



ECDL and the BCS IT User Qualifications in Specialist Schools and Academies



Activ Training and the BCS have joined forces with the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT) to offer a unique and exciting opportunity to SSAT Schools and Academies who are looking to deliver an engaging, motivational and established alternative to standard IT qualifications.

ECDL and the BCS IT User Qualifications are the industry standard for IT User Skills. They have now been formally recognised academically, achieving up to 46 performance points (a Grade 'B' at GCSE) without the need for extensive coursework portfolios or a single, 'all or nothing' exam.

The new SSAT/BCS/Activ deal allows you to offer these qualifications in a straightforward way from a single source and at a lower cost than ever previously possible. Below are just some other reasons why ECDL and the BCS IT User Qualifications are ideal for Schools:

- They are already offered by over 400 schools across the UK.
- Over 50,000 students under 19 have completed or are undertaking ECDL.
- They are approved by the QCA for inclusion in the National Qualifications Framework.
- The flexible and modular nature of the courses is motivational for learners.
- The qualifications are hands-on and vocational in nature, being recognised and offered by major employers including the UK MOD, NHS, BP, Barclays, Virgin and T-Mobile.
- They are internationally recognized in (and so transferable to) over 100 countries.

Our SSAT solution includes everything that your school will need to set-up and manage its ECDL/BCS IT User provision. This includes assistance in the BCS Test Centre accreditation process, Training and Testing software installation and support, staff training, Candidate registration and certification. In addition, we can now provide you with the UK's only course book materials specifically designed to deliver ECDL and the IT User Qualifications into Schools; these are available in ECDL for Educators or ECDL for Students formats.

From the outset, your programme will be supported by a dedicated and experienced account manager who will guide you through the process step by step, offering advice and support as required to ensure you get the best possible solution for your School.

The Solution is designed to be flexible and easily implemented; supporting either taught or self-paced learning, and so making it ideal for inclusion within the Curriculum and/or as an enrichment qualification for Staff and Students. Furthermore, in recognition of the SSAT mandate, the SSAT Solution is also approved for delivery to members of your local community.

For more details of the SSAT deal, contact Activ Training on 01234 340880 or e-mail: activ@activ-training.com.

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