

Essential Guide to EDSQ

16th October 2023



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



Where are you now with EDSQ?

Poll

- Already delivering
- Just about to start
- Do you need help to get started
- I don't know too much about it

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

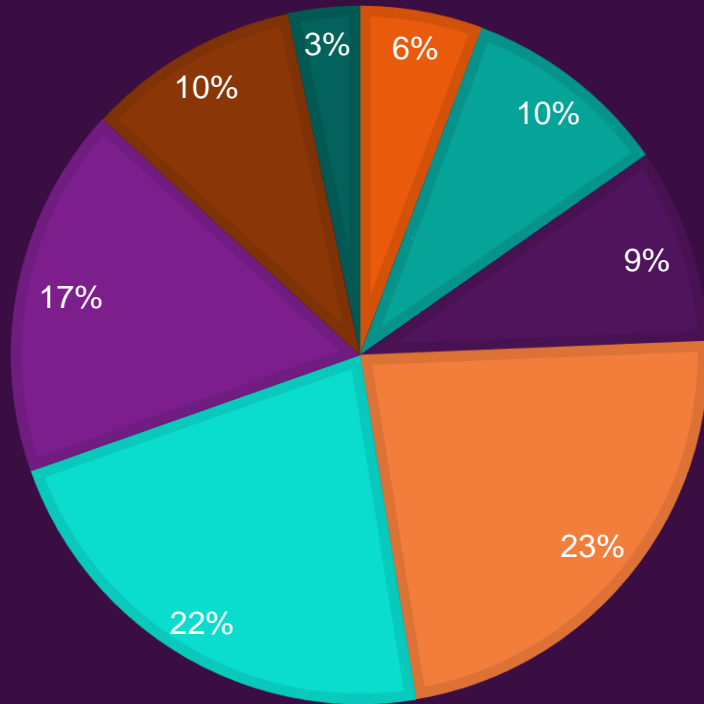
Only Essential Digital Skills qualifications can be used for the adult legal entitlement

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

Profile of EDSQ learners

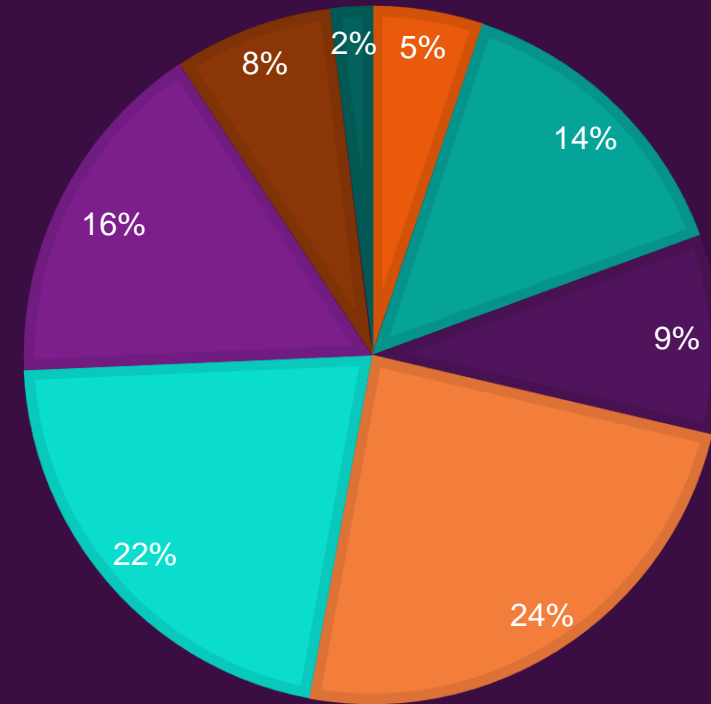
Age demographics of EDSQ Entry level 3

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



Age demographics of EDSQ level 1 Award

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



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



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

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

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	<p>Change a setting on your device.</p> <p>For example, you could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>Exemplar task – this may be adapted</p> <p>Your tutor (or someone else in your class who is not already in your contacts) will send you an email. The email says, 'Now you have my email'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add the person and their email address to the contacts on your device. <p>The same person will give you a telephone number (this could be the centre's number)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>3 marks in total</p> <p>2 marks for adding name and email address</p> <p>1 mark for editing the contact</p>		
Initiate and participate in a video call	<p>Make a video call to one other person. You can choose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> which device you use which way you want to make the call (e.g. Skype, WhatsApp or Facetime). who you want to call. <p>Your video call should last at least 30 seconds.</p> <p>Make sure your tutor can see you making the call.</p>	<p>4 marks in total</p> <p>1 mark for finding and connecting</p> <p>2 marks for initiating and responding</p> <p>1 mark for closing the conversation</p>		

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

Sample Assessments

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Support & Resources

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Free Resources & Support

- ✓ Guides for centres & learners
- ✓ Standardisation materials
- ✓ Teaching resources covering all strands
- ✓ Glossary for learners
- ✓ Webinars and training
- ✓ Dedicated EDSQ team



Surpass How To Videos

Essential Digital Skills
Obtaining Key Codes
for Candidates and
Downloading Invigilation Packs
from Surpass



Essential Digital Skills
Running and Invigilating
Assessments using Surpass



Essential Digital Skills
Scheduling an Assessment
in Surpass



Essential Digital Skills
Assessment Marking in Surpass



Essential Digital Skills
Internal Quality Assurance
in Surpass



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:

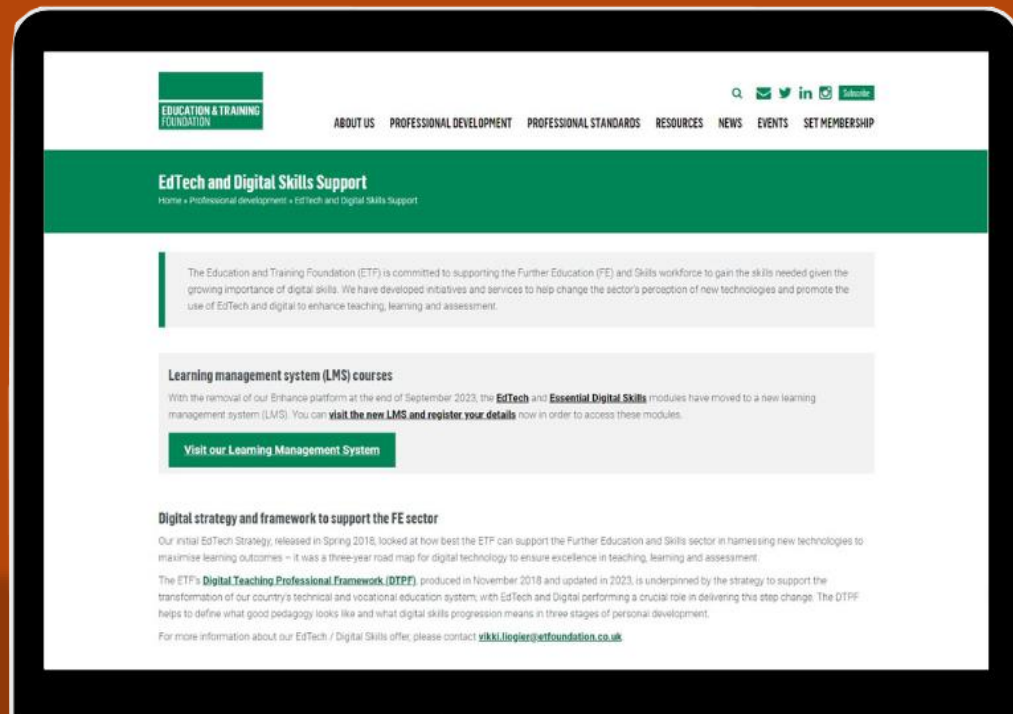
[Quick Start to EDSQ](#)

[Delivering & Assessing EDSQ](#)

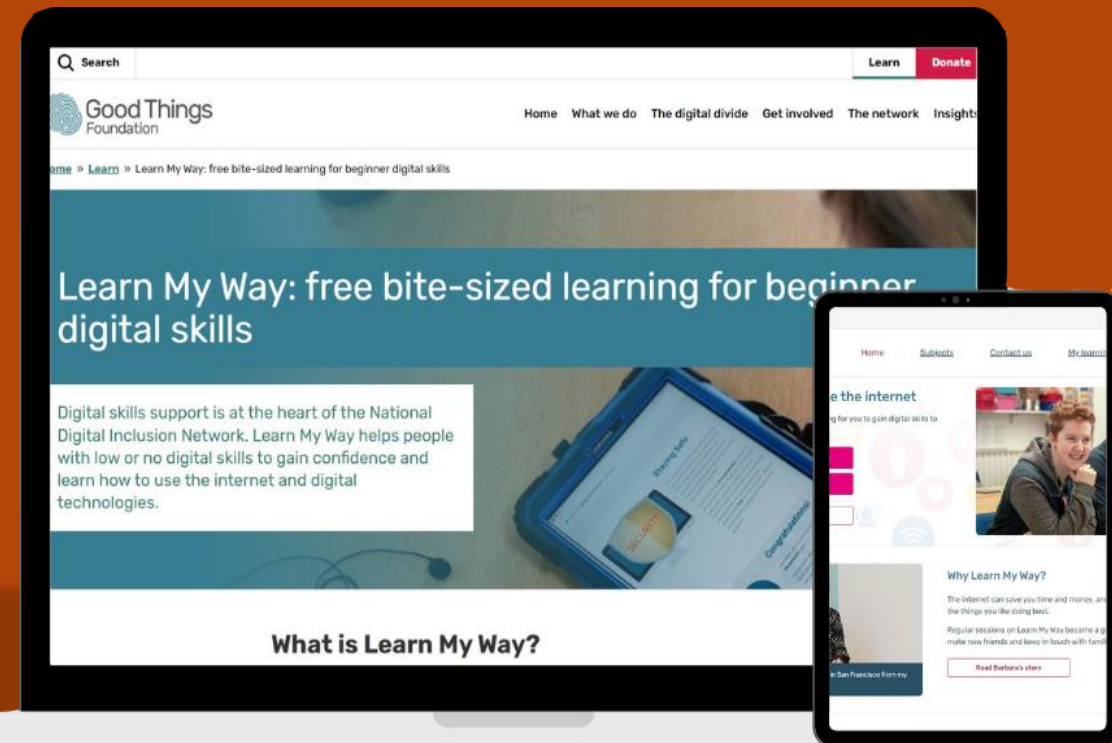
External support



CPD for staff / resources for learners



[Essential Digital Skills | Enhance Digital Teaching Platform](#)



[Learn My Way | Free Learning for Digital Skills | Good Things](#)

Exclusive offer for Gateway Qualifications Centres

Centres approved for Gateway Qualifications EDSQ and/or DFSQ can benefit from an exclusive 20% discount on licence fees for **bksb** Digital Skills Assessments and Resources.



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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



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

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

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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Digital Graphics
Award
Digital Marketing
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Games Design and Development
Award
Mobile App Development
Award
Website Design and Development
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

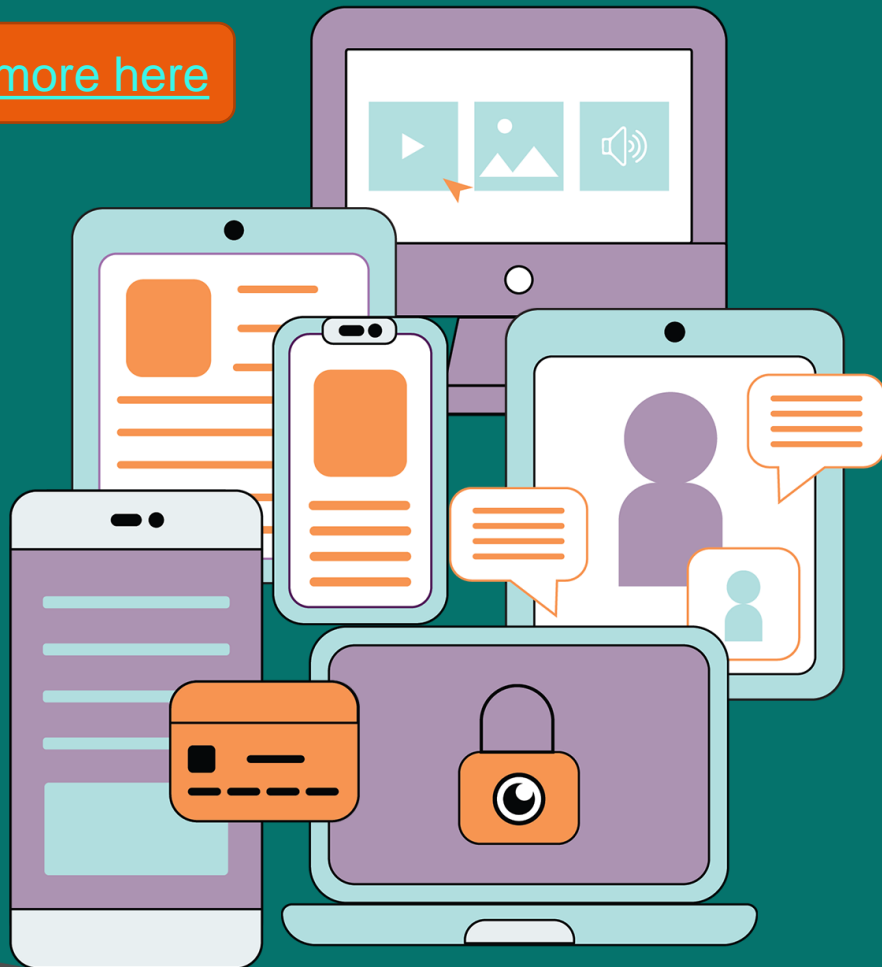
Apprenticeship

Career Progression

Higher Education

Digital Functional Skills Qualifications

[Discover more here](#)



New Digital Functional Skills Qualifications are ready for teaching

Our Gateway Qualifications DFSQ offer

Only Entry level 3 and Level 1

Free, ready-to-deliver resources to support your teaching and learning

On Demand

Resources for
Essential Digital Skills Qualifications
with bksb

with
bksb
and Paul Saunders

[Watch on demand](#)

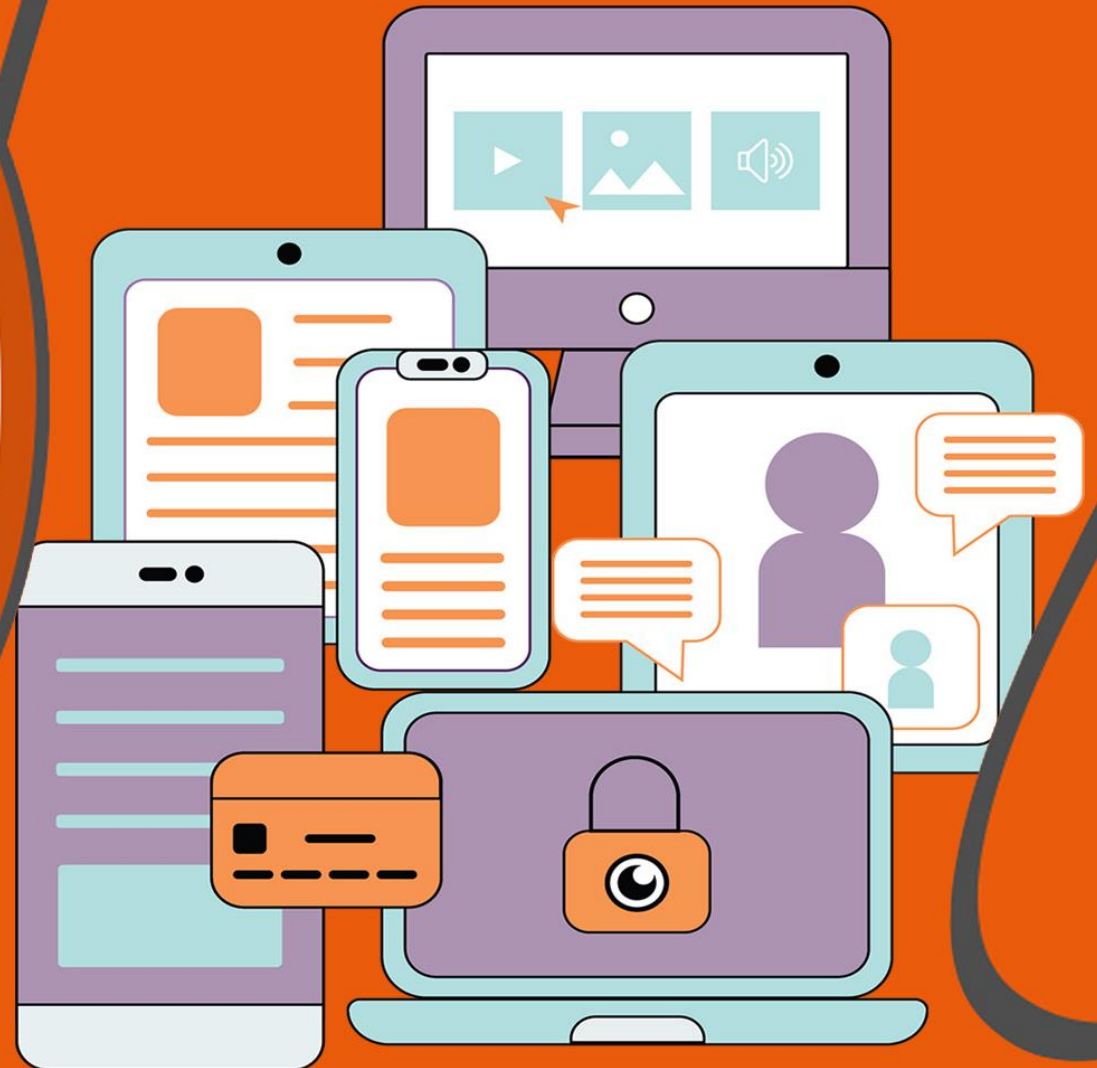


Free webinar

Introduction to Digital Functional Skills

with
Diana Muallem
and Paul Saunders

[Register here](#)



On Demand

ETF professional development training
for FE staff delivering EDSQ and DFSQ

with
The Education and Training Foundation,
Diana Muallem,
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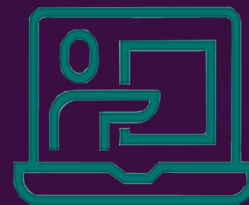
Next steps



Express interest



Gain approval



Attend on boarding
sessions



Deliver!



New - Become Recognised
Existing - Qualification Approval

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

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

Business Development



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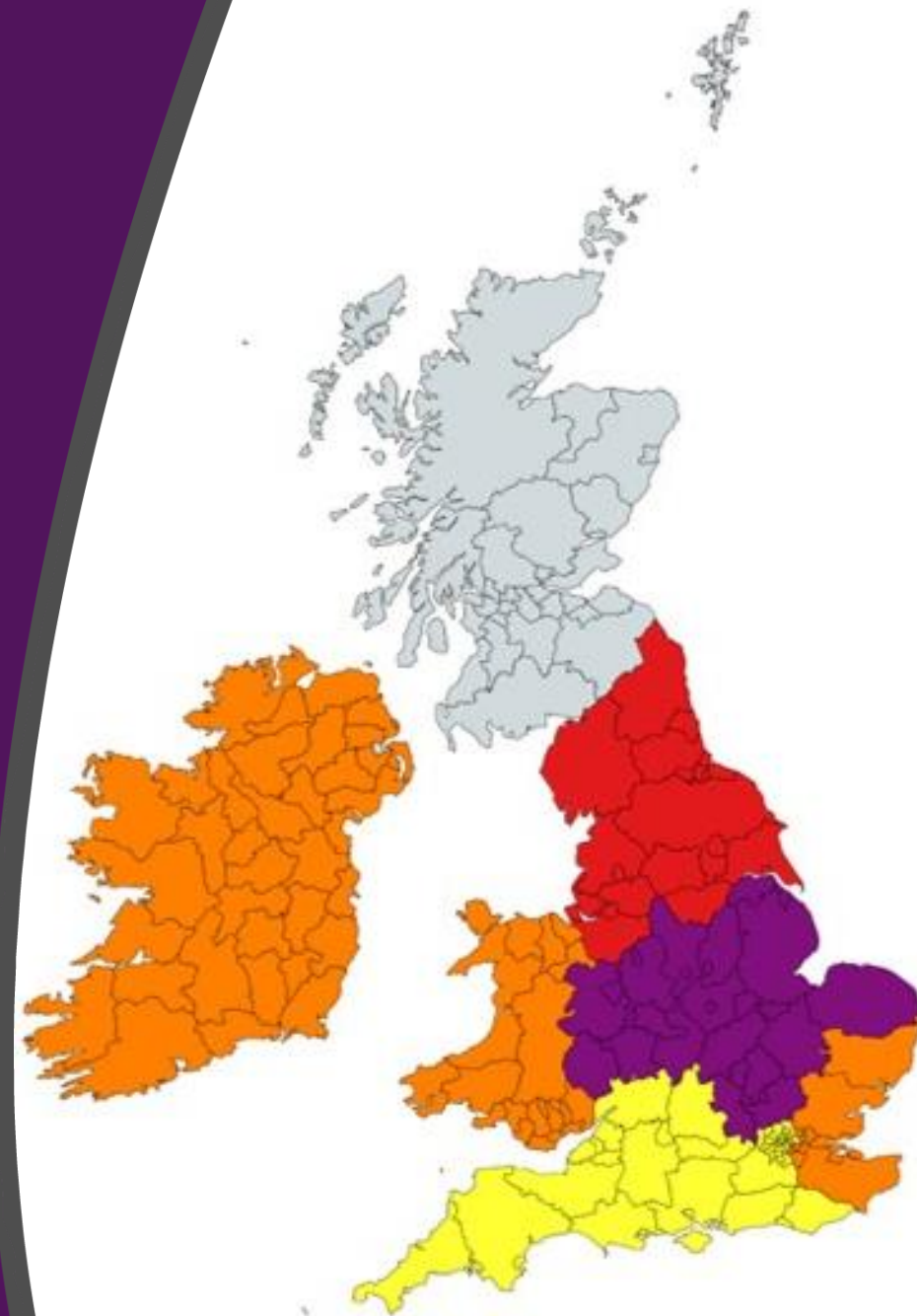
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Takeaways

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 within your current provision

Maximise your funding allocations by using digital qualifications

Questions?



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