



**EDI**

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## **Assessment and Qualification Services for Schools**

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## EDI qualifications and assessments for schools

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EDI is a leading accredited Awarding Body in the UK recognised by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), Ofqual, the Welsh Assembly Government and the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA). As a leading provider of education and learning services in the UK and around the world, EDI has much to offer head teachers, teachers and school pupils.

### How can we help you?

EDI's range of qualifications, awards and assessment solutions can help you to measure pupils' progress and performance, integrate qualifications into the curriculum and support teacher development in the following areas:

- GOAL online assessments
- Diplomas
- Vocational qualifications at school
- Skills for Life qualifications
- Foundation Learning Tier (FLT)
- Teacher training and professional development
- English language qualifications
- Decision Making Readiness (DMR)
- Dedicated bandwidth from EDI

## GOAL online assessments

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Whether you are a member of a senior management team, head of department, or a classroom teacher, GOAL online assessments can help you make a real difference.

GOAL is an innovative online system for schools to measure pupil performance and progress in Mathematics, English, Science, ICT and Life Skills at KS1, KS2 and KS3.

GOAL online assessments are designed to monitor both individual and class progress whilst giving diagnostic and formative feedback that supports effective teaching, learning and target setting. They will provide you with:

- Sophisticated 'intelligent' assessments pitching questions at the appropriate level for pupils
- Reports highlighting strengths and weaknesses to inform the next steps for learning
- Individual pupil reports providing personalised teaching and learning objectives
- Reports indicating pupils' National Curriculum levels and targets for 12 months' time
- Evidence of pupil, class, year group and whole school achievements
- Assessments on key topics giving you details of pupils' learning
- Information on pupils' attitude through life skills measures

## Diplomas

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The Diploma is a new, innovative qualification to motivate and enthuse young people between the ages of 14 and 19. It combines practical skill development with theoretical and technical understanding and knowledge.

The Diploma has four components:

- Principal learning – students develop knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes relevant to a sector and are given opportunities to apply these to work roles or situations and realistic contexts
- Additional/specialist learning – students choose from a range of options to either broaden their studies or gain greater depth in an area in which they wish to specialise
- Generic learning – recognised by employers as a vitally important component, this requires students to develop personal, learning and thinking skills, incorporate Functional Skills and complete a project
- Work placement – a placement of at least 10 days is required for completion of the Diploma

EDI has been formally accredited by the QCA as a Diploma Awarding Body. From September 2009, EDI will be awarding Diploma Principal Learning qualifications at Levels 1, 2 and 3 for the following areas:

- Business, Administration and Finance
- Society, Health and Development
- Hospitality

EDI's qualifications in Customer Service, Children's Care, Retail, ICT, Book-keeping and Disability Awareness have all been approved for use as additional and specialist learning within the new 14-19 Diplomas and are available now to registered centres.

EDI has been accredited to award the Project – a qualification that forms part of the generic learning for all Diplomas – and this is available to schools, colleges and other providers. The Project can be offered as part of the Diploma or as a stand alone qualification and is available to registered centres.

## Vocational qualifications at school

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Many of EDI's vocationally related qualifications are suitable to be taken within schools, some by staff and others by pupils. Here are some examples:

**Health** – Healthy Living; Activity Leadership; Personal Health and Lifestyle; Emergency First Aid in the Workplace; Moving and Handling; First Aid for those Caring for Children; Drugs Awareness; Personal Safety Awareness; Developing Personal Safety and Security Skills; Health and Safety in the Workplace; Providing a Healthier School Meals Service; Food Safety in Catering; Healthier Foods and Special Diets

**Administration** – Audio Transcription; Text Production

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## Skills for Life qualifications

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The term “Skills for Life” covers the Basic Skills of Literacy, Numeracy and Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

National standards have been developed for Adult Literacy, Adult Numeracy and ICT, relating directly to the Key Skills of Communication, Application of Number and ICT, and also matching the National Curriculum requirements for English, Mathematics and ICT.

EDI awards all of the following Skills for Life qualifications:

### Key Skills

- Communication Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Application of Number Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4
- ICT Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Working with Others Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Problem Solving Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Improving own Learning and Performance Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4

### Basic Skills

- Adult Literacy at Entry Levels 1, 2 and 3 and at Levels 1 and 2
- Adult Numeracy at Entry Levels 1, 2 and 3 and at Levels 1 and 2

### Functional Skills

Functional Skills qualifications have been developed in English, Mathematics and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Entry Level and Levels 1 and 2. Currently undergoing pilots, Functional Skills will be available to all learners in England aged 14 and above from 2010. They will be taught as stand alone qualifications and will also be integrated within other programmes such as GCSEs, Diplomas and Apprenticeships. It is expected that they will eventually replace Key Skills and Skills for Life.

## Foundation Learning Tier (FLT)

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The Foundation Learning Tier represents the programme of work which, by 2010, will provide a set of credit-based units and qualifications with clear progression routes through Entry Level and Level 1 to Level 2 in order to raise participation and achievement amongst learners and help them to progress through work and life.

EDI already offers Functional Skills and a variety of vocational qualifications at Level 1 which will fit within the FLT. We will also be reviewing our Certificate in Skills for Working Life for the Qualifications and Credit Framework and offering qualifications in Preparing for Work and Personal and Social Development.

## Teacher training and professional development

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EDI offers a suite of qualifications for teachers hoping to improve their teaching skills or progress into educational management:

- Level 3 Certificate in Education Principles and Practice
- Level 3 Certificate in Education Practice: ICT Skills
- Level 3 Certificate in Education Practice: ICT Advanced
- Level 4 Diploma in Education Practice: ICT Advanced
- Diploma in Education Practice: ICT Skills, comprising Education Principles and Practice and Education Practice: ICT Skills
- Diploma in Education Practice: ICT Advanced, comprising Education Principles and Practice and the Certificate in Education Practice: ICT Advanced

There is increasing pressure for teachers, trainee teachers and learning support staff to incorporate the latest technology into their role. EDI offers three qualifications, all nationally accredited, which will raise an awareness and understanding of the benefits of technology in education:

- EDI Level 3 Certificate in Educational Use of Information and Communications Technology
- EDI Level 3 Certificate in Delivering Learning Using a Virtual Learning Environment
- EDI Level 3 Award in Delivering e-Testing

## English language qualifications

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JETSET - EDI's JET and SET qualifications are a range of internationally accredited qualifications, designed to assess the learner's ability to communicate in English. JETSET provides a clear and consistent pathway through English language learning, from beginner to full fluency, enabling learners of all ages and backgrounds to develop their skills.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) - part of the UK Government's Skills for Life initiative, this nationally accredited qualification is aimed at short and long term visitors to the UK who wish to access further education, vocational training or employment in the UK. The content of the qualification is based on the life skills contexts of connections and relationships, time and money, home and community, rights and responsibilities and personal development. These themes are covered within the assessments for reading, writing, speaking and listening. EDI awards ESOL at Entry Level, Level 1 and Level 2.

## Decision Making Readiness (DMR)

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Ideal for schools, this online package measures the decision making competence of young people and adults, taking into account their cognitive ability, emotional awareness and social allegiances. DMR measures the state of preparedness for dealing with specific problems, transition points or changes, in order to make appropriate responses or plans, for example in making subject choices or career choices.

Participants complete an online audit comprising 36 statements. A report is generated, providing feedback on the participant's decision making attributes and suggesting steps for improvement. The report provides statements in three sections: planning, self-awareness and relating to people.

## Dedicated bandwidth from EDI

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We recognise that delivering education packages online for schools needs to be as accessible and efficient as possible. The EDI group of companies includes Fusion, a specialist internet service provider, whose support packages enable customers to benefit from a dedicated hi-speed broadband connection. For more information, telephone 0845 500 8585 or visit [www.fmn.uk.net](http://www.fmn.uk.net).

## Services for Schools

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