



Ascentis Essential Digital Skills in Work and Life Qualifications (EDSQ)



Frequently
Asked
Questions

Real questions from centres answered by our Digital Development Team.

Q: Do we know how much funding will be available through Legal Entitlement?

A: Both the Entry 3 and Level 1 Award in Essential Digital Skills for Work and Life will be fully funded under legal entitlement. However, Ofqual are yet to release the funding streams. As soon as we have this information we will be cascading it to all of our existing centres and those who have shown interest in these new qualifications.



Q: How do Entry 1 and 2 learners access the qualifications and are they suitable for them?

A: The Entry 3 Award is suitable for any learner on the entry level continuum and is assessed at the end point, Entry 3. We have worked hard to ensure that our qualifications come with a range of resources, links and exemplar materials to aid delivery and support tutors. A large proportion of the assessment is created within the guided learning hours to ensure that Entry 1 and 2 learners are supported throughout the course of this qualification. We have also permitted the use of contextualisation so centres are able to adapt parts of the assessment to meet the needs of the individual learners. We've created our new Essential Digital Skills qualifications in line with the National Standards, which were released in April 2019. At the time of writing a separate set of Occupation Standards at Entry 1 and Entry 2 does not exist and it is unclear how qualifications at these levels will be funded, if at all.



Q: Are Ascentis working on a Level 2 qualification which learners can progress onto?

A: We are currently developing a Level 2 digital qualification. This will not be mapped to the National Standards as there is currently no provision for Level 2 in the current standards. However, taking a lead from Ofqual we have used the original standards and reclassified them to meet requirements of centres and learners. There is currently no information about how this qualification will be funded but we will endeavour to keep all centres informed of any developments. For further information please contact us via email on EDSQ@ascentis.co.uk.



Q: An existing Ascentis centre has approval to deliver IT User Skills, will they require approval for the EDSQ?

A: As with any qualification, centres will have to receive approval to deliver the Essential Digital Skills for Work and Life. This can be done by contacting graham.white@ascentis.co.uk and requesting a qualification approval form and returning the completed form to him.

New centres who wish to deliver these qualifications will have to gain centre recognition which can again be requested by contacting the above email address or visiting www.ascentis.co.uk/join-us



Q: Will learners be able to do more than 1 digital course at Level 1 under the legal entitlement offer?

A: The legal entitlement is specifically for the qualifications written to the new National Standards. Any additional Level 1 qualifications within a digital suite would need to be funded by a separate means.



Q: How will the assessments work? (e.g. online platform or paper based)

A: For further information on assessment methodology please send a request to EDSQ@ascentis.co.uk. You will receive a full and detailed explanation of assessment methods used for the Entry 3 and Level 1 Essential Digital Skills in Work and Life qualifications.

