

ICDL EXPANDS PRODUCT RANGE

The ECDL Foundation is constantly expanding its range of certification programs available. It now has a program to suit everyone. In addition to our core ICDL program, we will soon introduce three new initiatives:

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Below, we introduce you to these new products. To enable you to understand the features they offer, we have included information on our ICDL core certification.

The ICDL is internationally recognised as the global standard for end-user computer skills and is widely adopted by governments, international organisations and corporations alike.

It certifies that the holder has knowledge of the essential concepts of information technology and is able to use a personal computer and common computer applications at a recognised level of competence.

The unrivalled quality of the certification and its vendor-neutral status coupled with the unique social ethos of the ECDL Foundation make the ICDL the natural choice for governments and international organisations all over the world.

To date over 4.6 million candidates in 138 countries around the world have benefited from the ICDL and the numbers grow daily.



Advanced

ICDL ADVANCED

To be launched in the next 6 months, ICDL Advanced is a higher-level program certifying mastery of elements of the ICDL core. Designed to build on the ICDL certification, ICDL Advanced is the logical progression for individuals who have achieved their core ICDL certification and who wish to further enhance their skills and knowledge and to demonstrate their competence in using a computer at a higher level.

ICDL Advanced is an intensive program that awards candidates with a higher-level certification at the successful completion of each module Wordprocessing, Spreadsheets, Databases and Presentations.

ICDL Advanced is about helping people take full advantage of the broad capabilities of different applications. On completion of the program candidates will be certified as experts in the use of these applications.



E-CITIZEN

Also to be launched this year, e-Citizen is a new end-user computer skills certification developed by the ECDL Foundation for those with a limited knowledge of computers and the Internet.

It is intended to help Candidates bridge the digital divide by giving them the necessary skills to interact online across a broad range of environments, from dealing with government departments to finding information and buying products and services.

e-Citizen is intended to help Candidates to develop an understanding and experience of computers and the Internet with a view to facilitating their participation in the Information Society.



EQUALSKILLS

Also to be launched this year, equalskills is a fun, informal and uncomplicated introduction to computers and the Internet. The program has been designed as an ice-breaker for those fearful of, or left behind by, technology. equalskills is for complete beginners and is specifically designed for those with no experience whatsoever of computers.

equalskills is open to everyone regardless of status, education, age, ability or understanding. The program is not intended as a certification leading to employment but rather gives candidates an exposure to basic computing and explains the use and role of technology in everyday life.

With equalskills, the candidate will acquire an appreciation of what a computer can do and what tasks can be executed online using the World Wide Web. On completion of the program the candidate will be able to send an email, use some simple programs and surf the web to look for information on news, weather or hobbies.

If you are interested in any of the new ICDL products, please contact Trudy Turnbull via email: trudy.turnbull@acs.org.au