

Why do you need English and Maths at Level 2?

All apprentices working at higher or degree level will require a level 2 qualification in order to progress through and ultimately achieve their apprenticeship.

If you would like to apply to become a Police Constable apprentice but are unable to evidence your qualifications, you should first speak to your school or examination board about obtaining new certificates as proof of attainment.

If you do not have level 2 functional skills or GCSE Maths and/or English, you can obtain these by approaching a functional skills training provider to find out what courses they are running which will allow you to attend training sessions (face to face or online), take the exam and then be in a position to continue with your application to the PCDA apprenticeship.

Within the Thames Valley region there are a number of local Further Education colleges that run regular courses. There are also some that offer learning online (the exam will need to be invigilated at a training centre).

Some suggestions on where to find more information are below. The BBC also offer good resources to access and support your development - <https://www.bbc.com/teach/skillswise>.

Online courses

Runway Training – online training provider

<https://runwaytraining.co.uk/category/functional-skills-for-individuals/>

FE Colleges in Thames Valley offering regular courses/evening classes

Bucks College Group

<https://www.buckscollegegroup.ac.uk/maths-and-english>

Abingdon & Witney College

<http://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/oal/english-maths-esol/>

Windsor Forest Colleges Group

<https://www.windsor-forest.ac.uk/courses/foundation-programmes/383-foundation-learning/5425-functional-skills-adult-maths-level-2.html>

Funding

Some courses will be fully funded, you will need to speak to the individual training providers to understand what costs might be involved or whether the programme will be funded by the Government through the Adult Education Budget.