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To: Head of Centres within all Post Primary Schools, FE Colleges and Training Centres

For circulation to: Teachers of Essential Skills Communication/Application of Number and Essential Skills Co-ordinators and Examination Officers

Revised CCEA Level 1 and 2 Certificates in Essential Skills - Communication and Application of Number

For first teaching in September 2016

Due to the revision of Essential Skills Levels 1 and 2 in Communication and Application of Number the following points should be carefully noted:

1. New learners from 1 September 2016

- All new learners taking Essential Skills Communication or Application of Number, from 1 September 2016, must follow the revised specification.
- The examinations for the Revised Essential Skills Communication and Application of Number will be available in four series in each year. The first opportunity for assessment will be January 2017.
- These examinations will be externally set and marked by CCEA. Further information regarding the conduct of examinations, entries and administration will follow in the new academic year 2016-2017.

2. Legacy Essential Skills in Application of Number and Communication

- Existing Essential Skills learners who have already started the legacy qualification may complete their course but must be entered with CCEA on or before **31 August 2016**. CCEA cannot accept entries after this date for the legacy qualification.
- If a learner was previously entered for the legacy qualification but the outcome was adjusted and the centre wants to resubmit this learner's evidence, then they must be entered with CCEA **on or before 31 August 2016**. (This includes any adjusted outcomes from the May 2016 series which are to be resubmitted.)

3. Direct Claims

- Direct Claims will continue for Essential Skills Literacy and Numeracy (Entry Level) and ICT.
- Direct Claims for Legacy Essential Skills Communication and Application of Number can be applied but only if entries are submitted to CCEA before **31 August 2016**.
- Direct Claims will not be available for the Revised Specifications in Application of Number and Communication.

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