

# NPA in Digital Passport

SCQF level 4 Group Award Code: GJ7W 44

SCQF level 5 Group Award Code: GJ7X 45

SCQF level 6 Group Award Code: GJ7Y 46



**The National Progression Award (NPA) in Digital Passport delivers a broad range of knowledge and skills that greatly build on and improve learners' digital literacy. Learners will also develop confidence and skills in using digital devices such as smartphones, tablets or laptops and they will gain an understanding of digital citizenship that includes educational, community, political and business aspects.**

## Why deliver this qualification?

There is an increasing focus at national and European level on the development of Digital Literacy. This focus stems from the recognition that digital literacy is essential for success in the digital economy, education, and social life.

The NPAs in Digital Passport at SCQF levels 4, 5 and 6 offer current, fit for purpose, bite-sized chunks of learning that are straightforward for centres to adopt and for learners to study. Units can slot into school timetables, and they are a more manageable size for employee training.

## Who does the qualification suit?

The NPA in Digital Passport is ideal for a wide range of learners including:

- Learners looking to learn more about online basics and the safe, responsible use of social media
- Adults who want to learn new skills and improve their employability
- People who want to learn how to access online services and use digital skills to improve their social participation
- Adult learners who'd like to gain new skills and confidence in using computers and online systems
- Learners who want to know more about the study of social media

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## Access

Entry is at the discretion of the centre. Learners would benefit from having attained the skills, knowledge and understanding required by one or more of the following or equivalent qualifications and/or experience:

Basic IT Skills before beginning the SCQF level 4 Units. This may be evidenced by possession of:

H3LJ 09 Computer Basics (SCQF level 3) or equivalent qualifications or experience

For SCQF levels 5 and 6, it would be an advantage for learners to have completed the Units at levels 4 and 5 respectively.

## Progression

These NPAs cover SCQF levels 4 – 6, allowing clear progression and development routes to higher level education and employment. The qualification is available at three levels in a hierarchy structure and learners may progress to the next level if they wish to continue their studies.

Learners can also progress to a number of other qualifications in this area, or a related area, for example, NC Computing with Digital Media.



## Approval

The qualifications are auto-approved to all Scottish schools and colleges, so there is no need to seek approval. Other types of centres should come forward for approval and should contact SQA's Business Development Team for guidance.

## Qualification content

**NPA in Digital Passport at SCQF level 4**  
(18 SCQF credit points)

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**The NPAs in Digital Passport at SCQF levels 4, 5 and 6** consists of three mandatory Units (18 SCQF credit points).

## Assessment

Assessment of this award will be a combination of knowledge and practical assessments under closed- and open-book assessment conditions. It is recommended that centres refer to the assessment and evidence requirements for each Unit.

Assessment Support Packs are available on SQA's secure site. E-assessment materials are also produced and available on the SOLAR website, [www.sqasolar.org](http://www.sqasolar.org)

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