



Communications Applications (Alternative Context) National 2

SCQF: level 2 (6 SCQF credit points)

Unit code: HK06 72

This Unit should only be used where a learner has already achieved the original Unit, which carries the same title but without the words “Alternative Context”. There should be at least one year between the delivery of the original Unit and the delivery of the “Alternative Context” version.

For this Unit, centres can use one of the Unit Assessment Support Packs provided with the original Unit, but adjust it to reflect the alternative context in which the Unit is delivered. The alternative context could relate to the delivery setting, the maturity of the learner or the activities the learner is asked to complete.

Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to allow the learner to become familiar with the use of a range of applications for personal interaction and communication with others such as gaming, the use of texting, or social networking. The Unit will also provide opportunities for collaborative working.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Use equipment for a given purpose correctly and safely
- 2 Carry out operations to personally interact with others, using a range of applications

This Unit is an optional Unit of the National 2 Information and Communications Technology Course and is also available as a free-standing Unit. The 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. However, relevant experiences and outcomes may provide an appropriate basis for doing this Unit.

Core Skills

Achievement of this Unit gives automatic certification of the following:

Complete Core Skills for the Unit	Information and Communication Technology at SCQF level 2
Core Skill Component(s) for the Unit	Critical Thinking at SCQF level 2

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

The learner will:

1 Use equipment for a given purpose correctly and safely by:

- 1.1 Choosing an appropriate piece of equipment for a given activity
- 1.2 Following health and safety requirements when using equipment
- 1.3 Following rules for personal safety when using equipment

Outcome 2

The learner will:

2 Carry out operations to personally interact with others, using a range of applications, by:

- 2.1 Following correct procedures to open the applications
- 2.2 Participating with others in directed activities using the applications
- 2.3 Following correct procedures to close the applications

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.

Evidence may be presented for individual Outcomes or it may be gathered for the Unit as a whole through integrating assessment in one single activity. If the latter approach is used, it must be clear how the evidence covers each Outcome.

It is expected that learners will receive support to achieve the Outcomes of this Unit.

For Outcomes 1 and 2, evidence that the learner has participated in sustained and directed activities and completed all of the tasks for at least two applications is required. The range of applications could include gaming (including the communication facility within games), the use of texting, or social networking.

Evidence can be presented in a variety of formats, such as written, oral, or pictorial, and may be gathered using the learner's usual means of communication.

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.

4 Employability, enterprise and citizenship

4.2 Information and communication technology

5 Thinking skills

5.1 Remembering

5.3 Applying

5.5 Creating

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 as 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*.

Employability, enterprise and citizenship skills shown in this National Unit provide automatic certification of Core Skill: Information and Communication Technology at SCQF level 2.

Thinking skills shown in this National Unit provide automatic certification of the Core Skill component: Critical Thinking at SCQF level 2.

Administrative information

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History of changes to National Unit Specification

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