



MULTIPLY

Fully funded government scheme

What is Multiply?

Multiply is a fully funded government scheme that offers maths courses to adults aged 19 and over. It is available to individuals who do not have a maths level 2 qualification or equivalent (GCSE grade C equivalent).

The course aims to boost numeracy skills in work and daily life. They range from drop-in sessions to longer intensive courses.

You can work with local authorities or providers to design numeracy courses that are specific and relevant to your business.

Multiply will be available until the end of March 2025.

What is the cost?

All courses and offers included in the scheme are fully funded by the government.

Courses can be delivered flexibly to limit pressures on any existing commitments you may have as an employer.

Why do we need Multiply?

The majority of employers see the importance of numeracy skills, although there is slightly less importance placed on numeracy skills than literacy or digital.

In the 2019 ESS, up to 57% of employers noted lack of skilled staff preventing them from expanding or taking up new services / working practices.

83% of employers who provide public-funded basic skills training do so as a benefit to staff; less than half said the training was implemented to reduce waste and low productivity; and only 20% said the training was offered specifically as a result of skills deficiencies in the labour market).

Multiply could complement existing employer basic numeracy training or encourage the two thirds who don't provide basic training to do so.

What will Multiply do?

Through Multiply, we want to boost people's confidence and ability to use maths and numbers effectively in daily life, at home and work. This includes helping people attain a formal qualification to open doors to new jobs, career progression and/or further study.

All adults who need to improve their numeracy (up to and including level 2 or equivalent) will be able to access free flexible courses and initiatives that fit around their lives.

How will Multiply benefit my business?

Multiply courses can:

- Increase employee confidence with numbers and help them address their numeracy skills at work
- Reduce numeracy related mistakes at work, and boost productivity, increase profits and improve employee retention
- Motivate employees to pursue different forms of training that may benefit the business in the future

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL



What's next?

Multiply does not require a work placement and you do not need to contribute to the training.

You may need to encourage your employees to participate.

Your employees can take a short quiz to assess their numeracy skills and help them find the right course for them.

Need more info?

Contact:
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Visit:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiply-funding-available-to-improve-numeracy-skills