

Draft National Unit Specification



Unit title: IT Solutions for Administrators (Access 3)

SCQF: level 3 (6 SCQF credit points)

Unit code: to be advised

Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to develop learners' awareness of administration and simple administrative tasks and their IT skills in familiar administration-related contexts. Learners will use basic functions of the following IT applications — word processing, spreadsheets, databases or emerging equivalent technologies — to create, edit and update simple documents used in the workplace, which may relate to any administrative function.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Use basic functions of a spreadsheet application
- 2 Use basic functions of a database application
- 3 Use basic functions of a word processing application

This Unit is a mandatory Unit of the Access 3 Administration and IT Course and is also available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit Specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes*, which provide advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Exemplification of the standards in this Unit is given in the *National Assessment Resource*.

Recommended entry

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners would normally be expected to have attained the skills, knowledge and understanding required by one or more of the following or equivalent qualifications and/or experience:

- ◆ Access 2 Business in Practice

In terms of prior learning and experience, relevant experiences and outcomes may also provide an appropriate basis for doing this Unit. Further information on relevant experiences and outcomes will be given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Equality and inclusion

This Unit Specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence. For further information, please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

Standards

Outcomes and assessment standards

Outcome 1

The learner will:

1 Use basic functions of a spreadsheet application by:

- 1.1 Populating a worksheet
- 1.2 Updating data in the worksheet
- 1.3 Making simple amendments to the formatting of the worksheet to improve its presentation
- 1.4 Creating charts to present numerical data from the worksheet

Outcome 2

The learner will:

2 Use basic functions of a database application by:

- 2.1 Populating a flat database
- 2.2 Updating data in a flat database
- 2.3 Adding and deleting fields in a flat database

Outcome 3

The learner will:

3 Use basic functions of a word processing application by:

- 3.1 Adding text to simple business documents
- 3.2 Updating the text in the business documents
- 3.3 Formatting the text in the business documents

Evidence Requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

Evidence for this Unit will be a practical activity and may be either presented for individual Outcomes or gathered for the Unit as a whole through a single activity assessed holistically. If the latter approach is used, it must be clear how the evidence covers each Outcome.

Exemplification of assessment will be provided in the *National Assessment Resource*. Advice and guidance on possible approaches to assessment is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

2 Numeracy

2.3 Information handling

4 Employability, enterprise and citizenship

4.1 Employability

4.2 Information and communication technology (ICT)

5 Thinking skills

5.2 Understanding

5.3 Applying

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level of the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.



Administrative information

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History of changes

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