



**How old is your ECDL certificate?** Many people now hold ECDL certificates which are up to seven years old. While the core skills which ECDL certifies remain the same, it is clear that changes have taken place in that time, both in the functionality of computer applications, and in the needs of the modern computer user. Also, in the world of technology, it is vitally important that practitioners demonstrate that their certification is up to date.

# Keep **UP** TO date

# Show your **commitment** TO MAINTAINING your **SKILLS**

- ▶ **Demonstrates the retention of skills and knowledge certified at an earlier date**
- ▶ **Only available to candidates who already hold an ECDL licence**
- ▶ **Certifies the skills and knowledge demanded by the latest syllabus version**
- ▶ **Simplifies re-certifying of employees' skills for organisations**

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## WHAT IS ECDL UPDATE? ■■■■

ECDL UPDATE is a certification which was developed to facilitate the re-certification of the skills of ECDL holders who have held their licences for some time.

With the ever-changing needs of modern society and the 21st century workplace, an individual's skills certification must be up-to-date to maintain its value. Advances in technology inform the ECDL syllabus content, and ECDL UPDATE demonstrates the commitment of ECDL holders to show their continuing skills competence.

## BENEFITS OF ECDL UPDATE ■■■■

- ▶ Verifies that ECDL holders have retained the skills and knowledge that were certified when they first obtained the ECDL.
- ▶ Demonstrates that skills have been updated in accordance with the changes in the technological world, as reflected in Syllabus Version 4.0.
- ▶ Confirms the commitment of ECDL Licence holders to continue to update their skills
- ▶ Provides an opportunity for test centres to enable candidates to update their ECDL to a current and relevant certification
- ▶ Enables organisations to re-certify employees in an efficient and cost-effective way

## WHAT IS COVERED? ■■■■

ECDL UPDATE is a certification which is awarded on the basis of passing a single test which examines all seven modules of ECDL. Currently, it is based on Syllabus Version 4.0, and any item on that syllabus can be assessed on an ECDL UPDATE test.

Because ECDL UPDATE tests all 7 ECDL modules in a single test, re-certification is fast and easy for busy organisations.

## TRAINING & TESTING ■■■■

All candidates for ECDL Update must already hold an ECDL certificate. Some refresher training may be required, particularly for candidates whose original ECDL certificate was attained under an earlier syllabus version. Training centres will offer ECDL UPDATE courses for candidates who require them.

The ECDL UPDATE test is currently a single manual test of one hour's duration, selected from an ECDL UPDATE QTB. Each of the seven core level modules is examined in equal measure, and the test consists of eight multiple choice theory questions and 24 practical, task-oriented questions. The pass mark is 75%, as with all ECDL programmes.

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