

Level 2 learning



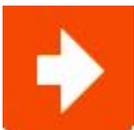
For young people and adults not in compulsory education.



The level of skill regarded as the foundation for employability and lifelong learning is described as level 2. It includes written and spoken communication, how to use IT and maths at work and at home and 'soft skills' such as working with others. These skills are usually referred to as basic or functional skills, key skills or skills for life; they also include foundation learning at level 2 and some vocational qualifications. The government currently funds some level 2 programmes but this will change in 2013. English and maths programmes at level 2 will still be free for everyone and if you are aged 19-24 your first level 2 vocational qualification is also free. All other learning at level 2 will be paid for by the learner.



Connexions Direct, for young people aged 13-19, offers telephone, email and SMS contact. Tel: 080 800 13219 or visit <https://www2.cxdirect.com/telephone.htm>. Contact the local library and ask for adult education courses or look out for information on local notice boards. The Next Step directory may include some courses <http://nextstep.direct.gov.uk> or call 0800-100 900, 8am-10pm, 7 days. In the workplace, ask a Unionlearn representative, the human resources department or your line manager or employer what is available.



- The 'You can do it' leaflet can help people with mental health conditions think about the benefits of learning and skills. 'Should I say?' supports people to decide whether to declare a mental health condition at enrolment or during their course. Download leaflets here [XXXX](#)
- Declaration of a mental health problem triggers learning support, extra funding to meet additional learning needs.
- Level 2 programmes can be accessed online or face-to-face. Learndirect offer a range at <http://learndirect.co.uk> and can signpost you to local Learndirect centres for more help.

