

Dismantling the digital divide

Many people across the UK do not have the basic digital skills to help them stay safe online, find jobs and demonstrate many of the skills needed in all workplaces. This has created a digital divide that we need to dismantle to ensure we all can progress.

Why do we need Essential Digital Skills?

Without digital inclusion, many people are at an unfair disadvantage and we risk missing out on great talent.

11.3 million people lack the full basic digital skills



4.3 million have no basic digital skills at all



5.4 million working adults are without basic digital skills

28% of those aged **60+** are offline

(2019 Lloyds Consumer Digital Index)



people with a **registered disability** are 4 times as likely to be offline

Skills qualifications?

NCFE's Essential Digital Skills qualifications (EDSQ) are funded qualifications mapped to national standards for basic digital literacy. Designed to meet digital knowledge gaps, these qualifications will provide vital skills to many.

What topics will be covered?



Using and handling devices



Communicating



Being safe and responsible online



Creating and editing



Transacting

NCFE's Essential Digital Skills qualifications and initial assessment and resources from Skills Forward will support you to address the digital skills needs of the UK and dismantle the digital divide.

Let's get digital!

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