

INTERNET SAFETY



INTRODUCING THE NEW INTERNET SAFETY QUALIFICATION...

SQA is proud to be the first UK awarding body (and possibly the first in the world) to offer a formal qualification in Internet Safety. This qualification was developed in partnership with a number of national bodies who shared our concerns about this increasingly important area of activity; our partners included the BBC, BT, Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP), Learning & Teaching Scotland, Microsoft, Scottish Libraries Information Council and Strathclyde Police.

What's in it?

The Unit explores a number of potential threats such as identity theft, grooming, phishing and pharming – and shows you how to protect yourself from them. It also examines the legal aspects of using the internet including digital rights management.

Who's it for?

The qualification is for anyone who uses the internet. No-one is immune from the threats that exist when you go online and this qualification aims to give you some protection.

How do I learn?

You learn through a mix of explanation, exploration and hands-on use.

Where do I learn?

That depends on the centre that you enrol with, but many centres offer the qualification in flexible modes including home learning.

How long does it last?

That really depends on how quickly you work through the materials but most students complete the Unit in 20-40 hours.

More details – what's involved?

The Unit covers the basics of internet safety and the legal aspects of using the internet. The Unit is at QCF Level 1. More specifically it explores:

-  **Identity theft** how to protect your personal information
-  **Behaviour** advice on how to conduct yourself safely when surfing the Net
-  **Specific threats** such as phishing (trying to deceive you into giving away personal information) and pharming (redirecting you to an illegal website)
-  **Legal requirements** the laws as they relate to the internet including copyright and digital rights management.

It is assessed very simply – through a straight-forward multiple choice test (to assess your knowledge) and a simple practical activity.

Internet Safety is SQA's first qualification that can be done entirely online. Both the learning materials and the assessments are available online. That means that it may be possible for you to study the qualification at home – or at least partially at home and partially at school or college.

Why bother with a qualification?

There are lots of different internet safety training courses... and that's the problem – they are all different. This unique qualification seeks to standardise what you learn and how it is assessed – effectively providing a national benchmark.

Why should I undertake this qualification?

It not only provides a national standard but you will receive a National Qualification when you complete it – and employers, admissions officers and others will recognise your achievement.

Where can I do this qualification?

Contact your local school or college.

Can I study at home?

Yes. Many centres offer this qualification in flexible attendance modes. Contact your local school or college.

Is this qualification for me?

If you use the internet and you are worried about your safety and you want to undertake a quality-assured programme to protect yourself, this qualification is for you.



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