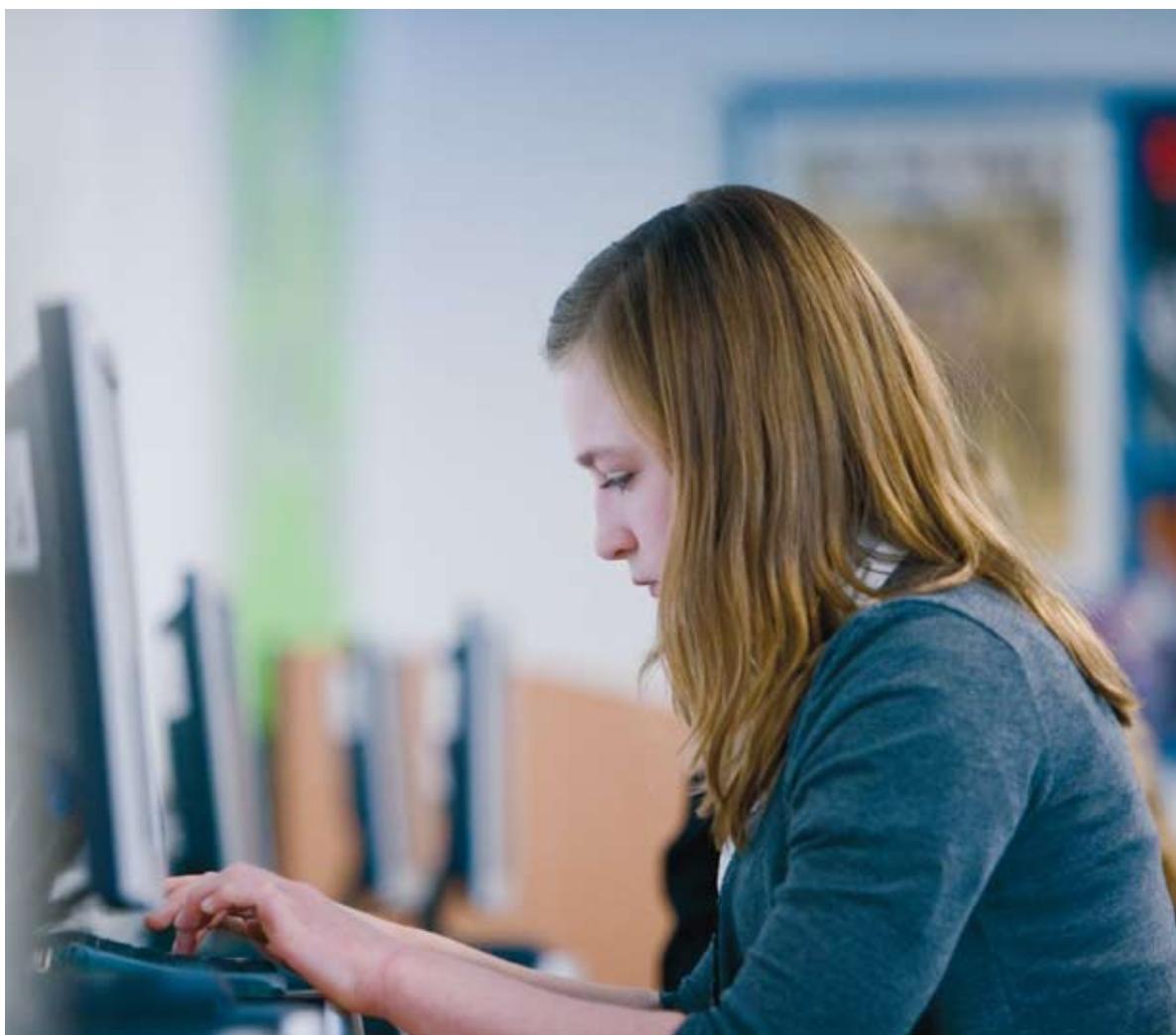


Internet Safety Award



SQA is proud to be the first UK awarding body to offer a formal qualification in Internet Safety. The Internet Safety Award at SCQF level 4 is a single Unit which can be delivered entirely online. It has been developed in partnership with a number of national organisations who share our concerns about this increasingly important subject. Our partners include the BBC, BT, Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP), Education Scotland, Microsoft, Scottish Libraries Information Council and Strathclyde Police.



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The Internet Safety Award teaches the skills and knowledge required to work safely and responsibly online, in the context of activities that are routine and familiar. Since the development of our original Internet Safety qualification in 2006, there have been significant changes in internet use, particularly the increased use of social networking and the growing incidence of cyberbullying. Embracing these trends, we have developed the revised Internet Safety Award which will directly replace the existing Award. There is now a stronger focus on personal safety, online behaviour, social networking and the use of mobile devices. The Award also covers the legal aspects of using the internet and protecting against threats such as identity theft and viruses.

Why deliver this qualification?

The Internet Safety Award can be delivered completely online. The entire course can even be delivered using a smartphone. As a result, there is no traditional teaching and almost no paperwork involved. The Award can be delivered at any location and assessment can be done on demand.

Who does this qualification suit?

The Internet Safety Award is suitable for anyone who uses the internet, particularly young people, parents, and mature internet users.

Access

No previous knowledge of computers or the internet is required. It would, however be of use if candidates possessed basic IT skills. Access to this qualification is at the discretion of the centre.

Progression

The Internet Safety Unit is also part of the Steps to Work Award and the National Progression Awards in Social Software and Internet Technology, all at SCQF level 4,

and the National Certificate in Digital Media Computing at SCQF levels 4 and 5. Internet Safety can therefore be undertaken on its own, or as part of one of these qualifications.

Approval

All schools and colleges are auto-approved to offer this Unit. External verification will be by an experienced external verifier from the Computing and Information Systems team.

Other centres looking to deliver the Internet Safety Award will have to come forward for approval and should contact the Business Development Team for guidance in completing the combined CA1/SA1 form.

Assessment

There are two assessments – one covering knowledge and one covering skills.

The knowledge assessment consists of 25 multiple choice questions. It is delivered online and marked automatically through SQA SOLAR, so results are provided almost instantly.

Candidate skills are assessed by digital portfolio, whereby the candidate maintains a record of their activity during the Unit, demonstrating how they have protected themselves when online.

Unit and delivery tools

This Award comprises one single Unit: Internet Safety at SCQF level 4.

An updated Delivery Guide and Assessment Support Pack will be available by June 2012, giving detailed advice on how to deliver and assess the qualification. The current Delivery Guide can be downloaded from www.sqa.org.uk/internetsafety and the Assessment Support Pack can be accessed on SQA's secure website.

Web-based learning materials created specifically for the Internet Safety Award are available through our SOLAR website, www.sqasolar.org.uk.



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