

# Guide to Initial Assessment for Accredited Courses (courses that lead to a qualification)

Before you start  
your course

## What would you like to study?

Contact your local CLAS centre for information, advice and guidance.

Accredited courses are offered at different levels of difficulty.

Too difficult

Too easy

Once you have decided on the **right subject to study**, we need to help you find your **starting point**. This is so we can match you to the right level of course and make sure you're on the **right track**.

## 1. Initial Assessment

An initial assessment is the first part of finding your starting point. **This will help guide you to the right level.**

**We will support you** to take an initial assessment online or a paper version. We will chat to you about your previous experience. For GCSE, we will also discuss with you the demands of the course to help arrive at the best decision.

## 2. Diagnostic Assessment

For English, maths and digital courses, the online diagnostic assessment will give you access to a **fantastic range of on-line home-learning resources** to match your own needs and **help you make even better progress.**

A diagnostic is the second part of the assessment and gives more information on finding the right level. It also helps show what you **already know** about the content of your course and **where you can improve**. You can use this information to set targets to help you make **good progress** in your learning.

The right course  
and level for you  
at this time