

ECDL Given NHS Seal of Approval

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New survey results published by the British Computer Society (BCS) indicate that 96% of the UK-based National Health Service (NHS) employees who undertook the ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence) qualification have expressed satisfaction with the organisation of the course and the testing criteria.

The results of the survey clearly demonstrate the successes of the ECDL qualification and the effect that they have on professional practice. 80% of respondents rated the qualification as very worthwhile and a further 18% scored it as quite worthwhile.

With the ongoing digitisation within the NHS, staff are required to keep up to speed, and given the opportunities that ECDL presents the employee, IT skills are kept up to date in this ever changing environment.

ECDL is available throughout the UK in over 2,500 test centres with seven modules within the syllabus designed to cover the key concepts of computing, its practical applications and their use in the workplace and society in general. ECDL provides a solid foundation of computer skills helping people to competently and confidently use computers. The NHS, Ministry of Defence, Cabinet Office, HSBC, Sainsbury's and Cadbury's have all incorporated ECDL into their IT training, highlighting the fact that the qualification really is the recognised benchmark for IT competency in the UK.

BCS director of qualifications Pete Bayley is heartened by the survey results. "The fact that NHS employees have given ECDL their seal of approval exemplifies our commitment to raising IT standards, a motion that has gained great momentum in recent times. It is clear that by undertaking the ECDL qualifications, employees are steadily building up their skills, improving their productivity and their potential."

Editor's Notes:

Survey Results available upon request. Contact the [press office](#).

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