

AQA FINANCIAL FUTURES

Guide for learners



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Purpose

This guide is for learners who are using AQA Financial Futures.

It explains how to get started, find and complete your learning, take assessments and download any certificates available to you.

It is designed to help you use the platform confidently and independently, while also showing you where to get support if you need it.

Short videos summarising some of the key features of AQA Financial Futures are available at [AQA Financial Futures](#).

Before you start

You will need access to a device with an up-to-date web browser (Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge are recommended) and a reliable internet connection. Financial Futures can be accessed on any device, but assessments must be completed on a screen 10 inches or bigger.

You will be sent an email to your school email address. Please check your inbox or junk email for a message from: noreply@aqafinancialfutures.co.uk

If you are unable to locate the email, speak to your teacher.

The lessons contain audio, so you will need headphones when you use Financial Futures in a classroom.

Checklist before starting:

- ✓ Check the internet connection is working normally.
- ✓ Check you have received an email from noreply@aqafinancialfutures.co.uk
- ✓ Check you have headphones before use in a classroom.

Registering in the system

You will receive a username and one-time password by email. The password is valid for 30 days. The email will come from noreply@aqafinancialfutures.co.uk.

Please check your junk mail if this is not in your inbox.

Signing in

The welcome email from noreply@aqafinancialfutures.co.uk looks like this:

Hello Sarah ,

Welcome to the AQA Financial Futures Teaching and Learning Platform! We're excited to support your learning journey.

You can log in using the link below:

[Log in to AQA Financial Futures](#)

Your login details:

- **Username:** sjones1234@yopmail.com
- **Temporary password:** tp1\$44s!

Please note:

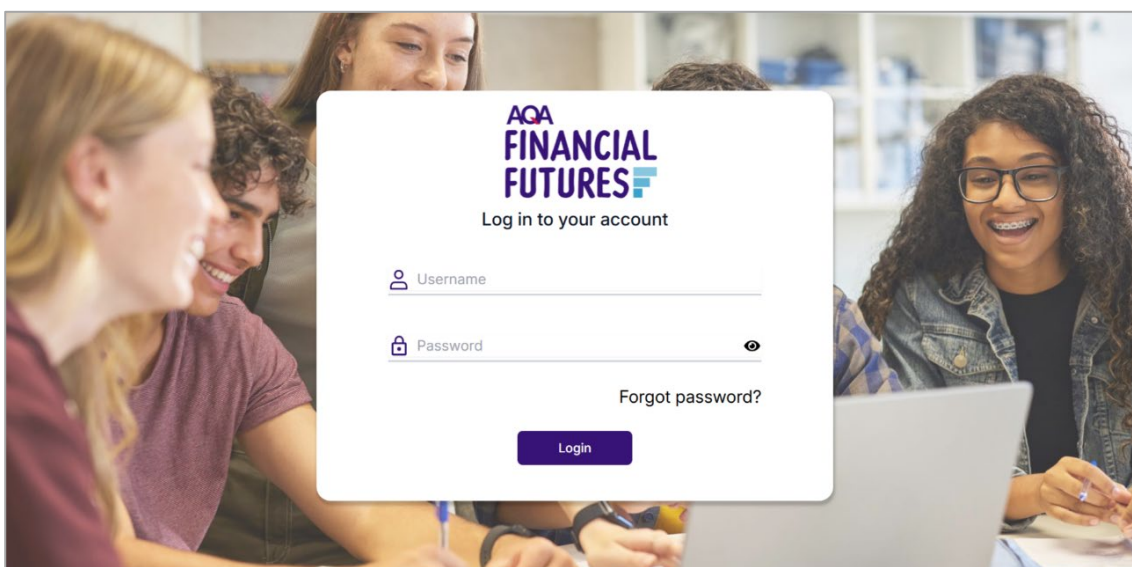
- This password is valid for 30 days.
- You'll be prompted to set a new password when you first log in.

Happy learning!

Thank you,
The AQA Financial Futures Team

Step 1: Follow the link from the email and enter your username and one-time password from the email, then select Login.

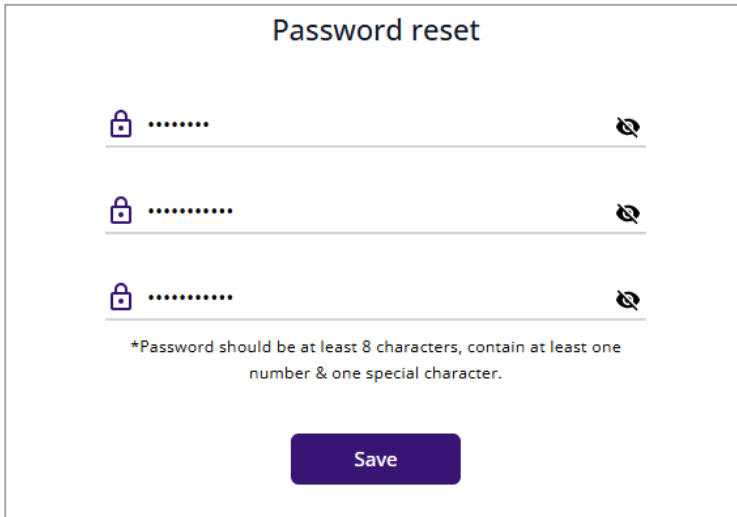
Alternatively, you can access the Financial Futures learner login page at:
<https://www.aqafinancialfutures.co.uk/>



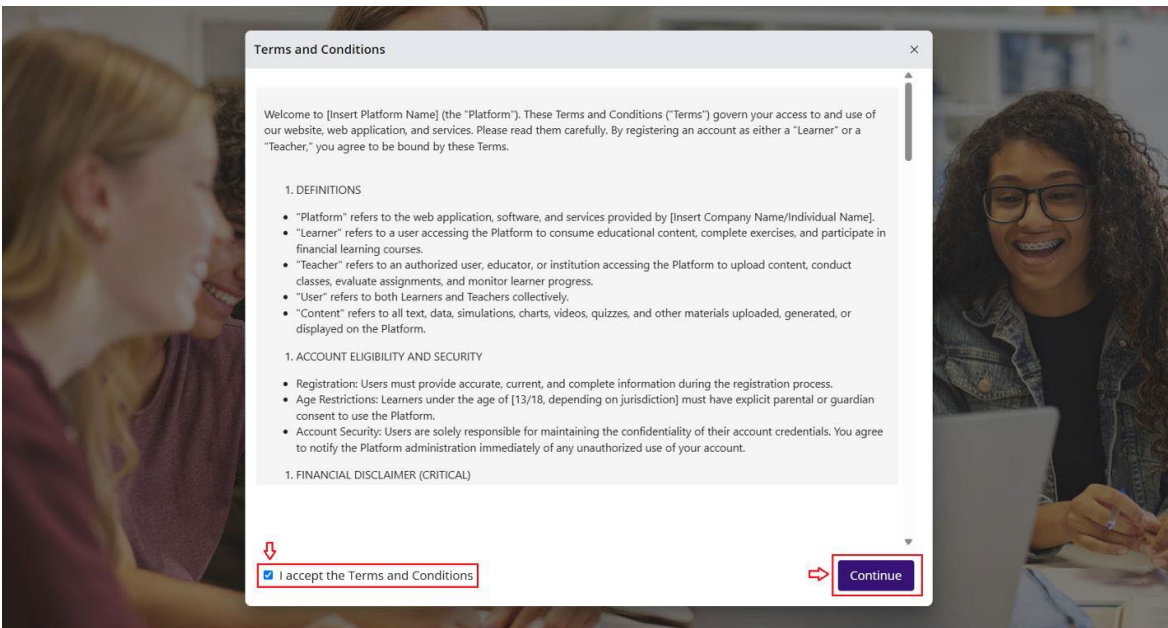
Step 2: On the Password Reset page, enter the one-time password from the email as the current password.

Step 3: Create and confirm your new password. It must contain at least eight characters, one number and one special character, for example Alpha22!

Step 4: Select Save and sign in with your new password.



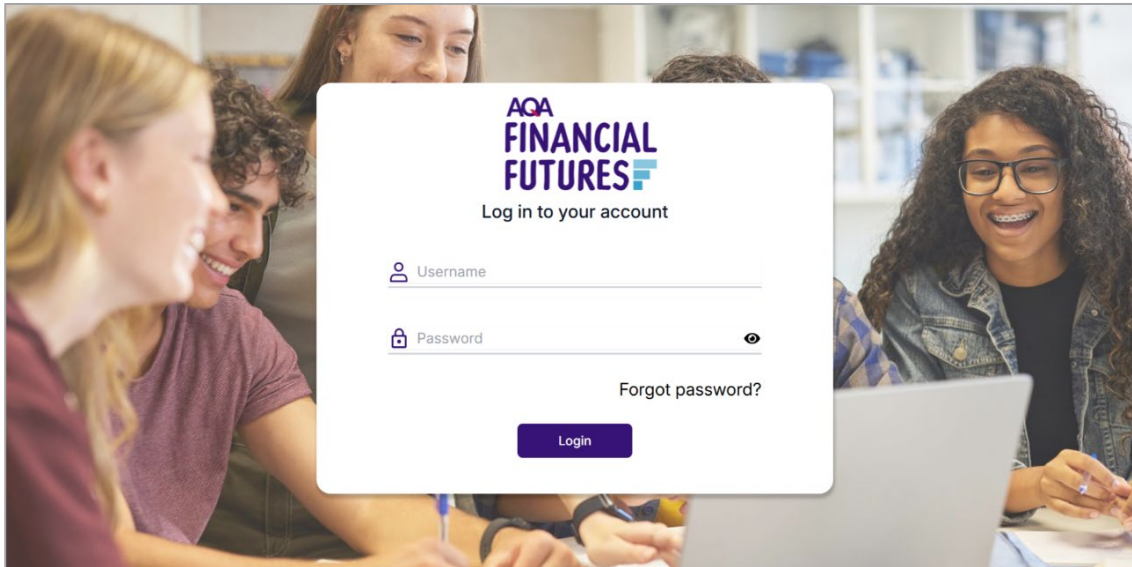
Step 5: Review and accept the Terms and Conditions, then select Continue.



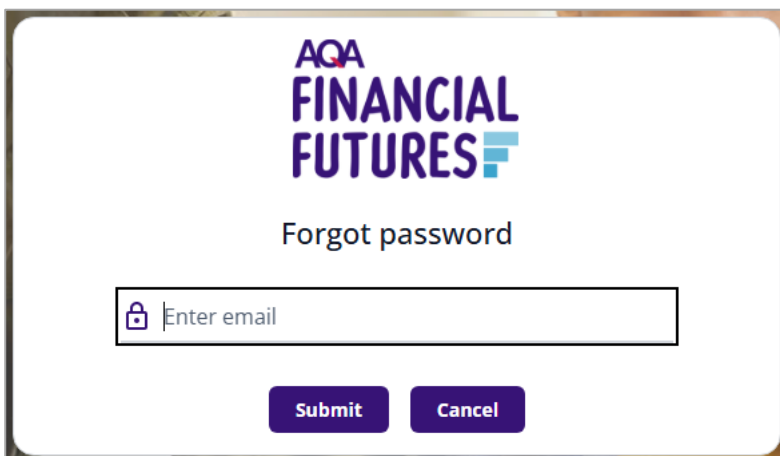
Forgotten password

If you forget your password, please follow these steps:

Step 1: On the login page, select Forgot password?



Step 2: Enter the email address registered to your Financial Futures account and select Submit.



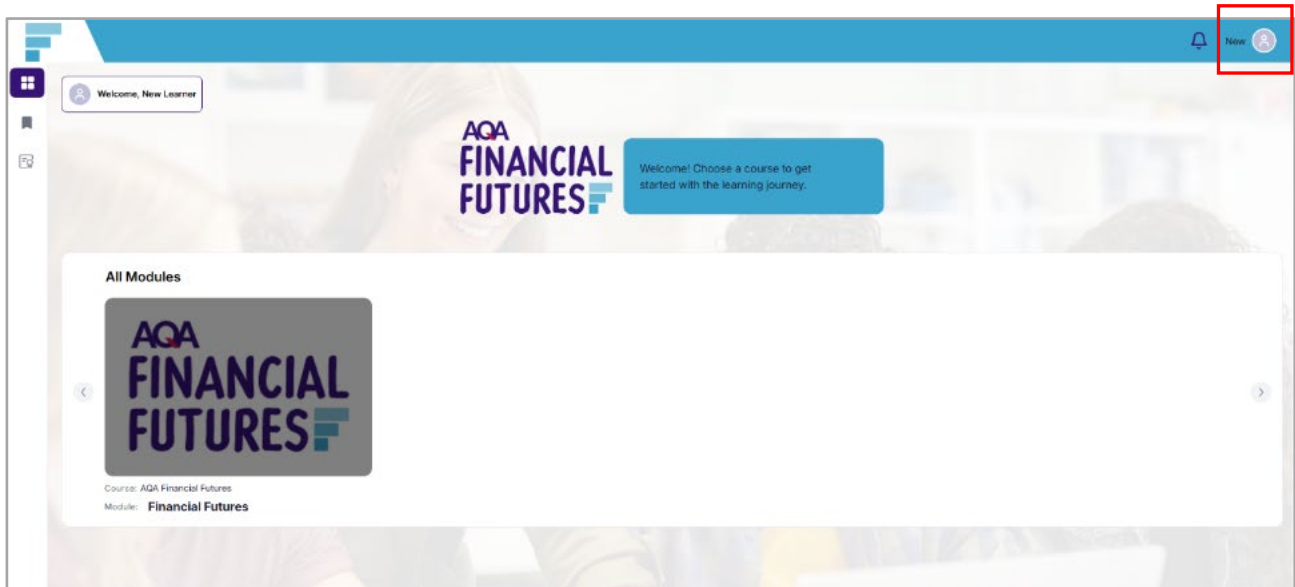
Step 3: Check your inbox and junk or spam folder for the reset email. If it does not arrive, speak to your teacher.

Step 4: Follow the instructions in the email. Return to the login page and enter the new temporary password then create and confirm your new password. It must contain at least eight characters, one number and one special character, for example Alpha22!

Finding your way around

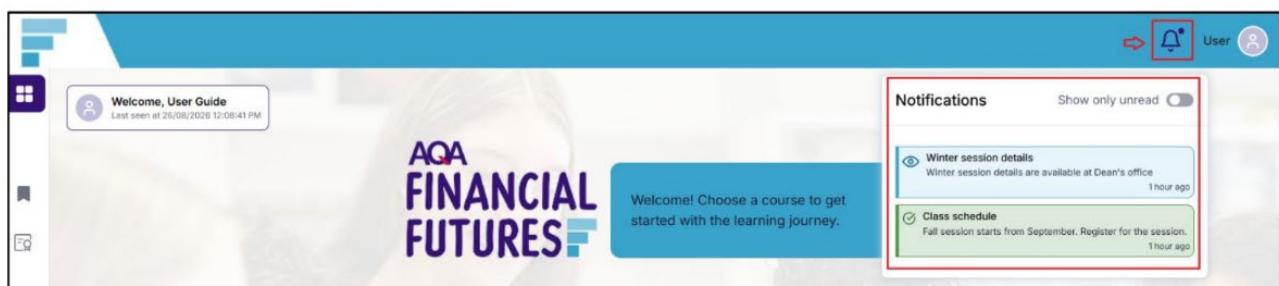
After signing in, you will see your Dashboard where you can access your assigned modules, in-progress learning, assessments and notifications.

Your learner profile will appear in the upper right corner of the screen. You can select the Profile icon  to view and edit your profile information or sign out. The platform also provides profile editing options, including an avatar and editable personal information.



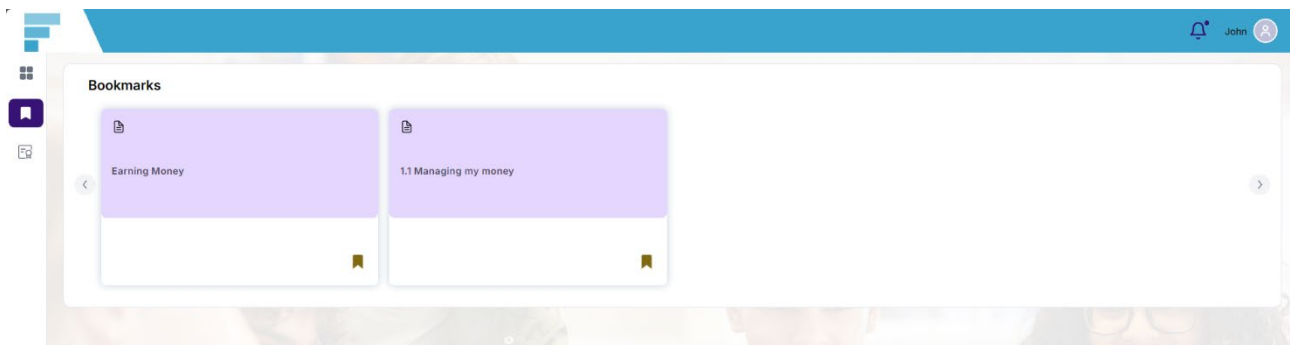
Notifications

You can select the **Notifications** icon  to view messages and announcements from your teacher. Notifications will show the message title, a brief description and the date and time received.



Bookmarks

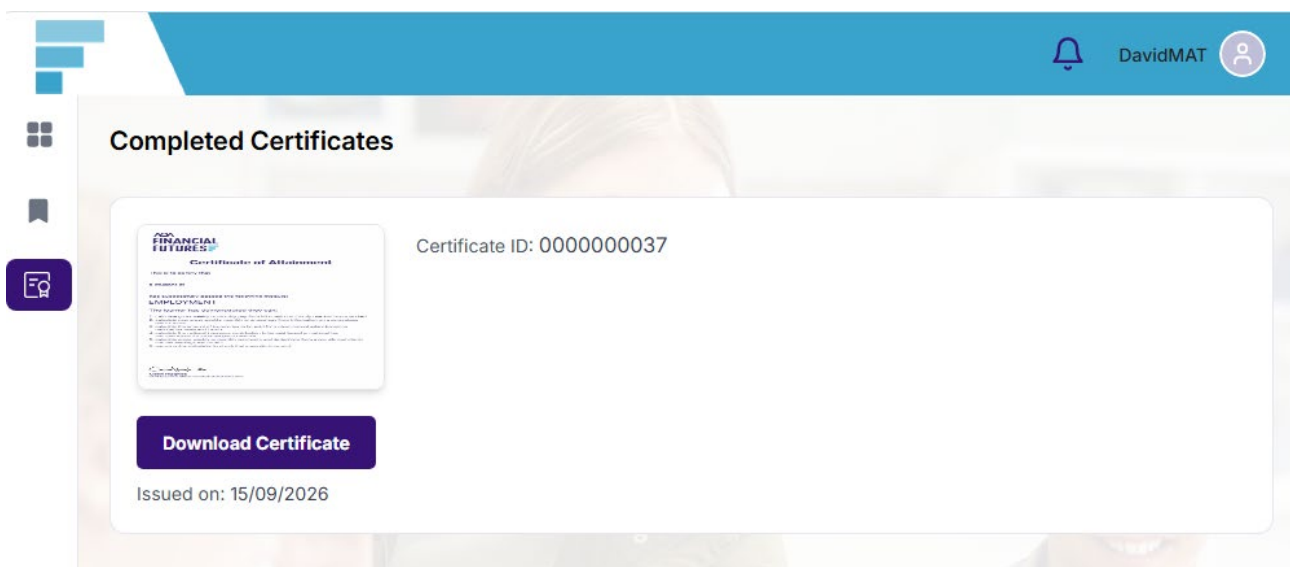
You can also access learning content you have saved for quick access and this will be displayed in the Bookmarks area. [See Creating bookmarks.](#)



Certificates

You can access any certificates available for completed learning, where applicable.

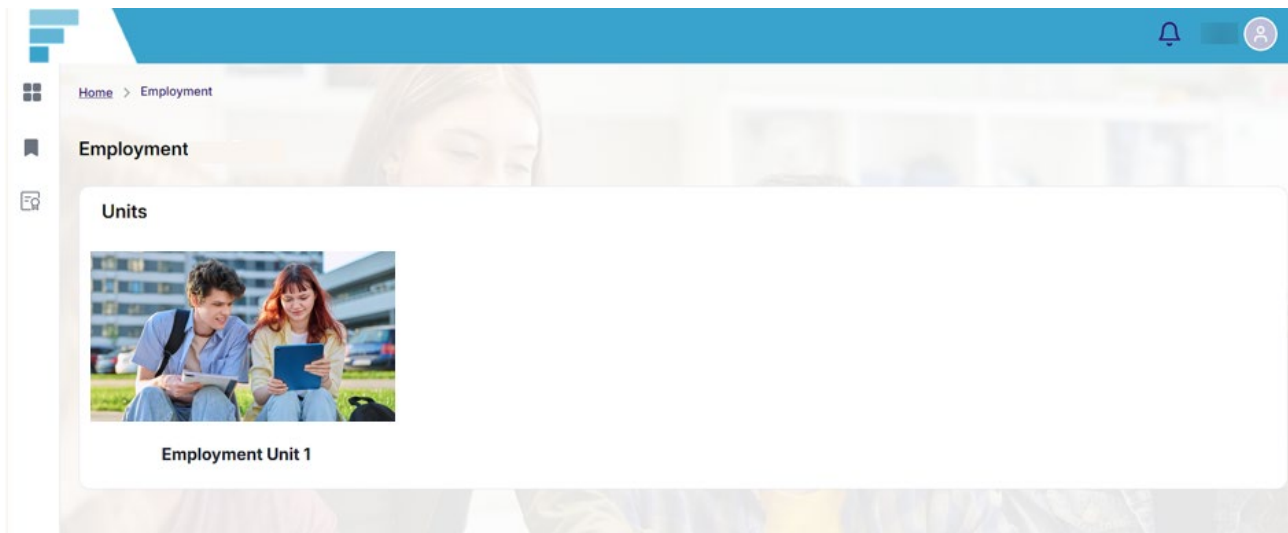
[See Accessing certificates.](#)



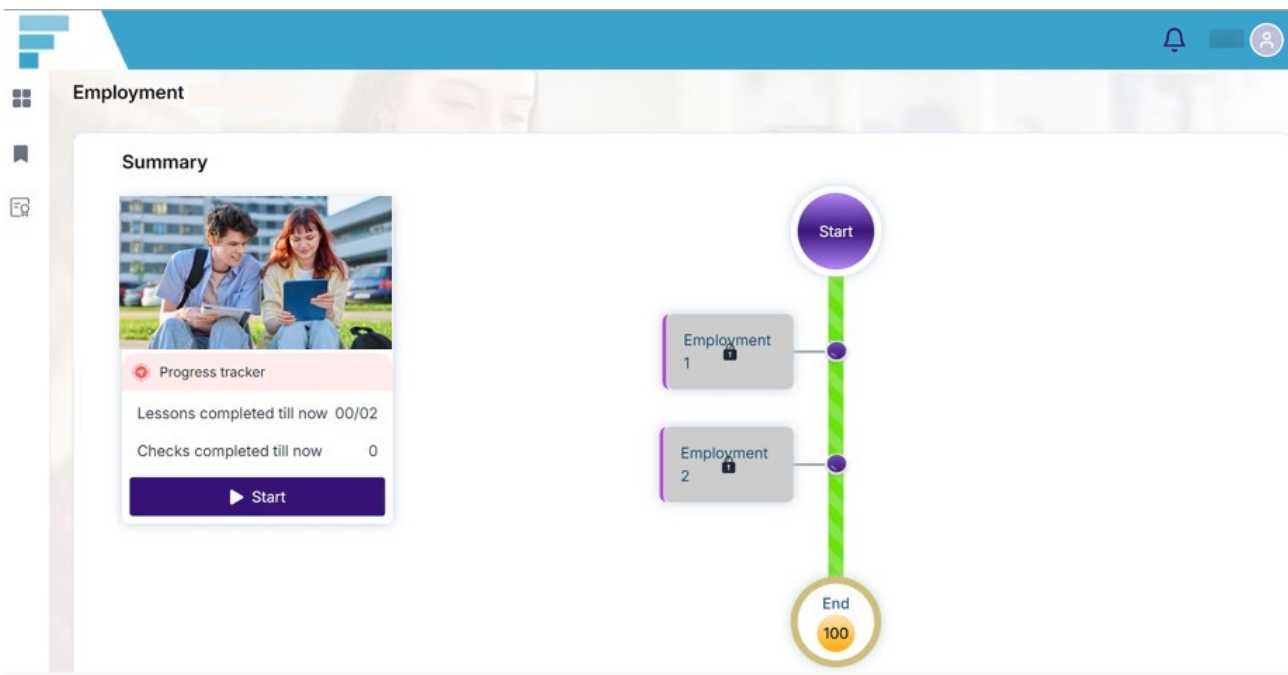
Starting or continuing learning

Step 1: From the Dashboard, select the module assigned to you from the All Modules area of the screen. Any modules you have previously started will be visible in the Continue Learning area.

Step 2: Select a unit to open the learning path.

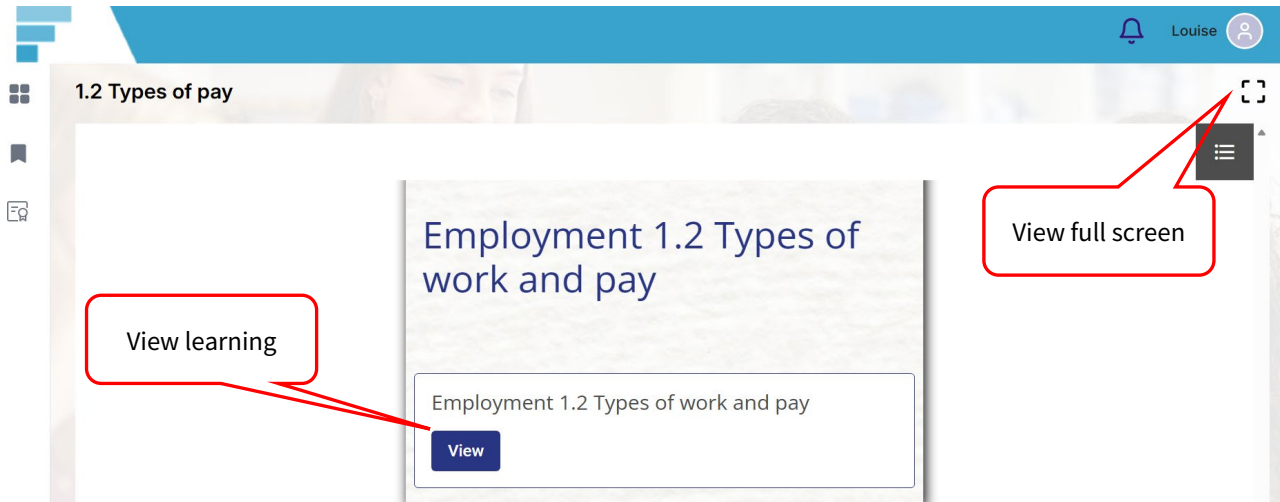


Step 3: Select Start to begin or Resume to continue from your previous learning point.

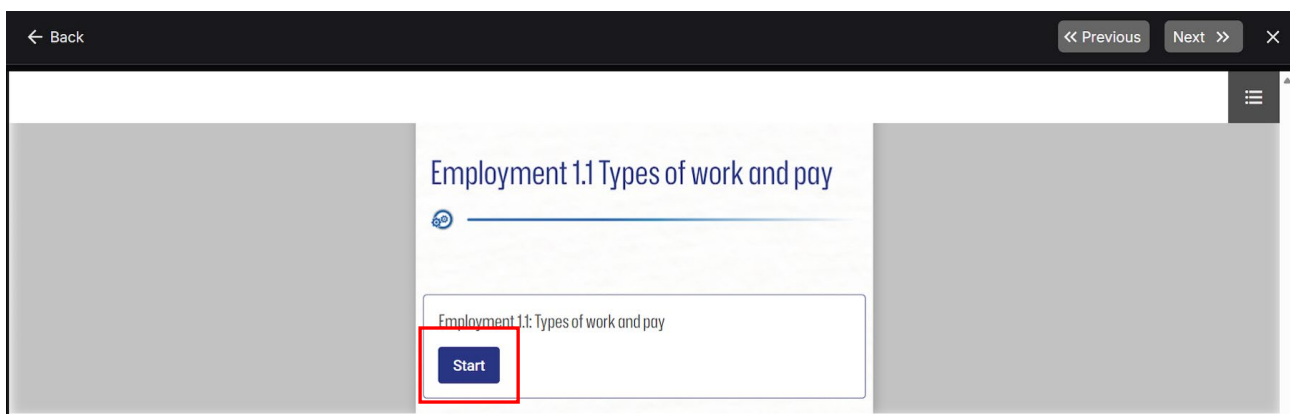


Step 4: Select View when prompted as you work through the learning content and follow the on-screen instructions and complete each activity.

You can use full-screen or online content view.

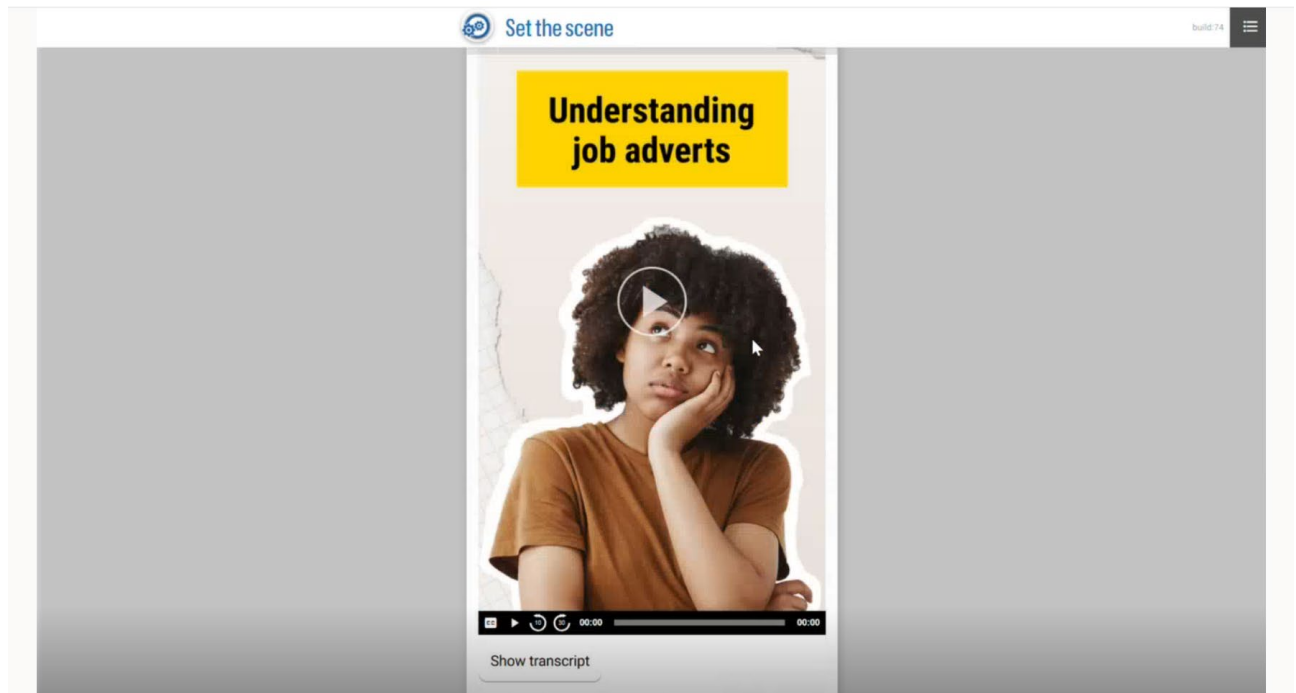


Select Start once the lesson opens.

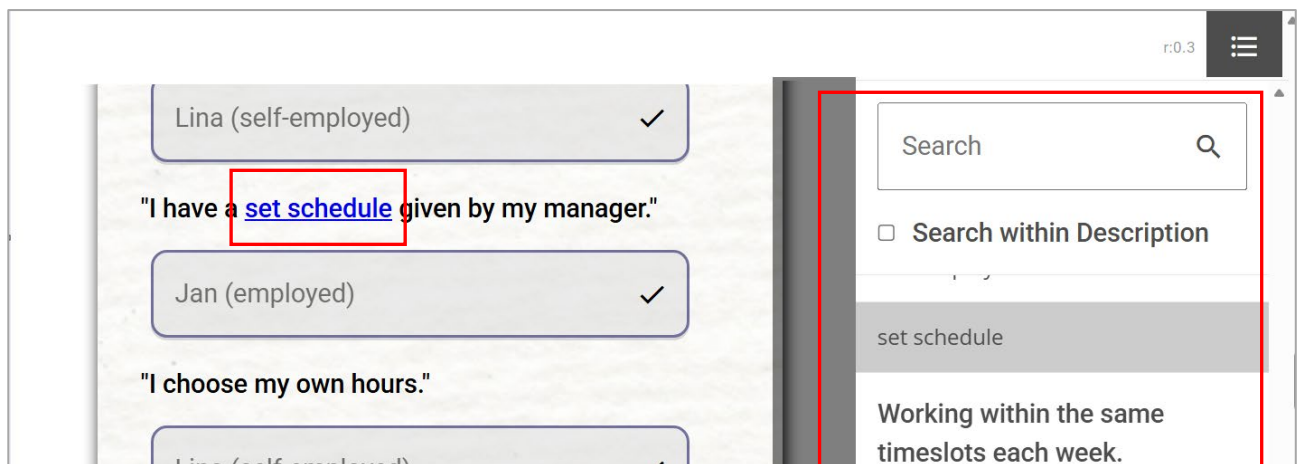


Learning modules may include videos, activities, knowledge and progress checks. Follow the instructions shown within each lesson.

- Read, watch or complete the activity on the page.
- Answer any knowledge-check questions and select the on-screen Submit option when shown.
- Review any feedback provided.
- Complete each lesson. At the end of each lesson the Next button becomes available.
- Continue until you reach the end of the learning path or module.
- Your teacher will let you know if you are ready to take the assessment.

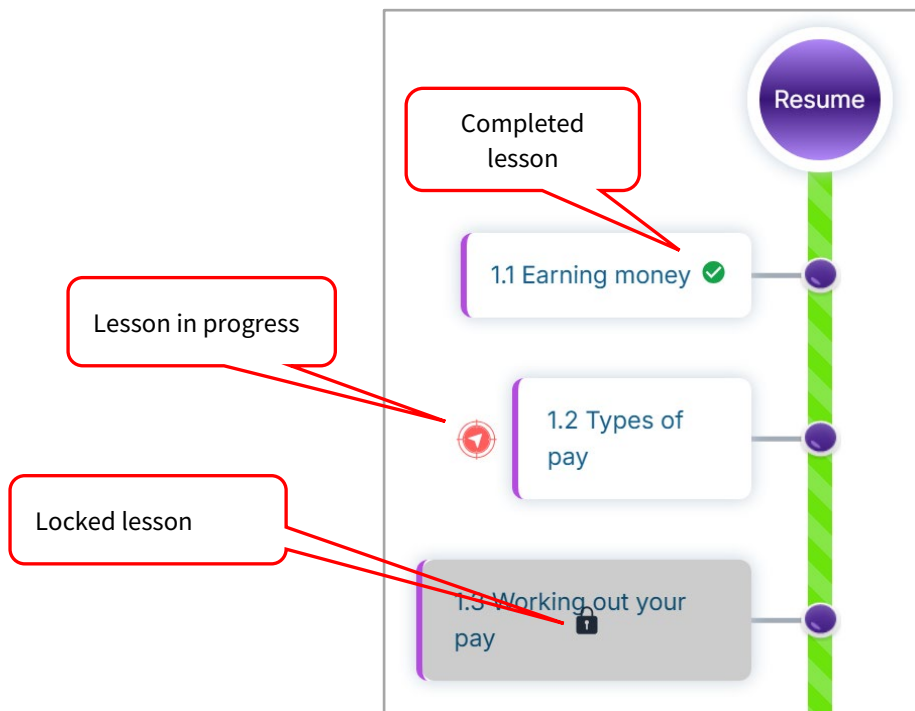


Select words in blue to open a glossary of useful phrases.



The Summary screen for each module shows your learning path and is a useful way to track your progress and access course modules and units.

- The learning path shows completed lessons, and your current lesson. A locked lesson cannot be opened until the previous lesson is completed.
- Complete each lesson to unlock the next one.
- You can use full-screen or online content view.



Completing an assessment

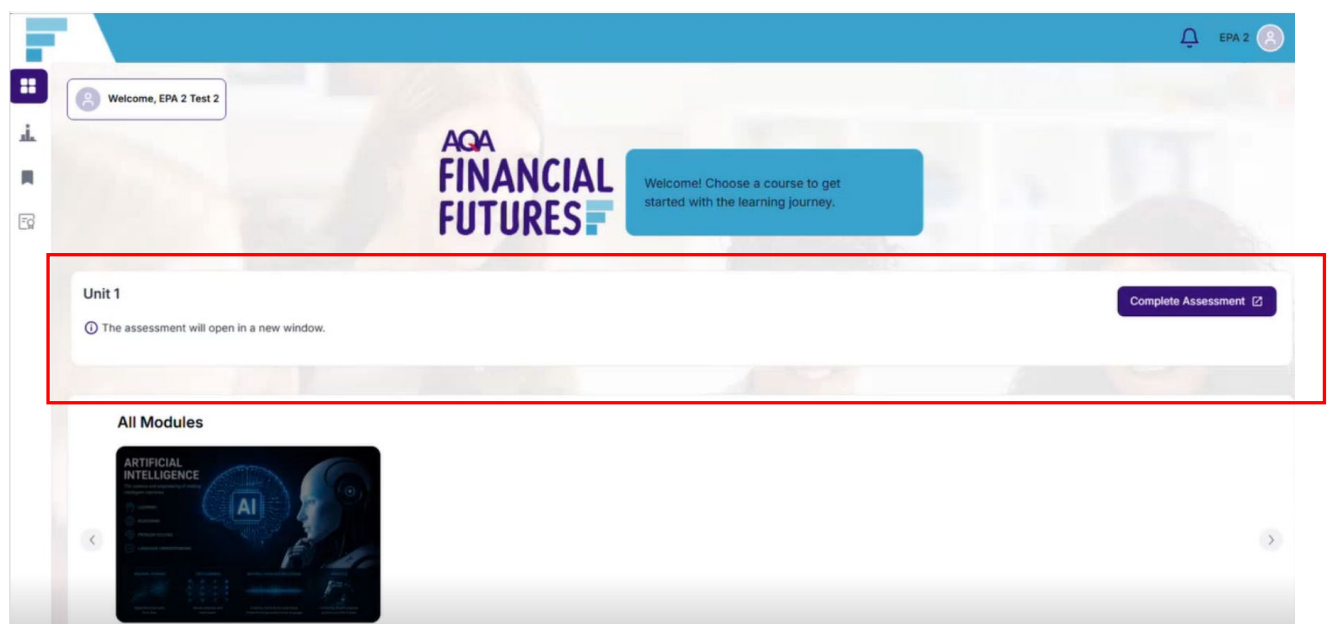
Once you have completed your learning, your teacher will tell you whether you are ready to take the assessment.

The assessment should be taken on a screen 10 inches or bigger e.g. a tablet, laptop or desktop PC. There is no time limit, but questions can't be revisited so don't move on until you are happy with your answer.

You can use your own calculator for the assessment and a calculator is also available within the assessment.

Step 1: On the Dashboard, select Complete Assessment.

It is important to keep the Financial Futures webpage open while completing the assessment unless your teacher tells you otherwise.



Step 2: The assessment will open in a new browser window. Follow the on-screen instructions and complete each question in the assessment. Select Next after you complete each question.

Question: 1

Test: AQA Work Employment

The question will show here

Notepad

Calculator

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Close all open tools

Next >

Step 3: Submit the assessment by selecting Finish Test. You will be asked to confirm you want to complete the assessment. Once confirmed, you will not be able to return to the assessment.

Question: 18

Test: AQA Work Employment

Erik works at Power-Up Gym.
This is his payslip.

Company Name		Employee Name		Date
Power-up Gym		Erik Kane		31/01/26
National Insurance No.	Tax Code	Pay Method	Period	
QQ 12 34 56 A	1257L	BACS	Month 10	
Payments		Deductions		
Basic pay		PAYE Income Tax		
Additional Pay:		National Insurance		
Overtime		Student Loan		
Benefit in Kind		Pension (5%)		
Bonus				
Commission				
Total payments		Total deductions		
		Net Pay		

Online pay calculator

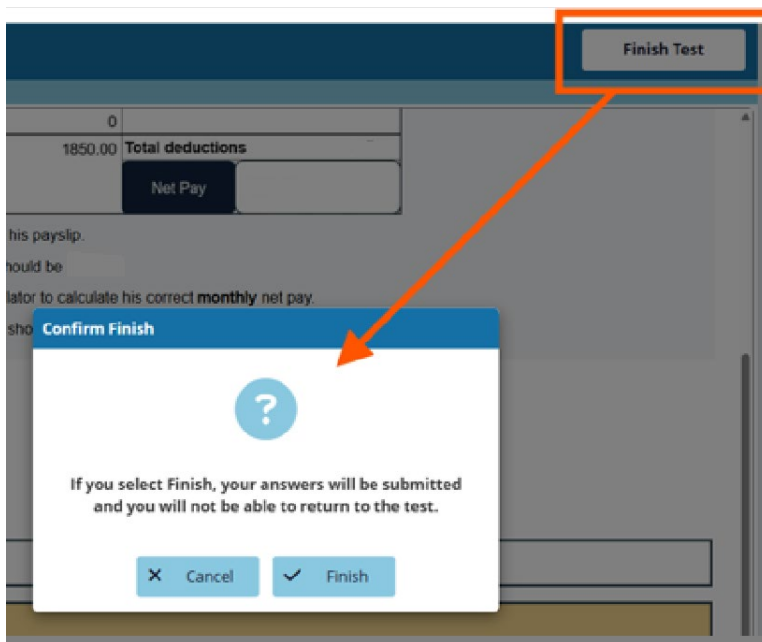
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Close all open tools

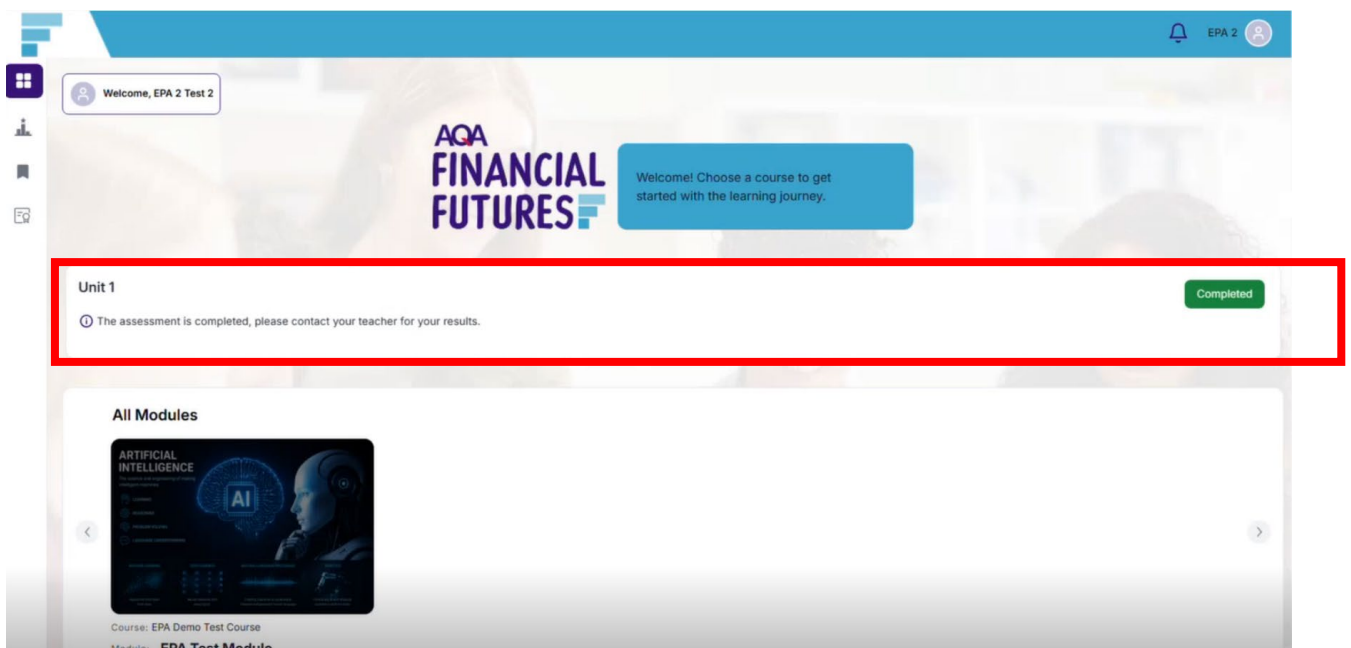
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Finish Test

Step 4: When the results message confirms completion, close the assessment browser window.



Step 5: When you return to the Dashboard, the assessment status will have changed to Completed. Please speak to your teacher to find out your assessment result.



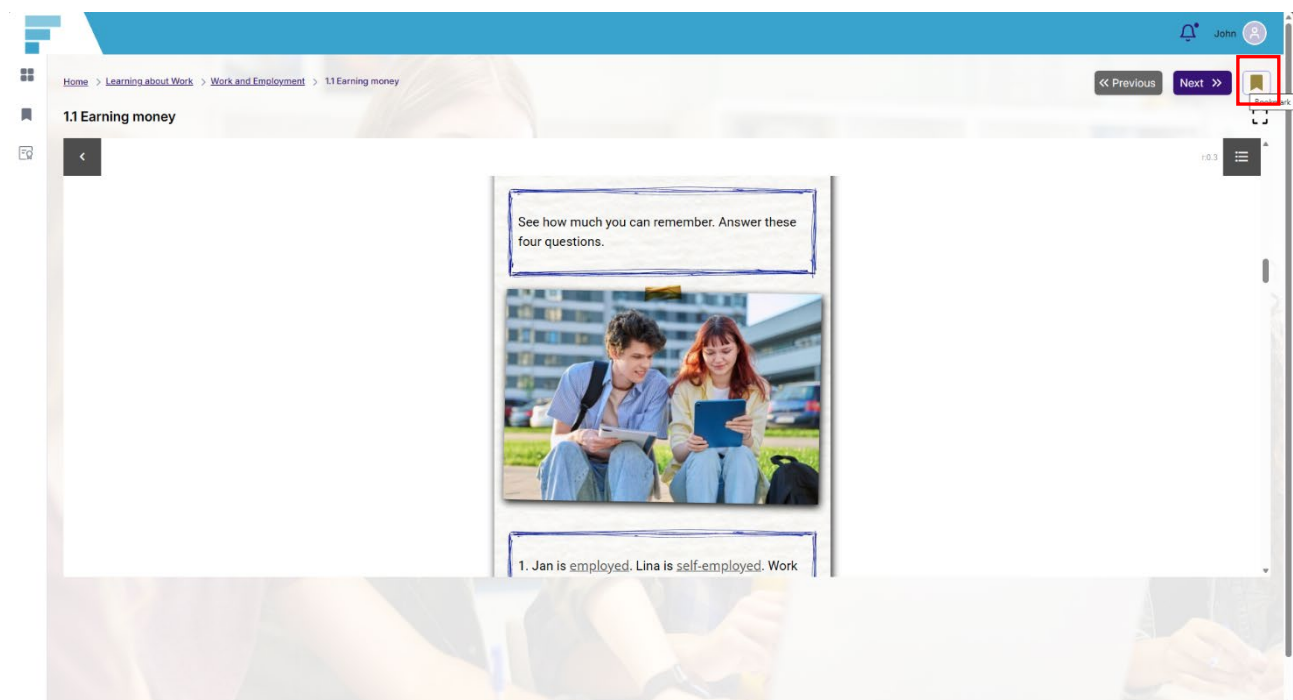
Creating bookmarks

You can save useful content as you work through your modules by selecting the Bookmark icon in the upper-right corner of the page. The information will be available in the Bookmarks section of the Dashboard.

Save a bookmark

Step 1: While viewing learning content, select the Bookmark icon  from the top right hand side of the screen

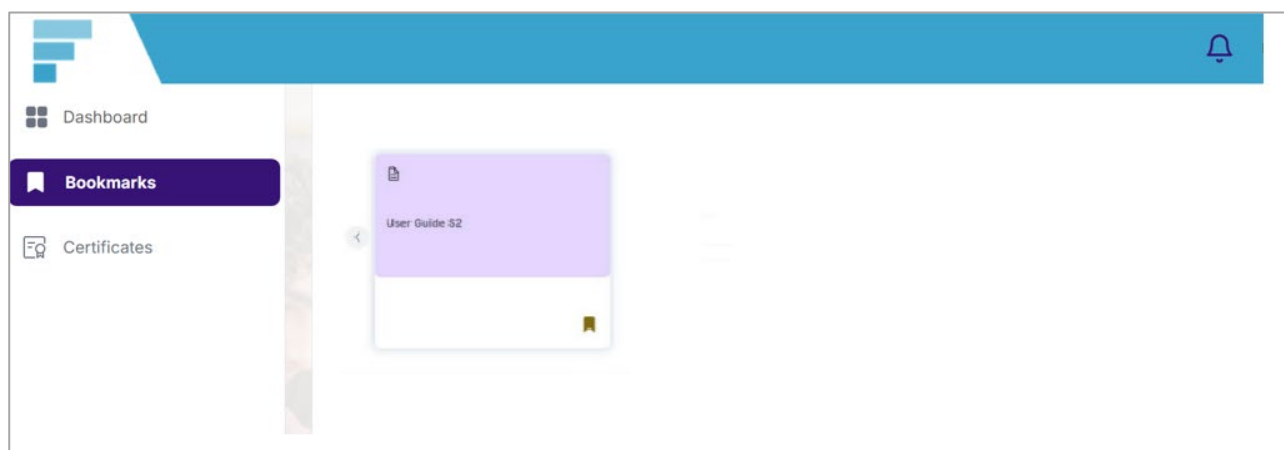
Step 2: When the success message appears, select OK.



Opening saved content

Step 1: Select Bookmarks from the left-hand menu on the Dashboard.

Step 2: Select the content you wish to open.

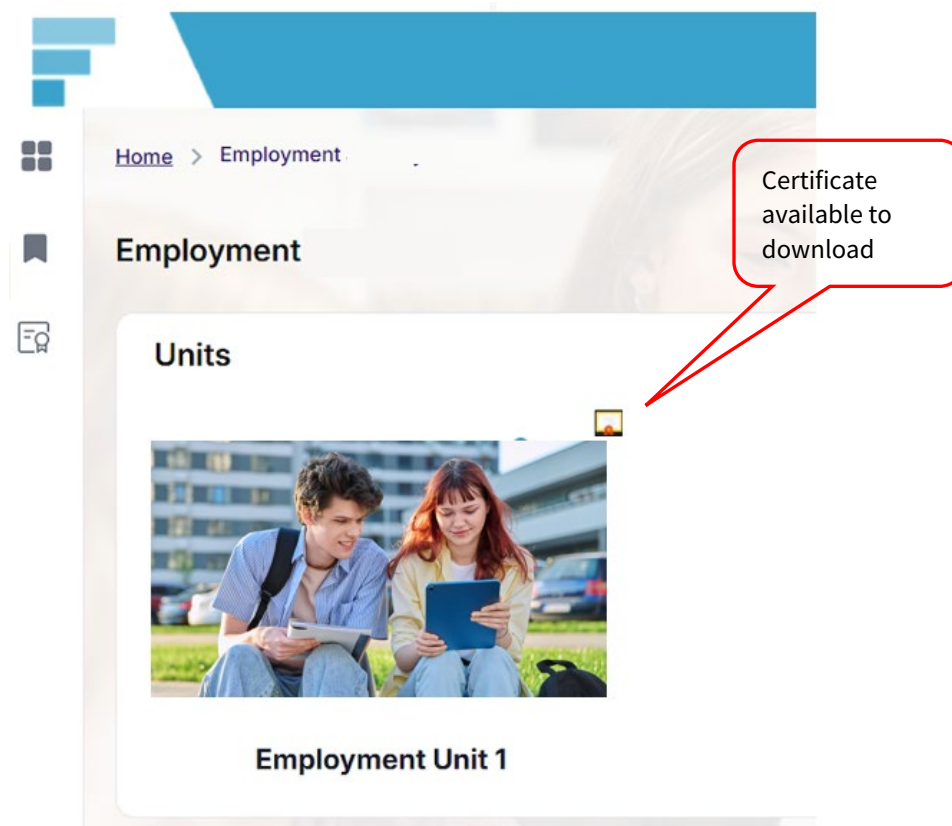


Accessing certificates

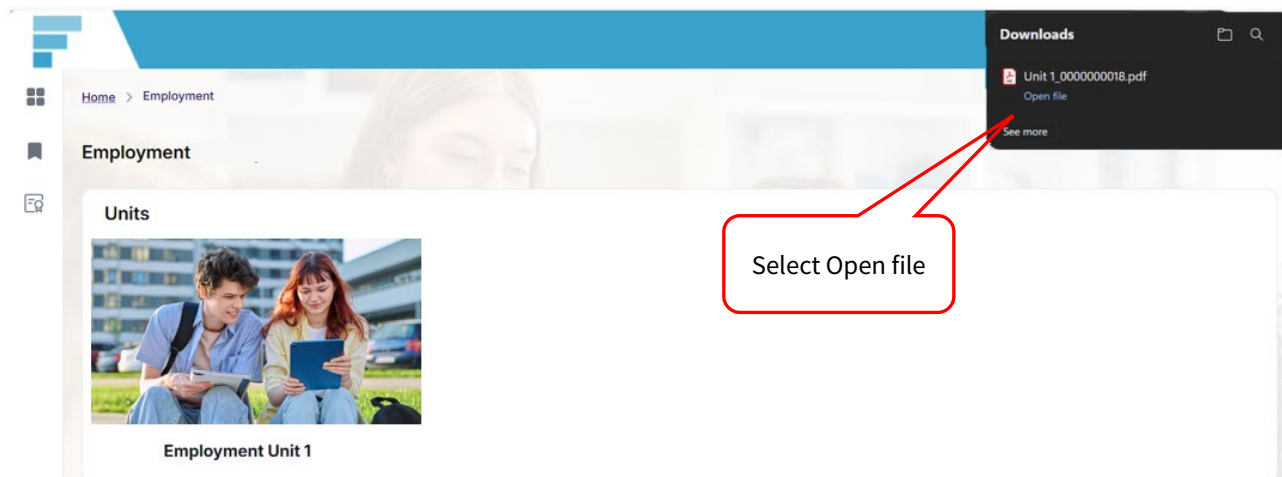
A certificate is available once you have passed the associated assessment for each module. A certificate icon will appear on the module after the course and assessment have been completed successfully.

To download your certificate:

Step 1: Select the certificate icon



Step 2: Open the downloaded file. This will take you to the folder where your device saves downloads.



Step 3: Open the certificate file and your certificate will be visible.



Certificate of Attainment

This is to certify that

John

a student at

AQA School

has successfully passed the following module:

EMPLOYMENT

The learner has demonstrated they can:

1. calculate gross weekly or monthly pay from information on hourly rate and hours worked.
2. calculate new gross weekly, monthly or annual pay from information on a percentage pay increase.
3. calculate the amount of income tax to be paid for a given annual salary based on national tax rates and bands.
4. calculate the national insurance contribution to be paid based on national tax and rate bands for an employed individual.
5. calculate gross weekly or monthly payments and deductions from a pay slip and check that net earnings are correct.
6. use an online calculator to check that a payslip is correct.

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Chief Executive Officer on behalf of AQA Education

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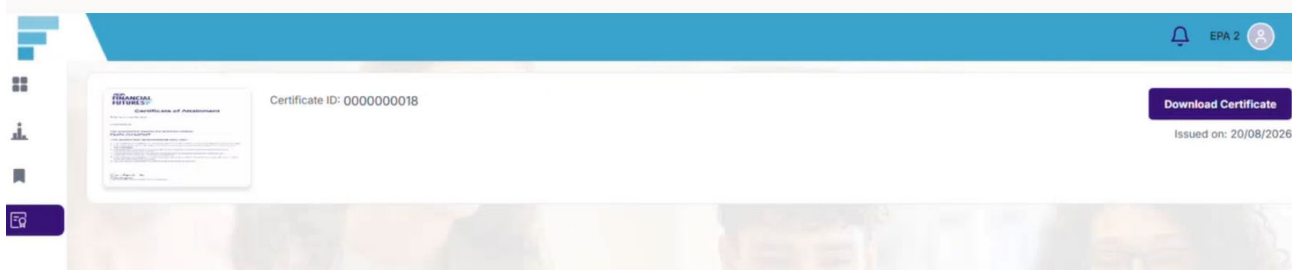


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You can also download your certificate from the Certificates area on the Dashboard.

Step 1: Select Certificates from the left-hand menu.

Step 2: Find the certificate and select Download Certificate.



Step 3: Open the certificate from your downloads folder.

Step 4: Save your certificate to a secure location on your device for future reference.

Good practice when using Financial Futures

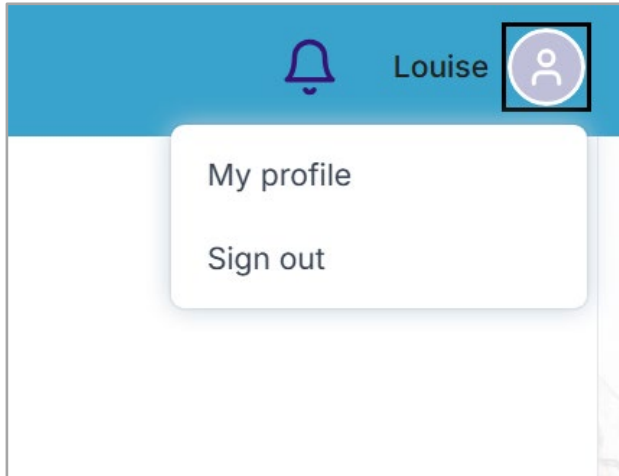
Keeping your account secure

- Do not share your password.
- Use your own account rather than another learner's account.
- Sign out and close the browser when you have finished using Financial Futures.
- Tell your teacher if you think someone else has accessed your account.

Completing your session

Financial Futures will save your work as you progress through the lessons. When you have finished, make sure you:

- Close any additional assessment or content windows.
- Select the **Profile** icon and choose **Sign out**.
- Close the browser if you are using a shared device.



Troubleshooting and support

Issue	What to do
I have not received my account email	Check your junk or spam folder. If it is still missing, speak to your teacher
I have forgotten my password	Select Forgot password? and follow the reset instructions.
My reset email has not arrived	Check that you entered your registered email address correctly, then check your junk or spam folder.
I cannot see my module	Check All Modules on the dashboard. If it is not shown, ask your teacher
The next item is locked	Complete the current and required earlier lesson first.
An assessment does not open	Check whether a new browser window has been blocked. If the problem continues, speak to your teacher.
My certificate is not available	Check that the module and associated assessment are complete. The certificate is available when the module has been passed.
I need more help	Please speak to your teacher.