



National 1  
Unit  
Specification



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## Information and Communications Technology: Working with Software Applications (National 1)

**SCQF:** level 1 (6 SCQF credit points)

**Unit code:** H70M 71

### Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to provide opportunities for learners to explore a range of software applications.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Use software applications

This *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 *Unit Assessment Support*.

## **Recommended entry**

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre.

In terms of prior learning and experience, relevant experiences and outcomes may also provide an appropriate basis for doing this Unit.

## **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

With the appropriate level of support and resources, the learner will:

#### **1 Use software applications by:**

- 1.1 Choosing an activity
- 1.2 Using the main functions of an appropriate application to carry out the chosen activity
- 1.3 Using appropriate equipment and/or peripherals

### 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.

For this Unit, evidence could include audio and/or audio-visual files recorded on CD and/or DVD, printed materials, observation checklists, logs, recorded oral responses, photographic evidence, video evidence, or their equivalent. Assessors should be confident that there is sufficient evidence to support their judgement that the Assessment Standards have been met.

Learners will normally receive a high level of support to achieve the Outcome of the Unit. It is the assessor's responsibility to ensure that the level of support is appropriate for the requirements of the Unit.

Exemplification of assessment is provided in *Unit Assessment Support*.

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.

## **1 Literacy**

1.3 Listening and talking

## **4 Employability, enterprise and citizenship**

4.2 Information and communication technology (ICT)

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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