

Level 1 Certificate in English

Summary of Changes

Purpose of Update: Following a scheduled review of this qualification, changes have been made to ensure that the qualification remains fit for purpose, relevant and engaging.

The qualification has been assigned its own specification to enhance usability and to ensure that centres can navigate the information more efficiently. As there have been no registrations for units positioned more than one level above or below the qualification's core level, a decision has been taken to withdraw these units from the optional unit group. This change is intended to streamline the registration process for centres by making it easier to identify and select the appropriate unit at the correct level.

The information below details what specific changes have been made for teaching from 1st August 2026 onwards.

Revision date	Updated by	Previous version	New version	What this means for you
December 2025	Product	The Level 1 Certificate contains units within the Optional Group at Entry 2, Entry 3 and Level 2.	The Level 1 Certificate contains units within the optional group at Entry 3 and Level 2 only. This is due to low or no registrations for units outside of Entry 3, Level 1 and Level 2 within this qualification.	For information purposes only and to ensure accurate learner unit registration at the correct level.
December 2025	Product	The barred units list contains all units at Entry 2, Entry 3 and Level 2 as above.	The barred units list has been updated to reflect Entry 3 and Level 2 units only, as above.	For information purposes only and to support accurate learner unit registrations.
December 2025	Product	The qualification specification contains information pertaining to all qualifications within the English suite offered by Gateway Qualifications.	A new qualification specification has been published that is specifically for the Level 1 Certificate in English. This is to support ease of use by Centres.	For information purposes only.

December 2025	Product	The unit groups are titled as Mandatory and Optional unit groups.	Replaced by Group O1 and Group O2 since it is not mandatory for learners to achieve all credits from Group O1 units.	For information purposes only.
December 2025	Product	The individual units reference alignment to the Adult Literacy Core Curriculum.	The specific core curriculum references have been removed since not all curriculum references are covered across the suite.	For information purposes only.