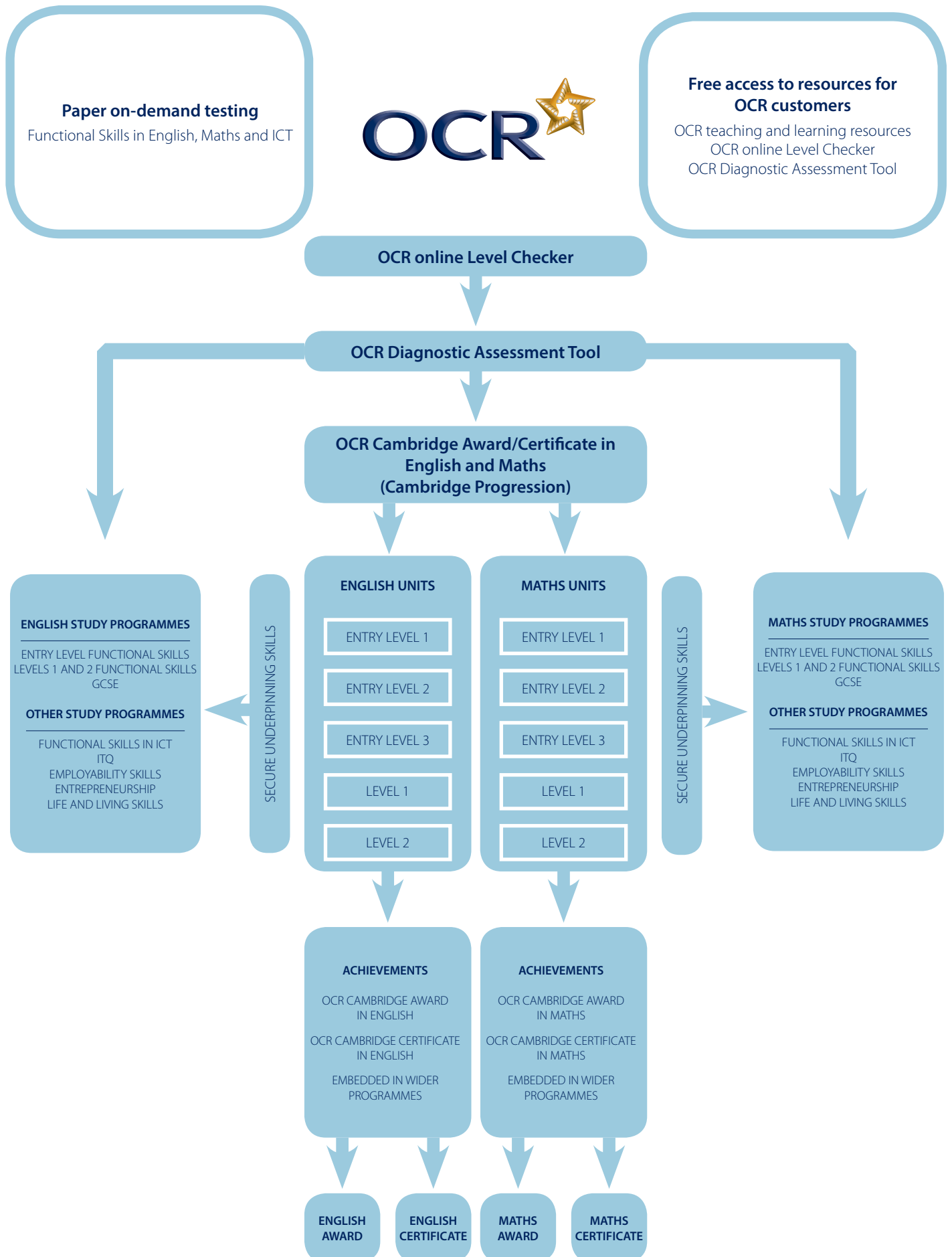




Skills solution for offender learning

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Flexibility that meets the needs of learners

When you're delivering qualifications to a range of learners within the secure estate, an awarding body that understands the challenges you face can have a major impact on the quality and effectiveness of your delivery.

- ✓ Our qualifications are transferable and can follow the learner wherever they may be located.
- ✓ Programme delivery is flexible, meeting the individual needs of learners (see skills solution diagram for details).
- ✓ Qualifications are designed with a focus on progression so that learners are always motivated and engaged throughout their learning journey.



What you need, when you need it

When learners need to change location at short notice, the ability to access flexible assessment opportunities is key to ensuring that they are able to achieve a unit or full qualification. We've listened to your comments and are in the process of making a number of improvements to our Autumn 2013 programme.

On-demand access to paper-based assessment

From October 2013, on-demand access to paper-based Functional Skills assessments in English, Maths and ICT is available.

Faster turnaround of results

From October 2013, we have reduced the turnaround time for confirmed results with paper-based Functional Skills to as little as 15 days.

Functional Skills on-screen testing in a secure environment

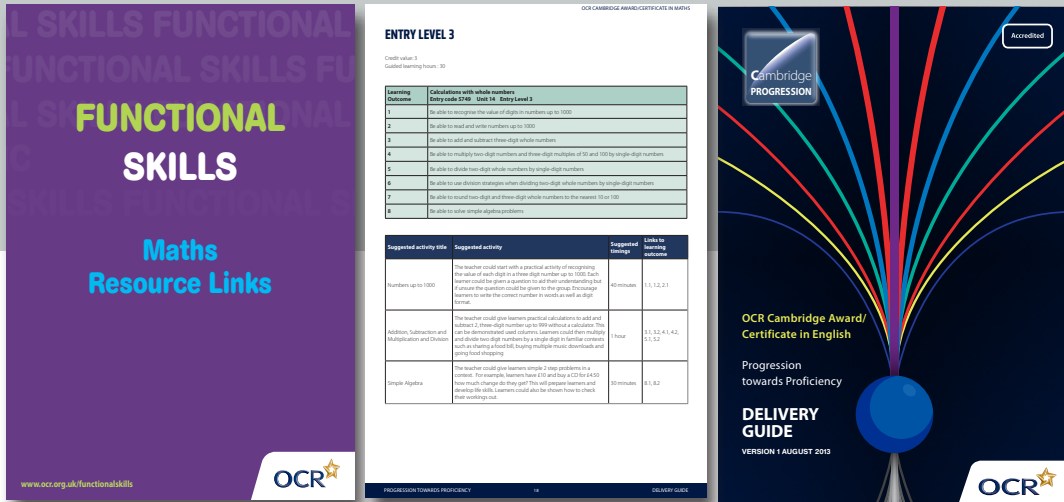
We are in the process of scheduling installations within prisons to enable learners to take Functional Skills assessments in English and Maths on-screen.

Installation of the software is simple and should be in place with all OCR centres from October 2013.

Free access to resources

We believe in supporting our customers wherever we can. That's why we provide an extensive range of free, high-quality resources to accompany our range of qualifications.

Our resources are available free of charge and we will shortly make these resources accessible via the Virtual Campus where applicable.



FREE online Level Checker

Initial assessment is an essential part of the learning process. To help our customers, a free online Level Checker is available to OCR customers through our Interchange system.

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Marks: 4

Look at the diagram of the garden below. Write the answer in the first box and the units of measurement in the second box.

Diagram not to scale

To turf the brown area of the garden you need to order of turf.

An example from the Level Checker


The online Level Checker can be used to determine the level of a learner's ability before moving on to pinpointing specific skills gaps using the Diagnostic Assessment Tool. The Diagnostic Assessment Tool creates a personal profile that maps to the individual Cambridge Progression units that can be used to strengthen skills in these areas.

FREE Diagnostic Assessment Tool

Question 2 : Verbally explain the purposes of these texts.

to instruct to entertain to persuade to inform

Buy 3 tins of
Bob's Best Tomato Soup
Win a free holiday!
Write a sentence why you enjoy the soup.
Email to bobsbest@oc1.org



We're in the
café now.
Jill xx

Tonight's Television
6.00 – National News
6.30 – Local News
7.00 – Meet your favourite star
8.00 – Being homeless
9.00 – Classic Film Night

continued ...

Our free Diagnostic Assessment Tool can be used for English and Maths at all levels from Entry Level 1 through to Level 2. It provides a rigorous diagnostic assessment and identifies skills gaps within each level. Tutors can use this information to target the skills that their learners need, using units from the Cambridge Progression suite.

The OCR Diagnostic Assessment Tool assesses underpinning skills in both English and maths, together with the process skills that learners need to succeed on their vocational and academic programmes.

An example from the Diagnostic Assessment Tool

The paper-based version is currently available to OCR customers through our Interchange system with an online version scheduled to be available soon.

- ✓ It is free for OCR customers.
- ✓ It provides detailed information about your learners' needs, so you can target support and skills programmes to meet individual requirements.
- ✓ It maps directly to the new Cambridge Progression suite of qualifications to secure underpinning skills.
- ✓ It links directly to mandatory English and Maths programmes including Functional Skills and GCSE.
- ✓ It can also be used as a diagnostic tool for all other courses of study to identify additional learning requirements, set individual targets and guide Individual Learning Plans (ILPs).

We'd like to speak with you

We'd really like to speak with you to explain exactly how our high-quality, flexible qualifications and free resources can support your delivery within offender learning.

If you're interested in finding out more, please get in touch with our specialist Customer Liaison team who will be happy to help.

Call: **02476 851509**

Email: **customer.liaison@ocr.org.uk**

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Take a look at the new Cambridge Progression suite of qualifications

This suite of qualifications is our replacement for Basic Skills qualifications that ended in September 2012. They're **eligible for funding** and support core English and maths skills within a framework of bite-sized, credit-based units. Cambridge Progression units can be used to develop the underpinning skills needed in English and maths so that learners can progress to Functional Skills and/or GCSEs.

They come with some great features:



Short delivery, between one and four credits with 'spiky profile' achievement



Externally assessed and marked by OCR (for English some units are also centre-assessed)



Available on-screen and paper-based



Targeted to specific skills areas linked to the literacy and numeracy core curricula

The suite is comprised of the OCR Cambridge Awards/Certificates in English and Maths and ranges from Entry Level to Level 2. The next addition to the suite will be IT, which is planned for launch in 2014.

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