of registration for learners is 31st July 2025 after which no further learners can be registered.

The certification end date is 31st July 2026. If you require any further clarification, please email development@ascentis.co.uk.

Ofqual Numbers:	See Page 3
Ofqual Start Date:	01/02/2013
Ofqual End Date:	31/07/2025
Ofqual Certification End Date:	31/07/2026

Qualification Overview

This Level 1 suite of Awards in aspects of English is aimed at adults and young people who wish to improve their English. The Awards are intended to aid progression, either to further study through English Functional Skills or GCSE English qualifications. The individual stand-alone units have been mapped to the Adult Literacy Core Curriculum. A Level 1 Certificate in English Skills is also available. This is suitable for those who wish to improve all aspects of their English.

There are several features of these qualifications that make them very appropriate for their target learners:

- Small award-sized qualifications are available as well as the unit certificates
- Units are relatively short, each of 20/30 guided learning hours – bite-sized learning
- They can be delivered either as classroom-based courses or as a blended learning programme
- They are assessed by completion of Ascentis-designed assessments – no portfolio of evidence required
- Verification and certification can be offered throughout the year, allowing maximum flexibility for centres

Aims

The aims of the suite of qualifications are to enable learners:

- To gain underpinning grammar, punctuation and spelling skills
- To develop their reading and/or writing skills
- To improve their communication skills in speaking, receiving and responding to information
- To prepare for completion of the Functional Skills in English at Level 2 or GCSE English
- To develop the skills required to move into the world of work or work-based learning

Target Group

These qualifications are aimed at a range of learners, including:

- Adults who wish to develop and demonstrate their skills in English
- Young people aged 14–19 who wish to develop and demonstrate their skills in some aspects of the English language

Regulation Codes

Ofqual Qualification Numbers:

- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English Skills: 601/3857/9
- Ascentis Level 1 Extended Award in English Skills: 601/3856/7
- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English – Reading: 600/7688/4
- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English – Writing: 600/7703/7
- Ascentis Level 1 Certificate in English Skills: 600/8181/8
- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English – Grammar & Punctuation: 600/7792/X
- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English – Receiving & Responding to Information: 600/7702/5
- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English – Speaking: 600/7687/2
- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English – Spelling: 600/7899/6

Assessment Method

Each unit is assessed through an assessment to be taken under supervised conditions. Guide times are provided for each assessment. The assessment is internally assessed and verified by the centre and then externally verified by Ascentis.

Rules of Combination

Learners must complete one unit for each Award in Reading and Writing. Learners may achieve a 4-credit Award or a 6-credit Extended Award by combining any of the units below. Certification is given for achieving a pass in the Ascentis-designed assessments.

Learners who achieve all 6 units may choose to claim a Level 1 Certificate in English Skills.

Ascentis Level 1 Award in English – Reading

Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Reading	1	3	30	H/504/5757

Ascentis Level 1 Award in English – Writing

Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Writing	1	3	30	H/504/5760

Ascentis Level 1 Award in English Skills

Minimum credits: 4
Maximum credits: 5

Learners may choose 2 optional units from the units below

Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Spelling	1	2	20	K/504/6568
Grammar and Punctuation	1	2	20	J/504/5752
Reading	1	3	30	H/504/5757
Writing	1	3	30	H/504/5760
Receiving and Responding to Information	1	2	20	M/504/5776
Speaking	1	2	20	D/504/5773

Ascentis Level 1 Extended Award in English Skills

Minimum credits: 6
Maximum credits: 12

Learners may choose 3 optional units from the units below

Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Spelling	1	2	20	K/504/6568
Grammar and Punctuation	1	2	20	J/504/5752
Reading	1	3	30	H/504/5757
Writing	1	3	30	H/504/5760
Receiving and Responding to Information	1	2	20	M/504/5776
Speaking	1	2	20	D/504/5773

Ascentis Level 1 Certificate in English Skills

Credits: 14

Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Spelling	1	2	20	K/504/6568
Grammar and Punctuation	1	2	20	J/504/5752
Reading	1	3	30	H/504/5757
Writing	1	3	30	H/504/5760
Receiving and Responding to Information	1	2	20	M/504/5776
Speaking	1	2	20	D/504/5773

Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

The recommended guided learning hours for the Award are 40, for the Extended Award 60, for Reading 30, for Writing 30, for Grammar & Punctuation 20, for Receiving & Responding to Information 20, for Speaking 20, for Spelling 20 and for the Certificate 140

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

The total qualification time for the Award is 40, for the Extended Award 60, for Reading 30, for Writing 30, for Grammar & Punctuation is 20, for Receiving & Responding to Information is 20, for Speaking is 20, for Spelling is 20 and for the Certificate 140.

Age Range of Qualification

These qualifications are suitable for young people aged 14–19 and adult learners.

Contact & Further Information

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