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Award No: **G8H8 45** Level: **SCQF Level 5**

Award Title: **National Progression Award in Internet Technology at SCQF[1] Level 5**

Introduction to the Award

This National Progression Award (NPA) in Internet Technology was developed to meet the demand for an introductory qualification in uses of the Internet including the safe use gained through short-course provision.

In recent years, there has been an explosion in the use of the Internet as it is the largest reference resource in the world. With regard to concerns about the safe use of the Internet, it is important that we acknowledge and address the needs of children, young people, teachers and parents, in fact, everyone who uses the Internet, whether for business, studying or fun.

Target Audience

This National Progression Award is suitable for a wide range of candidates with basic computing skills who wish to develop their technical and on-line communication and research skills and to know how to operate effectively in a secure on-line environment.

This award progresses from the National Progression Award in Internet Technology at SCQF Level 4 and is suitable for candidates who have basic on-line literacy and wish to extend their skill-set to include a variety of on-line communication methods, information retrieval and research in a secure on-line environment.

Content and Structure of Award

This National Progression Award will provide candidates with the underpinning knowledge needed to use the Internet safely and legally to carry out information handling and research.

[1] SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) helps people to understand and compare different qualifications in Scotland. (visit the website www.scqf.org.uk for more information)

It will also introduce a range of Internet tools, which will enable candidates to access, retrieve and exchange information from the Internet (or an intranet) and to find and use social software that promotes interaction, collaboration and the creation and review of Weblogs.

On successful completion of the Award, candidates will receive the National Progression Award (NPA) Certificate in addition to the three separate units listed below, endorsed on their Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC).

All units in the National Progression Award in Internet Technology at SCQF Level 5 are mandatory.

UNIT TITLE	CODE	CREDIT VALUE	*SCQF LEVEL
PC Passport: Internet and On-line Communications	F1FD 11	1	5
Social Software	DW7J 11	1	5
Weblogs	DN81 11	1	5

*The Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework (SCQF) is a way of helping people understand and compare Scottish Qualifications, by giving them credit points which shows how much learning has been achieved and a level on a scale of 12, to show how demanding the learning is. Details can be found at www.scqf.org.uk

At the end of the award you should be able to**:**

- Describe components, services and issues relating to the use of on-line communications
- Carry out searches for information using the Internet/intranet
- Send and receive e-mail using routine Internet/intranet facilities
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of variety of on-line communication methods
- Describe the development of social software and various types available eg wikis
- Locate and review social software of various types
- Use social software to perform specific social tasks
- Locate and review blogs of various types
- Create a blog to perform a specific information task
- Track selected blogs

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