Digital skills
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Everyone benefits from digital skills

Since the invention of the World Wide Web, digital technology has been transforming the way we live, learn and work. Its benefits are proving endless; it means we can know more, communicate better, connect faster, work smarter, cut bills.

What it also means is that everyone in our society now requires digital skills. People must be able to make use of the technology around them if they are to reach their potential in school, gain fulfilling employment or simply engage with the community.

Is everyone benefitting?
The government’s digital strategy brings this requirement to the fore – with services crucial to people across society all set to move online. Many of these services are there already, yet BBC research shows that 21% of the British population still lack basic digital capability.*

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, recognises the increasing importance of digital inclusion. As the only awarding body dedicated to IT qualifications, we work with government, education and industry to embed digital learning at all levels, ensuring that everyone benefits in the digital age.

We’ve been setting the standards of competence in IT for more than 50 years. Today our BCS Academy is driving the new digital curriculum across the education sector and, through our training provider network, our digital qualifications are reaching those who need enhanced employability and life skills.

Meeting the demand
Many people gain digital skills at school, while others develop their competencies after they’ve left the classroom. Learner motivation and setting varies widely.

By responding to the different needs of our training partners and their learners, we underpin digital literacy programmes in schools, colleges, universities and adult training centres across the UK.

Simplicity is key; our digital qualifications connect with users through clear, engaging content and real-world application. Our solutions combine interactive online courseware, classroom resources, diagnostic tests, e-assessment, instant results and resits to offer a single complete package all at a single low cost.

Quality assured
As an Ofqual approved Awarding Organisation, we meet the highest quality standards in our delivery of qualifications to over 80,000 IT users every year.

We are the only awarding body in the UK able to offer ECDL. This global benchmark in IT skills remains one of the most popular qualifications on the QCF and is held by 13 million people around the world (2.5 million in the UK).

Our SFA-funded Digital Skills qualification is the only complete solution in the market designed to give people the skills and confidence to find work – while our innovative e-safety qualification tackles the darker side of technology empowering young people to keep themselves safe online.

‘There are currently 11 million people in the UK below the digital skills threshold, which is defined as: send and receive emails, use a search engine, browse the internet, and fill out an online application form.’

Understanding digital capabilities* ipos MORI BBC Learning
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We draw on our experience and expertise to create relevant, complete learning solutions which form a pathway for progression, from absolute beginner to advanced IT user.

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Are you benefitting?
Whether you are a school, college, university or adult training centre, we’ve shaped our qualifications around your requirements so you can provide learners with a quality learning experience and valuable skills.

Schools
- Equip students with the IT skills to become more productive learners
- Earn GCSE-equivalent performance points and contribute to Progress 8 score
- Demonstrate essential e-safety learning to Ofsted inspectors

FE colleges and universities
- Prepare students for employment with industry-standard IT skills
- Enhance study skills for smarter analysis, presentations and reports
- Enable staff to develop their digital skills

Adult training centres
- Strengthen your employability portfolio with funded digital qualifications
- Connect with learners through engaging, interactive content
- Add our global, quality brand to your business

Get more detailed information about our qualifications at [bcs.org/digital](http://bcs.org/digital)

About BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT
We enable the global information society by improving the IT skills of everyone who uses, or wants to use, technology. The leading awarding organisation for IT qualifications, we work with partners in schools, adult education, government and business in the UK and across the world. We are experts in our field and at the forefront of innovation in learning delivery and assessment.