

Unit Title: Learning to be financially capable

OCR unit number: Unit 10 Level: Level 1

Credit value: 3
Guided learning hours: 26

Unit reference number: M/505/3845

Unit aim and purpose

This unit will provide learners with understanding of how money can be used including how it helps achieve personal aspirations, the benefits of financial services and a range of payment methods. Learners will gain knowledge of United Kingdom (UK) state benefits including the ways groups of people might gain from different UK state benefits and the consequences to an individual of getting in to debt. Learners will be able to plan and adjust a personal budget; make payments for products/services and open a financial account.

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria	Teaching Content i.e. – must be covered e.g. – suggestions for coverage
The Learner will: 1 Understand how money is used	The Learner can: 1.1 Outline different uses of money, to include: • making money • regular spending • non-essential spending • saving • borrowing • gambling 1.2 Identify financial services used by individuals	Different uses of money, i.e.: gaining money e.g. pocket money essential regular spending e.g. food non-essential spending e.g vet bills saving money e.g. ISA borrowing money e.g. mortgage gambling e.g. betting on horses Financial services e.g.: insurance protection/policies loans credit and debit cards pension schemes bank accounts (e.g. savings/current accounts, ISAs) online/telephone banking

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	 1.3 Describe aspects of financial services, to include: financial risks and rewards importance to individuals 	Financial risks, e.g.: • increases in interest rates when borrowing • unexpected change of circumstances resulting in inability to meet loan repayments
		Financial rewards, e.g.: • higher interest rates on long-term savings • secure income for retirement
		Different payment methods, e.g.:
	Describe advantages and disadvantages of different payment methods	Advantages and disadvantages of payment methods could be considered in relation to: convenience security speed/delay in payment limitations on use cost of use
	1.5 Describe how money can help achieve personal aspirations.	Personal aspirations, e.g.: learn to drive a car go on holiday become self employed Ways in which money might help, e.g.: paying for insurance deposit for a mortgage buying property and
Know about United Kingdom (UK) state financial benefits	2.1 Outline different United Kingdom (UK) state financial benefits	equipment UK state financial benefits as listed on UK government websites.
	2.2 Describe how different groups of people might gain from United Kingdom (UK) state financial benefits	Candidates should understand the difference between a benefit and an entitlement. Groups of people. e.g.: Parents (of children under 18, in education, income related)

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		 carers Ways in which people might gain from state financial benefits, e.g.: offers financial support while unemployed offers financial support for those who provide care for someone
3 Be able to plan personal spending for a week	3.1 Identify total income for one week	Learners may use their own income, realistic estimated income or income figure provided by the teacher/tutor
	3.2 Identify the cost of different items to be paid for in one week	Cost of items may be actual, based on past experience or estimated
		Items may come under headings such as: accommodation utility food travel personal care and hygiene other e.g. mobile phone
	3.3 Calculate the difference between income and expenditure	Calculations must accurately identify whether the income is sufficient or insufficient to cover expenditure
	3.4 Describe actions to help budgeting	Actions, e.g.: • identifying ways to spend less • set up regular savings • set up direct debits/standing orders • set up e-alerts or mobile alerts
4 Understand financial documents	4.1 Outline the purpose of routine financial documents	Routine financial documents, e.g.: • receipt • wage/payslip • bank statement • bill e.g. utility, mobile phone Purpose, e.g.: • to show amount paid for an

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		 item and change given to show wage/salary and any deductions to show usage and amount due
		Information, e.g.: • personal details • account number • VAT rate
	4.2 Outline the importance of information found on routine financial documents	Importance of information, e.g.: recording details checking information checking accuracy
5 Be able to carry out financial transactions	 5.1 Demonstrate making and checking payments, to include: cash debit/credit cards 	Make real or simulated payments Checking, e.g.: reviewing the amount on the display screen before entering PIN counting change reading through a receipt
		Financial accounts, e.g.: current/savings account credit/store card account e-savings account
	5.2 Research features of a financial account	Features, e.g.:
	5.3 Identify documentation required to open a financial account	Documentation required, e.g.:
6 Understand the consequences of getting into debt	6.1 Describe different ways of getting into debt	 Ways debt may arise, e.g.: spending more money than you earn gambling and losing
	6.2 Outline problems that getting into debt may cause for an individual and family	Problems of getting into debt, e.g.: • insufficient income • repossession of goods • personal wellbeing

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	6.3 Identify sources of help for people in debt	Sources of help, e.g.: Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB)/Money Advisory Service (MAS) Bank/building society Credit union/community lenders

Assessment

All units are centre-assessed and externally moderated by OCR. Centres may use the evidence booklets supplied by OCR, but these are not mandatory. Any centres choosing not to use the OCR booklets will need to produce evidence that enables candidates to meet all of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in the units. When submitting centre devised evidence to OCR an evidence checklist must be completed and attached.

When candidates complete a task, the centre assessor (usually the teacher/tutor) assesses their work. When the assessor is satisfied that the candidate has met all the requirements for a unit, they must confirm this by signing the cover of the evidence booklet (or by completing the evidence checklist) for that unit to show that the assessment process is complete.

Results will be graded Pass or Fail.

Evidence requirements

Evidence can be produced either through real work or by means of simulated activities.

In order to achieve this unit the candidate must demonstrate that they have met all of the stated learning outcomes and assessment criteria. OCR has produced specific assessment guidance for each unit which centre assessors must follow to ensure the evidence meets all the requirements of the units.

Guidance on assessment and evidence requirements

The unit content describes what has to be taught to ensure that candidates are able to access the highest grade.

Anything which follows an i.e. details what must be taught as part of that area of content.

Anything which follows an e.g. is illustrative, it should be noted that where e.g. is used, candidates must know and be able to apply relevant examples to their work though these do not need to be the same ones specified in the unit content.

You should refer to the 'Admin Guide: Vocational Qualifications (A850)' for Notes on Preventing Computer-Assisted Malpractice.

You should refer to the JCQ document: *Access Arrangements, Reasonable Adjustments and Special Consideration 2012-2013* for information on how to assist candidates with special access requirements.

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Functional skills signposting

This section indicates where candidates may have an opportunity to develop their functional skills.

Functional Skills Standards			
English		Mathematics	ICT
Speaking and Listening	V	Representing √	Use ICT √ systems
Reading	V	Analysing	Find and select information
Writing	V	Interpreting	Develop, present and communicate information

Resources

Access to sources of under-pinning knowledge such as centre teaching materials, books, journals, etc., might be of help.

Websites with free resources include:

www.teachingfc.co.uk.

http://moneysmartworld.com/

http://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/Free-online-financial-capability-resource-KS1-5-6037945/

However candidates are not expected to reproduce other people's written work.

The following resources are available on the OCR website www.ocr.org.uk:

- Unit specification
- Candidate evidence booklets, evidence checklists and assessment guidance for each unit
- Worked examples of tasks from evidence booklets
- Employability Skills Glossary
- Employability Skills support pack
- Tutor Support Sheet Skills and attributes
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Introduction for Tutors in the evidence booklet
- Administration documents: Submission Cover Sheet, internal standardisation form

Additional information

For further information regarding administration for this qualification, please refer to the OCR document 'Admin Guide: Vocational Qualifications' (A850) on the OCR website www.ocr.org.uk.

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