Essential Guide to EDSQ

5th September 2023

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Today's webinar

Recap of Digital Skills policy

Assessment key features

Resources and support

Overview of funding policy

Best practice of delivering

Next steps

Digital Functional Skills update

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Where are you now with EDSQ?
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- ❑ Already delivering
- ❑ Just about to start
- ❑ Do you need help to get started
- ❑ I don't know too much about it

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Legal Entitlement
Essential Digital Skills

National entitlement was introduced in 2020 to fully fund eligible adults (with no or low digital skills) to enroll on specified digital qualifications at Entry and Level 1
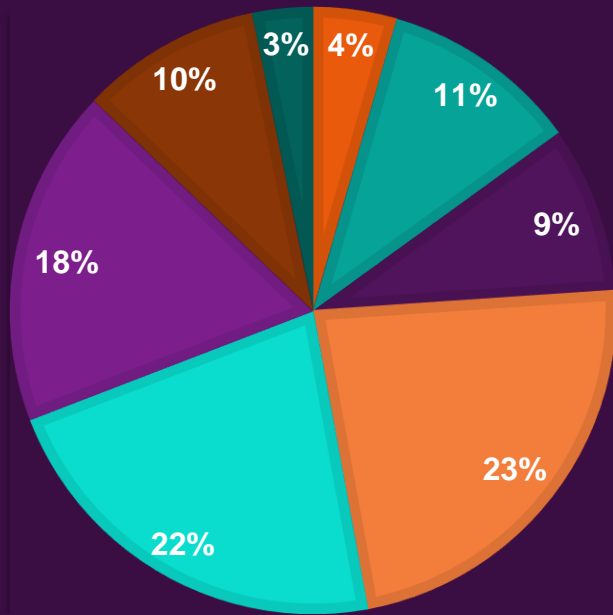
Only Essential Digital Skills qualifications can be used for the adult legal entitlement

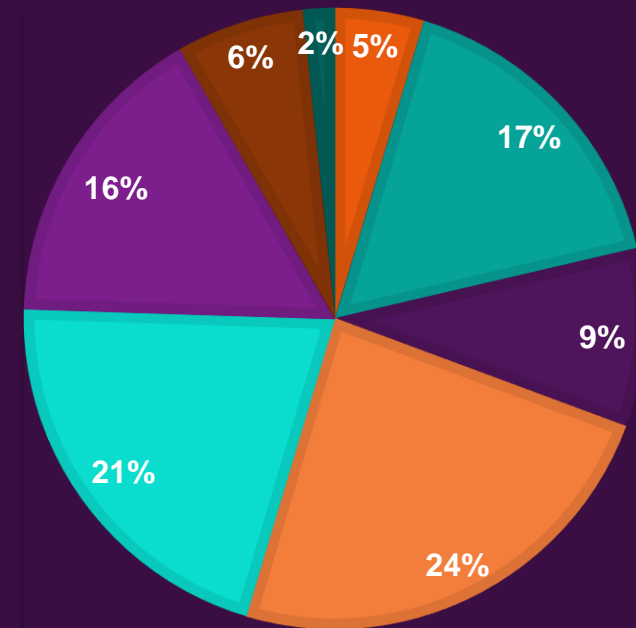Entry 3 and Level 1 Qualifications are funded for both adults and 16-19 learners

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Profile of EDSQ learners

Age demographics of EDSQ Entry 3 learners

Legend: 16-18 ■ 19-23 ■ 24-29 ■ 30-39 ■ 40-49 ■ 50-59 ■ 60-69 ■ 70+

Entry 3 pie chart values: 4%, 11%, 9%, 23%, 22%, 18%, 10%, 3%

Age demographics of EDSQ Level 1 learners

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Level 1 pie chart values: 5%, 2%, 6%, 16%, 21%, 24%, 9%, 17%

Qualification details

- **Size:**
  - 45 GLH at each level

- **Coverage**:
  - Each qualification covers all five strands of the national standards and most of the skills statements in each strand

- **Purposes and target learner groups:**
  - E3 skills for life with an intro to skills for work
  - Level 1 skills for life and work

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Essential Digital Skills Qualifications
Key features

Life, work and study covered in each qualification	Online, on demand assessment	Free initial assessment tool	Knowledge tested through multiple choice questions	Assessments can be taken in different settings
Online mock assessments	Easy to mark	Free resources	One free resit per learner	Sits alongside Digital Functional Skills Qualifications

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Assessment structure and timings

Qualification	Entry level 3	Level 1
Assessment structure	A single assessment component comprising 3 parts In addition, a small number of observed tasks	A single assessment component comprising 3 parts
Duration	Up to 1 hr 30 minutes plus a 15-minute supervised break	1 hr 45 minutes plus a 15-minute supervised break
Conditions	Supervised conditions	Supervised conditions
Total marks	44	54

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Entry Level 3- observed tasks

Task and Skill	Task set	Marks Available	Marks awarded	Tutor Comments (where relevant please note where you have adapted tasks in line with the requirements).
Apply system settings	Change a setting on your device. For example, you could: • change the way your screen looks (display) • change the time or language • make changes to suit your level of vision or hearing. • Make sure your tutor can see you making the changes.	1 mark for changing the setting		
Create, edit and use contacts when sending and receiving online communications	Exemplar task – this may be adapted Your tutor (or someone else in your class who is not already in your contacts) will send you an email. The emails says, 'Now you have my email' • Add the person and their email address to the contacts on your device. The same person will give you a telephone number (this could be the centre's number) • Edit your contacts to add the telephone number • Show your tutor the contact with phone number and email address OR take a screenshot and send it to them.	3 marks in total 2 marks for adding name and email address 1 mark for editing the contact		
Initiate and participate in a video call	Make a video call to one other person. You can choose • which device you use • which way you want to make the call (e.g. Skype, WhatsApp or Facetime). • who you want to call. Your video call should last at least 30 seconds. Make sure your tutor can see you making the call.	4 marks in total 1 mark for finding and connecting 2 marks for initiating and responding 1 mark for closing the conversation		

Essential Digital Skills
Assessment

Taken on Surpass through web delivery

Opportunity to search the internet

Classroom/workplace

Learners can refer to a bilingual dictionary

Tasks are tutor assessed, centre and AO quality assured

Mark based

Pass marks for each assessment are set at an awarding meeting

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Sample Assessments

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Support & Resources

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AWARDING ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR   FAB 2022 AWARD WINNER   **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR**

Free Resources & Support

- ✓ Guides for centres & learners

- ✓ Standardisation materials

- ✓ Teaching resources covering all strands

- ✓ Glossary for learners

- ✓ Webinars and training

- ✓ Dedicated EDSQ team

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Surpass How To Videos

Essential Digital Skills

Obtaining Key Codes for Candidates and Downloading Invigilation Packs from Surpass

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Running and Invigilating Assessments using Surpass

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Scheduling an Assessment in Surpass

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Assessment Marking in Surpass

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Internal Quality Assurance in Surpass

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Interactive support sessions

✓ Exclusive live webinars available to approved centres only

✓ Regular sessions held by our Quality team throughout the year

✓ Staff must register with their work email address and can attend sessions more than once
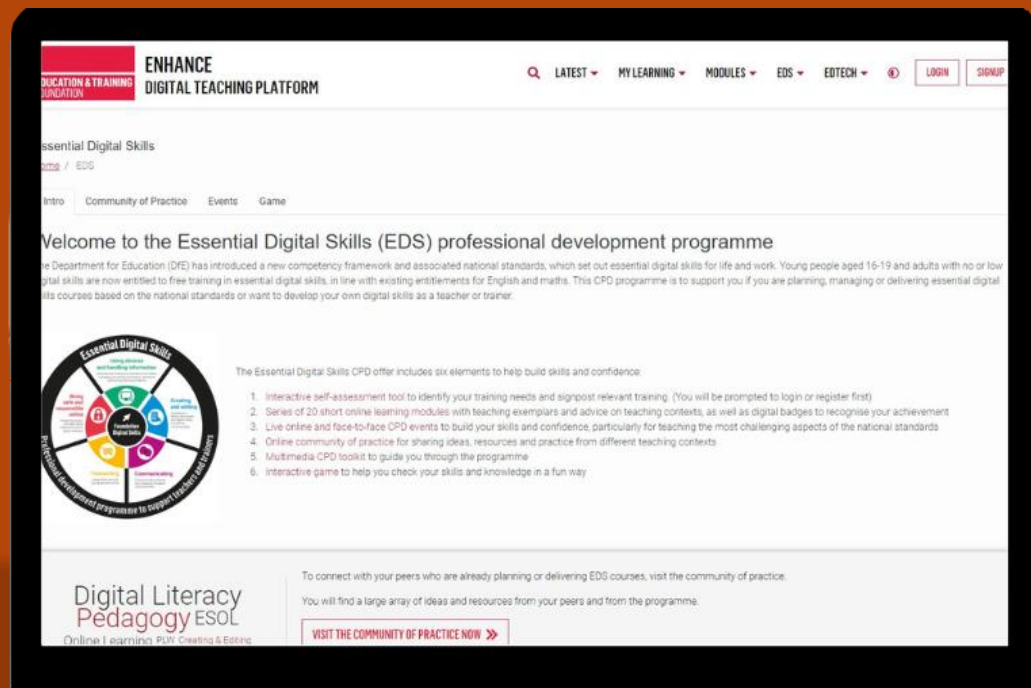
Onboarding sessions:

Quick Start to EDSQ

Delivering & Assessing EDSQ

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External support

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CPD for staff / resources for learners
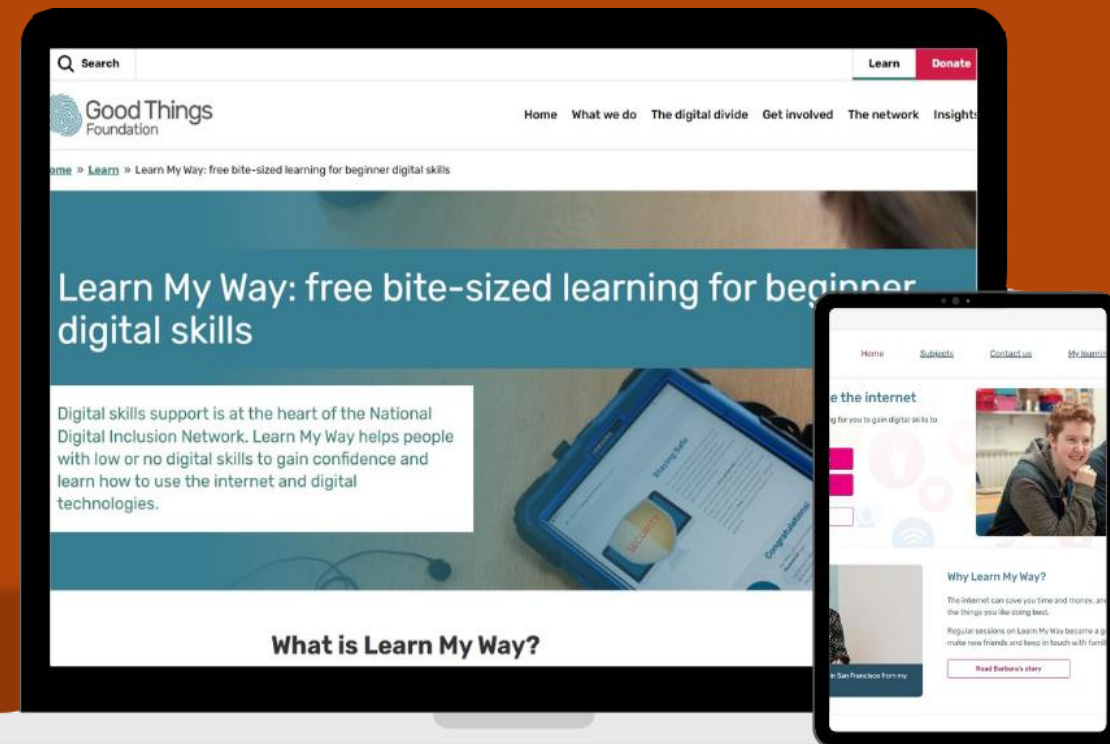
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Implementation

How are Centres implementing EDSQ?

16-19

- Pre apprenticeship programmes
- Study programmes
- T level transition Programme

Adults

- Pre-apprenticeship programmes
- SWAPs
- With other qualifications and units
- In advance of an apprenticeship
- To help prepare returning learners
- In community settings
- With non-regulated learning

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As part of ESOL courses

Qualification No.	Qualification	Funding
60329919	Award in Living and Working in the UK (Entry 3)	£300
60359857	**Essential Digital Skills (Entry 3)**	£300
6015424X	Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Reading) (Level 1)	£300
60154238	Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Writing) (Entry 3)	£450

SWAPs

Qualification title	GLH	Qualification No.	AEB
Level 2 Award in Skills for Logistics	48	60345056	£300
Level 1 in Essential Digital Skills	45	60359869	£300
			£600

Qualification title	GLH	Qualification No.	AEB
Level 1 Award in Health and Care	49	60364944	£336
Level 1 in Essential Digital Skills	45	60359869	£300
			£636

Qualification title	GLH	Qualification No.	AEB
Level 1 Award in Employability Skills	45	60342286	£300
Entry 3 in Essential Digital Skills	45	60359857	£300
Level 1 in Essential Digital Skills	45	60359869	£300
			£900

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Study Programmes

QAN	Qualification	GLH	TQT
60365055	Level 2 Diploma in Digital & IT Skills	360	450
60359869	**Essential Digital Skills (Level 1)**	45	45
60333571	Level 1 Award in Mental Wellbeing	10	20
60346462	Level 1 in English Functional Skills	55	66
60346462	Level 1 in Maths Functional Skills	55	66
Z0007862	Work experience	30	30

Top tips from Centres

- Centre wide approach
- Standalone offer & packages
- Staff training
- Marketing push
- Assessment

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What are learners saying…

"I was quite anxious when I signed up to do this – I hadn't stepped foot in a college for over forty years. This course has been a great experience, I'm definitely less terrified now and I do have more confidence, I've learned that computers are logical, that I shouldn't overthink things and I'm brave enough to experiment."

"I got the leaflet about the course through my door, and because Ruth and I now volunteer for a charity and we're back in the workplace, we knew it made sense to 'grasp the nettle' and to take this opportunity."

Other qualifications that complement EDSQ

DIGITAL JOURNEY FOR LEARNERS AGED 16 - 19

Develop your learners' digital skills with qualifications approved for funding for learners aged 16-19*. Covering the skills needed for everyday life and work, to the more advanced technical qualifications for today's workplace.

View our digital qualifications for learners aged 19 and over.

ENTRY LEVEL 3
Essential Digital Skills
Digital Functional Skills

LEVEL 1
Essential Digital Skills
Digital Functional Skills
Photo Editing Software
Award
Games Design and Development
Award
Cybersecurity
Award
Introduction to Programming
Award
Website Design
Award

LEVEL 2
Digital and IT Skills
Award | Certificate | Ext Certificate | Diploma
Computer Programming
Award
Cybersecurity
Award
Social Media Marketing
Award
Digital Development
Award
Digital Graphics
Award
Digital Marketing
Award
Games Design and Development
Award
Mobile App Development
Award
Website Design and Development
Award
Photo Editing Software
Award

LEVEL 3
E-Safety
Award
Digital Business Solutions
Certificate | Diploma
Digital Engineering Design
Certificate | Diploma
Digital Product Design
Certificate | Diploma
Games Technologies
Certificate | Diploma
Networking and Cybersecurity
Certificate | Diploma
Social Media for E-Commerce
Certificate | Diploma
Software Development
Certificate | Diploma
Systems Infrastructure
Certificate | Diploma

T Level Transition Programme
Digital and IT Skills
Certificate | Ext Certificate | Diploma

Apprenticeship

Career Progression

Higher Education

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Games Design and Development
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Mobile App Development
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Award
Photo Editing Software
Award**

LEVEL 3
Computer Game Design and Development
Access to HE Diploma
Computing
Access to HE Diploma
Creative Digital Media
Access to HE Diploma
Creative Industries
Access to HE Diploma
Digital Animation
Access to HE Diploma
Digital Engineering Design [†]
Certificate | Diploma
Digital Product Design [†]
Certificate | Diploma
Games Technologies [†] (Certificate only)
Certificate | Diploma
Networking and Cybersecurity [†]
Certificate | Diploma
Software Development [†]
Certificate | Diploma
Systems Infrastructure [†]
Certificate | Diploma
Digital Business Solutions
Certificate | Diploma
Social Media for E-Commerce
Certificate | Diploma

[†] **Included in the Level 3 free courses for jobs offer**

LEVEL 5
Web Application Development
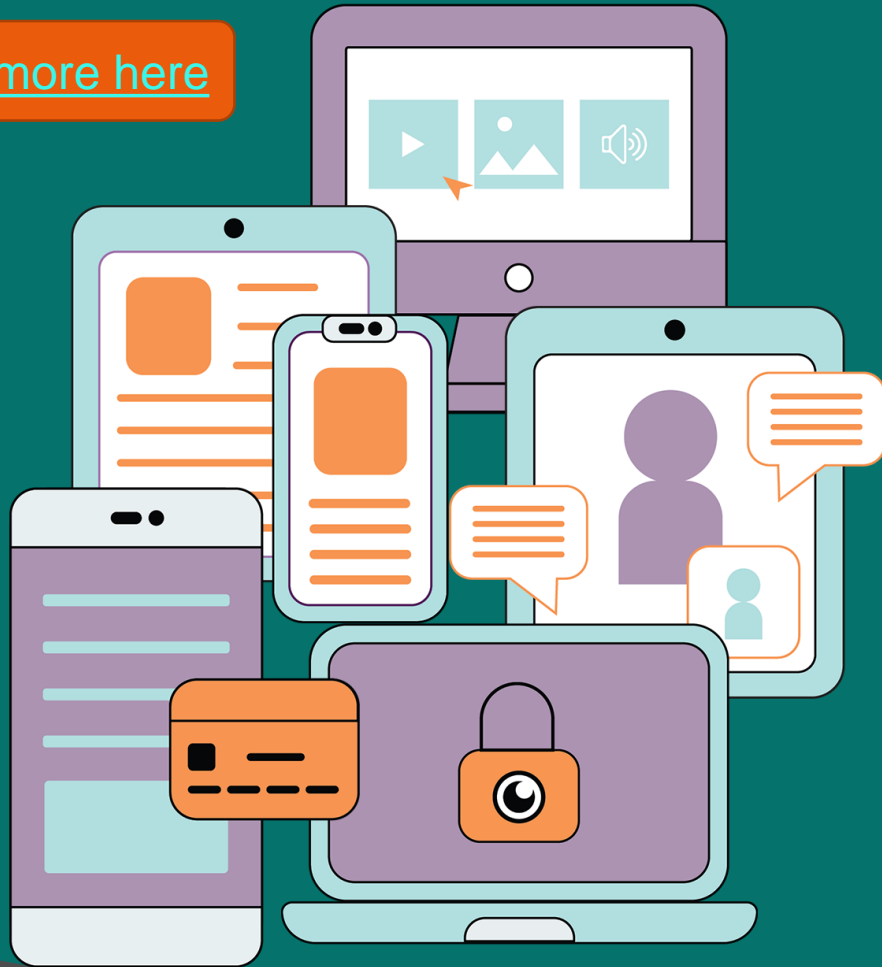Diploma

Software Developer

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Digital Functional Skills Qualifications

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First Awarding Organisation to pass technical evaluation by Ofqual

New Digital Functional Skills Qualifications are ready for teaching
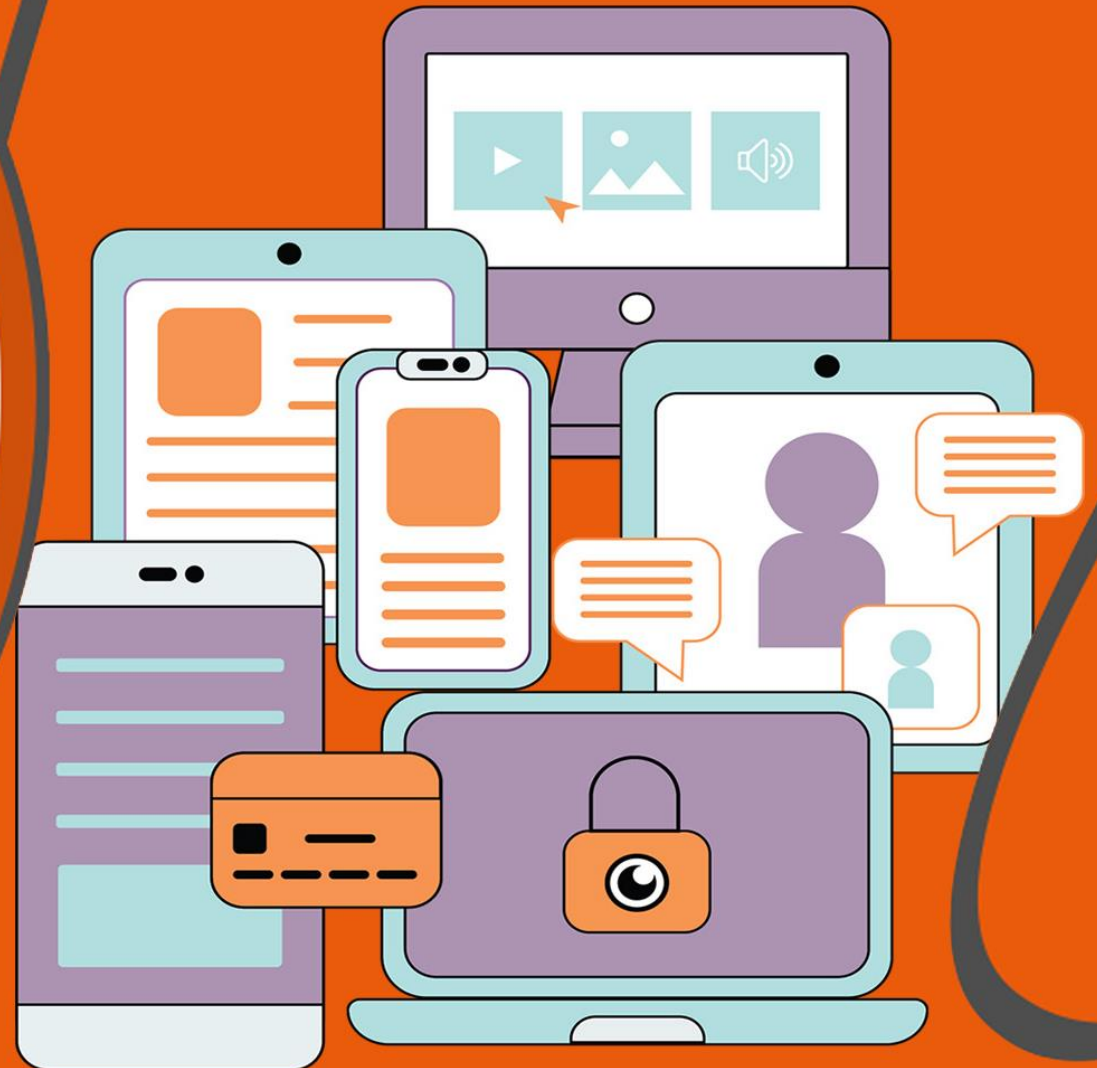
Only Entry level 3 and Level 1

Our Gateway Qualifications DFSQ offer

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25th Sep 2023
3:00pm

Resources for
Essential Digital Skills Qualifications
with bksb

with
bksb
and Paul Saunders

Register here

Free webinar

Introduction to
Digital Functional Skills

with
Diana Muallem
and Paul Saunders

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2nd Oct 2023
4:00pm

ETF professional development training for FE staff delivering EDSQ and DFSQ

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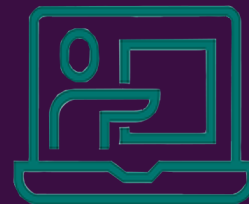## ETF
Diana Muallem, and Paul Saunders

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Next steps

Express interest

Gain approval

Attend on boarding sessions

Deliver!

New - Become Recognised
Existing - Qualification Approval

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Previous webinars
Available on demand

Digital resources for DFSQ	Ensuring learners are ready for EDSQ	Building a fundable offer for learners progressing from EDSQ	Supporting EDSQ Delivery
Webinar mini-series with EDSQ resources	Implementing EDSQ – hints and tips from our panel of providers	The Digital Sector	T Level Transition Programme

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Would you like a member of the Business Development team to contact you to support you on your EDSQ approval?
Poll

❑ Yes please
❑ No thank you

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Takeaways

Digital is a key thread in every LSIP supporting the needs of employers

Ofsted – deploying a digital curriculum offers learners the skills and knowledge that reflect the needs of the local, regional and national context

Carry out a digital diagnostic with your learners

Nest EDSQ and or DFSQ with your current provision

Maximise your funding allocations by using digital qualifications

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