

<b>Unit Title:</b>	<b>Bespoke software</b>
OCR unit number:	8
Level:	2
Credit value:	3
Guided learning hours:	20
Unit reference number:	F/502/4396

## Unit purpose and aim

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This is the ability to select and use a suitable bespoke software application to carry out an appropriate data processing task. It includes understanding the capabilities of the software and the types of tasks for which it is suitable, as well as the skills and techniques needed to use the software application appropriately and effectively.

This unit is about the skills and knowledge needed by an IT User to select and use a wide range of intermediate bespoke software tools and techniques for information that is at times non-routine or unfamiliar. Any aspect that is unfamiliar may require support and advice from others.

Bespoke software tools and techniques will be defined as ‘intermediate’ at this level because:

- the software tools and functions involved will at times be non-routine or unfamiliar;
- the choice and use of input, manipulation and output techniques will need to take account of a number of factors or elements at times be multi-step;
- the user will take some responsibility for inputting, manipulating and outputting the information.

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria	Examples
<p>The learner will:</p> <p>1 Input and combine information using bespoke applications</p>	<p>The learner can:</p> <p>1.1. <b>Input relevant information</b> accurately so that it is ready for processing</p> <p>1.2. Select and use appropriate techniques to link and <b>combine information</b> of different forms or from different sources within the software</p> <p>1.3. Respond appropriately to data entry <b>error messages</b></p>	<p><b>Types of bespoke information:</b> Information will vary according to the software for example, text, numbers, photos, scanned images, graphic elements, digital recorded sound, graphs, charts, tables</p> <p><b>Input information:</b> using Keyboard, mouse, scanner, voice recognition, touch screen, stylus</p> <p><b>Combine information:</b> Insert, size, position, wrap, order, group</p>
<p>2 Use appropriate structures to organise and retrieve information efficiently</p>	<p>2.1. Describe what functions to apply to structure and layout information</p>	<p><b>Structures and layouts:</b> Apply and change existing templates, set up templates for inputting or retrieving information, apply</p>

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	<p>effectively</p> <p>2.2. Select and use appropriate <b>structures and/or layouts</b> to organise information</p> <p>2.3. Apply local and/or legal <b>guidelines</b> and conventions <b>for the storage and use of data</b> where available</p>	<p>or change existing styles</p> <p><b>Guidelines for the storage and use of data:</b> Set by: employer or organisation. Topics covered: security, backup, data format, compliance and reporting, data protection, confidentiality. File management will vary according to the application.</p>
<p>3 Use the functions of the software effectively to process and present information</p>	<p>3.1. Select and use appropriate tools and techniques to <b>edit, process and format</b> information</p> <p>3.2. <b>Check information</b> meets needs, using IT tools and making corrections as necessary</p> <p>3.3. Select and use appropriate methods to <b>present information</b></p>	<p><b>Editing, analysis and formatting techniques:</b> Techniques will vary according to the software and task, for example:</p> <p>Editing – select, insert, delete, cut, copy, paste, drag and drop, find, replace, page layout, labelling, alignment, orientation, colour, resolution, size, pitch</p> <p>Analysis – design queries, mathematical, logical or statistical functions</p> <p>Formatting – characters, lines, paragraphs, pages, file type</p> <p><b>Check information:</b> Checks will vary according to the type of information and software, but could include: spell check, grammar check, accuracy of figures, labelling and size of images, volume of sound, quality of images and sound, that line, paragraph and page breaks fall appropriately, formatting is consistent, the use of headings and subheadings aid clarity, the placing of images or sound clips</p> <p><b>Presentation methods:</b> Methods will vary according to the software and task, for example, on screen display, publishing on a web site, hard copy print out, digital file</p>

## Assessment

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All ITQ units may be assessed using any method, or combination of methods, which clearly demonstrates that the learning outcomes and assessment criteria have been met. Assessments must also take into account the additional information provided in the unit Purpose and Aims relating to the level of demand of:

- the activity, task, problem or question and the context in which it is set;
- the information input and output type and structure involved; and
- the IT tools, techniques or functions to be used.

See the Assessment and postal moderation section of the [ITQ Centre Handbook](#).

## Evidence requirements

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Candidates must complete the Evidence Checklist without gaps for this unit. Individual unit checklists are available to download from the qualification [webpage](#) (see forms).

## Guidance on assessment and evidence requirements

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Please refer to the ITQ centre handbook on our [webpage](#).

## Details of relationship between the unit and national occupational standards

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This unit maps fully to competences outlined in IT User National Occupational Standards version 3 (2009).