



Wigan Adult Learning and Skills

Title: **Essential Digital Skills Qualification (EDSQ)**

Course duration:

The course is delivered 1 day per week for 18 weeks. Term time only

What will I learn?

Our digital skills courses will take you from a complete beginner to a confident digital user. The EDSQ is a nationally recognised qualification for your Computer Skills, available at two levels:

Entry Level

At Entry Level, learners develop the skills to create and edit documents such as Letters and Posters using their computer, tailored towards the programs and devices learners have access to in their day to day lives.

Learners also develop the skills needed to use the internet safely and in a critical manner, to help protect themselves from fake news, online scams, and other dangers - whilst enjoying the benefits of online resources, social media, and sending e-mails.

Learners develop the ability to fill in forms online, enabling them access to the world of online shopping.

Finally, learners develop the skills needed to use tablets and other mobile devices, including installing apps and applying settings to apps.

Level 1

Learners for Level 1 will learn more advanced skills. To start this course learners will need to have basic digital skills, for example be able to fill forms in online and use email. On this course you will learn to create Spreadsheets and Presentations.

Learners also develop the skills needed to tackle their own technical problems through online search engines, and to help others with technical problems.

This qualification will help you to develop the transferable skills, attributes and behaviours needed for you to progress to further study and ultimately to employment.

In addition, all learners will develop key numeracy, literacy, and ICT skills as appropriate.

How will I be assessed?

All units are internally assessed via a portfolio of work and your award is validated by Pearsons Awarding Body.

Entry requirements

No previous experience, just a commitment to learn. You must be able to understand and follow spoken and written instructions in English and write in short paragraphs as a minimum.

You will undertake a short initial assessment prior to starting.

Progression

These qualifications prepare learners for further learning at a higher level:

- Learners who do not already have a Level 2 in Maths or English will be given the opportunity to enrol to these too.

Course Fees

Free to all eligible learners – including learners completing these courses for the first time.

If not a British resident for the last 3 years – further criteria applies. See learner services page for further information.

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