



*Over 450,000 learners sat an ALAN test last year.
Were your learners among them?*

ALAN - Adult Literacy and Adult Numeracy

*Adult Literacy and Adult Numeracy:
Help your learners fast forward to success*

What is ALAN?

- Adult Literacy and Adult Numeracy qualifications sit under the Skills for Life umbrella. Often referred to as Adult Basic Skills, they can be taken by *learners of any age*.
- They are *nationally recognised, stand alone qualifications* that enable learners to gain the basic key skills they require in English and mathematics.
- Teachers whose learners have taken our ALAN qualifications have reported an *increase in confidence* both in engagement with GCSE English and mathematics and with the challenges of GCSE study in general.
- ALAN works at all levels as it can *encourage learners* uninterested in GCSE studies, *enable Year 9 students* who are ready to take a big qualification early and *help adults* to achieve a qualification they need to perform in the workplace.

Qualification Structure

Each ALAN qualification is broken up into the components below. Students can enter at a level that best meets their learning and development needs, and because ALAN is *on-demand* students can enter when they are ready.

Literacy	Speaking and Listening	Writing	Reading
Level 2 and 1	Not assessed	Some aspects assessed onscreen	Multiple choice Onscreen/paper based
Entry Level (3, 2 and 1)	Paper based (Entry Level 3 available as multiple choice onscreen test)		
Numeracy	Handling Data	Number	Measure, Shape and Space
Level 2 and 1	Not assessed	Multiple choice Onscreen/paper based	
Entry Level (3, 2 and 1)	Paper based (Entry Level 3 available as multiple choice onscreen test)		

'ALAN is an amazing tool in helping students move towards their future careers.'

Christine Swantcott, Careers and Work Experience Co-ordinator

Attainment Points for ALAN

	Entry 1	Entry 2	Entry 3	Level 1	Level 2
Adult Literacy	2.5	3	3.5	12.5	23
Adult Numeracy	2.5	3	3.5	12.5	23

Learners who attain a Literacy and Numeracy qualification at Level 2 will achieve the points equivalent to one GCSE, helping them with applications to college, work and further education. These points are in addition to those achieved for GCSE English and mathematics.

Assessment and Onscreen Testing

ALAN tests are onscreen and on-demand at Level 1 and Level 2 and for Numeracy and Reading at Entry Level 3. *All tests follow the same assessment design whereby each qualification is a single, onscreen test. All tests are also available for paper-based assessment.*

The benefits of onscreen testing for you:

- There is no requirement for *internal or external verification*.
- Tests are *easy to administer* and require only *one single test*.
- No internet connection is required, *increasing test security*.
- Installation, training and technical support is *free*.
- Administration tasks are *reduced*.
- There is *no registration fee*; you are only invoiced once a candidate has sat the test.

For your learner:

- Tests are available *on-demand* and can be taken when *they are ready*.
- They receive *immediate results* and *feedback* on performance.
- Candidates can be entered to resit on the *same day*, or as soon as they are ready.
- Tests can be taken in a *non-threatening environment*, making the tests *more engaging*.

Technical requirements

The software for ALAN onscreen tests can be installed onto your network or laptop. A Technical Requirements Form will need to be completed which can be found at www.edexcel.com/onscreen-new. Alternatively you can email our Onscreen Testing Centre at onscreentesting@edexcel.com and our team will assist you.

'ALAN is a real advantage to students who can feel in control of their own learning.'

Geoffrey Barton, Head Teacher

'ALAN free on-line practice tests are fantastic as a resource and assessment tool.'

Ben Creasy, Deputy Head Teacher



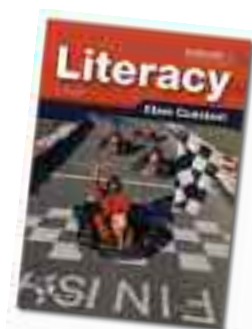
Resources

Using the range of practice tests that we have available both onscreen and on paper, you can ensure that your learners are prepared and confident when they sit their tests. Practice tests can be accessed through our website www.edexcel.com/alan in paper-based format and onscreen; and are available on our **free practice test CD ROMs**.

We also publish a number of **Student Skills Books** and **Teacher Handbooks** for both Adult Literacy and Adult Numeracy.

Our **Student Skills Books** have been written specifically to support students and teachers. The skills books are ideal for self-study or for whole class teaching. They are made up of highly motivating units that build confidence in the key Literacy and Numeracy skills.

The photo copiable **Teacher's Handbook** provides practical help and support for implementing ALAN. With further activities linked to Student Skills Book pages, a free CD-ROM containing practice tests, a full section on test preparation and guidance notes on how to get the most from the materials they are a useful resource.



ALAN – Fast Forward to Success



To find out how ALAN has proved to be integral to many centres' KS3 and KS4 learning and development, why not speak to one of our Curriculum Development Managers? Simply complete and return this freepost card and our team will be in contact.

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- email our ALAN team at alan@edexcel.com
- contact your Curriculum Development Manager via the postage-paid card.

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'ALAN is the ideal preparation for Functional Skills'

Jane Tyers, Director of Learning Support

Many centres are using our ALAN tests as a way of helping prepare for the introduction of Functional Skills, with outstanding success. Under current guidelines, ALAN will be replaced with Functional Skills by 2012.

ALAN is being taught in a number of centres as an integrated part of GCSE English and Mathematics. The three components that make up the Literacy and Numeracy tests are also the same at each level of Functional Skills. As the market leader for ALAN in schools we've found that centres that are already using our qualification feel more confident and prepared for Functional Skills.

Our Onscreen Pilot for Functional Skills is also ideal for existing adult ALAN centres, because you will already have the all system requirements in place to offer these onscreen tests.

Listen to how staff and students at King Edward VI School are using ALAN to prepare for Functional Skills on our podcast at www.edexcel.com/ALAN

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