

# Basic Skills Screener

a first-stage assessment in basic skills

## What is Basic Skills Screener?

*Basic Skills Screener* provides the first stage in assessing literacy and numeracy skills. It tells you whether a learner is competent at level 2 of the National Standards in Literacy and Numeracy, or working at or below that level. *Basic Skills Screener* meets LSC requirements for the initial identification of basic skills needs.

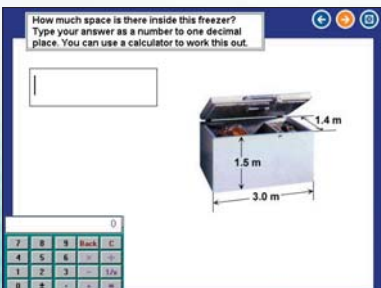


## How does it work?

*Basic Skills Screener* provides short (only 15 minutes), easy-to-use assessments in literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy. Each assessment consists of 24 questions, set at levels 1 and 2 of the national standards. If a learner is finding the questions too difficult, the assessment will terminate after five wrong answers.

The final score tells you the learner's overall level of literacy or numeracy in one of four categories from Entry level to level 2:

- working at Entry level
- competent at Entry level and working towards level 1
- competent at level 1
- competent at level 2



You can then decide, depending on the learner's learning plans, whether further, more detailed assessment of literacy or numeracy is required.

## Viewing results

On-screen feedback to learners at the end of the assessment can be customised to meet the needs of the local provider and their clients.

Learners' scores are stored in a database and can be viewed for individuals and groups by using simple search criteria. Data can also be exported to other systems. It can be delivered in outreach centres via a laptop, and scores downloaded to the centrally-held database.

## Who developed Basic Skills Screener?

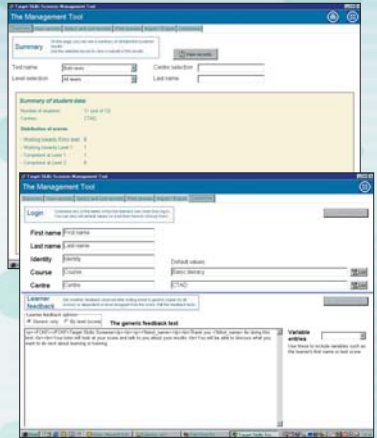
CTAD is a leading developer of adult literacy and numeracy resources, with a commitment to reaching new learners through ICT. *Basic Skills Screener* has been produced in partnership with ASE (a division of NFER-Nelson), national experts in assessment.

## What computer skills are required?

The software is mouse-driven by clicking on buttons. Learners need to know how to use a mouse to point and click to select an item. They need basic keyboard skills to log in to the program and to type answers to questions. In all cases, the required answers are numbers.

## How can I find out more?

For more information, or to place an order, please contact CTAD's sales team at the address below.



In order to run *Basic Skills Screener* you will need:

### Multimedia computer

- PC or laptop, Pentium® II or better (MMX recommended)
- 20 Mb of free disc space
- 64 Mb RAM
- CD drive (12 speed recommended)
- SVGA monitor min. 800 × 600, 16-bit colour
- Printer
- Keyboard and mouse

### Software

- Windows® 98, WindowsNT® 4 or higher

The higher the machine specification, the better the program will run.



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