

Skills for Life (RQF) – What’s new?

Reading and Writing

- Now take place on [25 set dates](#) across the academic year 2017/18
- Up to three sessions on each set date
- Deadline to book Reading and Writing exams shortened to 21 days
- Simplified booking process for Reading and Writing
- Minimum **fees** for each Reading or Writing exam session equivalent to 10 x Level 2 exam papers
- Resits can now be booked as soon as candidate results have been received
- Duration of Study (Total qualification time) – see exam [Specifications](#) for more information

Speaking and listening

- From 1 December 2017 candidates **cannot bring mobile phones, laptops or other devices into the Speaking and Listening exam room** to support Task 1. Candidate’s mobile phones, laptops and other devices must remain outside of the exam room at all times.
- From 1 December 2017 candidates **must bring their photograph or picture (or presentation outline at Level 2) as a printout or paper copy**. This is to comply with Trinity security regulations and to improve efficiency with a standardised approach.

Examiners should check at the beginning of the session that the centre is aware that only hard copies of pictures (Entry 1 to Level 1) and presentation notes (Level 2) are permitted. If candidates have their material in digital format, the centre must print them out before the candidates start their exam.

If it is not possible to provide hard copies of the candidates’ pictures, Entry 1 to Level 1 exams cannot proceed. At Level 2, the exam can take place without presentation notes.

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