Towards Independence: changes for 2024

Updated versions of all Towards Independence materials will be released in 2024. This includes the Starting out module, all module books and tutor resources, with 11 new modules.

Updated modules will be available to order from 1 July ready for teaching in September. For a complete list of updated, developed, and new modules, please see pages 2–3.

The administrative management of Towards Independence remains unchanged, including registration, purchasing modules, and internal and external moderation processes.

ASDAN offers training to deliver Towards Independence through the Preparing for Adulthood programmes training webinars. Our webinars and INSET sessions provide an introduction for new staff and refresher training for experienced staff: **asdan.org.uk/training**

Tutor resources

The Towards Independence tutor resources have been updated in line with the modules.

- From 1 July, the updated Towards Independence module reference book will be available to order.
- From 1 September, the updated Towards Independence tutor guidance and resources will be available to order.

Purchase of these products includes access to a digital copy via the members area: **asdan.org.uk/member/digital-downloads**. Members who have previously purchased these products will be able to access the updated digital copies at no extra cost.

Using previous materials

Previous versions of Towards Independence modules will remain valid for up to five years. Any of the new or updated modules can be delivered in combination with previous modules.

During the transition period, centres can submit learners' work for moderation that contains a combination of new and previous modules. Updated moderation checklists will be made available from 1 September in the Towards Independence course resources section: **asdan.org.uk/towards-independence**

Where the updated versions of modules include additional or adapted content, ASDAN will allow members to copy sections of the new versions and include them in the previous versions, to help facilitate unified content across cohorts.

🔄 Updated modules

Updated to include current terminology (for example, technology, cultural references) with improvements to content accessibility and inclusive practice:

TISM47	Animal care	TISM78	Personal care routine: Introduction
TISM66	Baking: Sensory	TISM15	Personal safety
TISM67	Baking: Introduction	TISM45	Photography/multimedia
TISM49	Business enterprise	TISM19	Pottery and Ceramics
TISM02	Creativity	TISM20	Practical workshop
TISM53	Engaging with the world around me: Events	TISM21	Printing
TISM51	Engaging with the world around me: Objects	TISM22	Recognising and using everyday signs
TISM39	The environment	TISM35	Residential experience challenge
TISM70	Geography	TISM23	Self advocacy
TISM05	Getting ready to go out	TISM24	Sound, rhythm and music
TISM07	Going to college	TISM25	Sport and leisure
TISM71	History	TISM26	Sports studies
TISM08	Horticulture	TISM37	The world around us
TISM09	Independent living: Introduction	TISM44	Time management and self organisation
TISM72	Independent living: Progression	TISM50	Using leisure time
TISM75	Looking smart: Introduction	TISM28	Using transport
TISM74	Looking smart: Sensory	TISM29	Water skills
TISM33	Making pictures	TISM46	Wider world
TISM54	Meal preparation and cooking: Introduction	TISM80	World of work: Catering
TISM55	Meal preparation and cooking: Progression	TISM84	World of work: Retail
TISM56	Meal preparation and cooking: Sensory	TISM81	World of work: Horticulture
TISM59	Mobility	TISM83	World of work: Office
TISM43	Multisensory experiences	TISM85	World of work: Salon
TISM76	My future choices	TISM79	World of work: Care
TISM38	Myself and others	TISM82	World of work: Leisure
TISM13	Out in the community	TISM32	Yogacise
TISM14	Performing arts		

⚙ Developed modules

Includes updates to terminology and accessibility as above, along with significant changes to the content in some sections or the addition of new sections:

TISM00	Starting out	TISM04	Everyday living
TISM41	Citizenship	TISM06	Getting to know a group
TISM01	Coping with people	TISM10	Knowing about myself
TISM68	Craft making	TISM73	Living here
TISM03	Current affairs	TISM57	Money: Introduction
TISM61	Developing communication skills: Introduction	TISM58	Money: Progression
TISM62	Developing communication skills: Progression	TISM77	Personal care routine: Sensory
TISM60	Developing communication skills: Sensory	TISM18	Popular culture
TISM64	Developing numeracy skills: Introduction	TISM40	Relationships
TISM65	Developing numeracy skills: Progression	TISM63	Using computer technology
TISM52	Engaging with the world around me: People	TISM36	Using ICT
TISM69	E-safety	TISM30	Work awareness

★ New modules

Eleven additions to the range, with a focus on sensory and work-related content:

TISM00SY	Starting out Sensory
TISM89	Developing numeracy skills: Sensory
TISM90	Making choices: Sensory
TISM91	Relationships: Sensory
TISM92	Exploring transport: Sensory
TISM93	Engagement: Sensory
TISM94	Exploring work: Sensory
TISM86	World of work: Facilities
TISM87	World of work: Animal care
TISM88	World of work: Manufacturing and construction
TISM95	Doing a project