


The Internet Safety Award



**A recognised qualification
in Internet Safety**

**Developed by SQA and delivered
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qualification by CCPAS**

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What is The Internet Safety Award?

This new course and qualification, fully accredited by the SQA, is designed to enable safe use and the legal considerations involved when using the internet. Most importantly, it provides practical experience in taking safety precautions and operating within legal constraints whilst using the world wide web.

Why has it been introduced?

The Award has been developed by SQA with the involvement of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP), BBC, the Police, British Telecom and Microsoft and is being delivered for the first time as an online qualification by CCPAS. This is the first National Qualification in Internet Safety in Europe and we hope it will make a major contribution to setting standards and improving the safety of internet users across the globe. It is also the only qualification of its type that can be studied entirely in the student's home, workplace or anywhere else with computer access. Completing the course is therefore very straightforward and convenient.

Who is it for?

The Award is designed for anyone who uses the internet, which means people of every age and background, regardless of previous experience. So they would include school pupils, college students, parents and adults who work with children and young people. It is particularly relevant to professionals including ministers of religion, teachers and children's and youth workers who need to learn more about the potential dangers of the internet.



What benefits does it offer?

Completing this fully accredited course successfully benefits students because they gain the Internet Safety Award – Intermediate Level 1. This is a recognised qualification (SCQF) in the UK, so other educational establishments and employers will be assured of the quality of the study programme. It is therefore an important new qualification which will contribute positively to the careers of those who attain it.

Why is Internet Safety so important?

Internet safety is about the safe and legal use of the internet. The web is used by vast numbers of people, of all ages, for many different purposes. These range from chatting to friends to booking a holiday to researching a school project.

The use of the internet is growing at a frantic pace – but risks include online fraud, identity theft and the abuse of children. And new threats are emerging all of the time, any one of which may confuse or even trap the unwary visitor online. So internet safety means knowing what those potential threats are, what can and cannot (legally) be done online; and how to avoid the problems.

What does the course comprise?

Entry to the course is at the discretion of the CCPAS centre. No previous knowledge or experience of computers or the internet is required, although basic IT skills would be an advantage.

It comprises five sections: Viruses; Malicious Software (Malware); Other Internet Threats; Internet Defences and The Legal Aspects of Internet Use.

Successful completion leads to a qualification which consists of a single National Unit at SCQF level 4 (Intermediate 1), entitled: 'Internet Safety'. There are four outcomes:

1. **Identify threats** that can exist when using the internet.
2. **Describe safety precautions** which should be taken when using the internet.
3. **Describe legal constraints** which apply when using the internet.
4. **Take appropriate safety precautions** and operate within relevant legal constraints when using the internet.

Who is behind the course and qualification?

The Internet Safety Course is delivered through CCPAS (The Churches Child Protection Advisory Service - www.ccpas.co.uk). CCPAS, which was established in 1977, is an independent Christian charity providing professional safeguarding support and advice across church denominations and organisations throughout the UK.

The Internet Safety Qualification is awarded by the SQA. The SQA is an Ofqual Accredited UK Awarding Body. It has developed an international reputation for delivering quality and service and has over 80 years experience in developing and awarding academic and vocational qualifications, up to Higher National Diploma level.

What do I do now?

Further details on the course can be gained via our website:

www.ccpas.co.uk/internetsafety, by email on training@ccpas.co.uk or by phone on 0845 120 45 50. Candidate enrolment is through our website (as above).



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