

Subject:	Vocational Award in ICT
Level:	Level 2
Awarding Body:	Eduqas (WJEC)
Specification Code/Title:	5539QA, WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in ICT (Technical Award) Unit 1 entry code: 5539U1 Unit 2 entry code: 5539U2
Awarding Body website:	https://www.eduqas.co.uk Link to specification: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/umbraco/surface/blobstorage/download?nodeId=36838
ASSESSMENT:	
	Unit 1 Online Exam (40%): ICT in Society
	Unit 2 NEA (60%): ICT in Context (Coursework)
When will it be sat?	Unit 2 May of year 10 and Unit 1 June of year 11
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Description

An ICT Technical Award will allow you to:

- Analyse problems in computational terms through practical experience including designing, writing, interrogating and debugging ICT systems
- Think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically
- Understand the components that make up digital systems, and how they communicate with one another and with other systems and how and why they are needed and used within business
- Understand the impacts of digital technology to the individual, business and wider society

Course Content

This is a unitised qualification consisting of two mandatory units:

Unit 1: ICT in Society Externally assessed (online computer exam), undertaken within 48 guided learning hours

Unit 2: ICT in Context Internally assessed (Coursework) undertaken within 72 guided learning hours

Unit 1 allows learners to explore the wide range of uses of hardware, application and specialist software in society. Learners will investigate how information technology is used in a range of contexts, including business and organisations, education and home use of information technology.

Unit 2 introduces learners to a broad working knowledge of databases, spreadsheets, automated documents and images and enables learners to apply their knowledge and understanding to solve

problems in vocational settings

Summary of Assessment	
Unit 1: ICT in Society On-screen examination: 1 hour 20 minutes 40% of qualification	80 marks
Questions requiring objective responses, short and extended answers, based around applied situations. Learners will be required to use stimulus material to respond to questions.	
Unit 2: ICT in Context Controlled assessment: 40 hours 60% of qualification	120 marks
An assignment brief will be provided by WJEC which will include a scenario and several tasks available via the WJEC Secure Website.	

External assessment (Unit 1)

Unit 1 is assessed through an external examination available in January and May/June each year (first assessment in January 2024).

Each external examination will:

- be set and marked by WJEC
- consist of a 1 hour, 20 minute paper
- include 80 marks
- include a balance of short and extended answer questions, based on stimulus material and applied contexts

4.2 Internal assessment (Unit 2)

Unit 2 is assessed through controlled assessment and submitted for external moderation. Unit 2 is available for submission in December and May each year (first submission in May 2023). Centres must follow the instructions for running controlled assessments in the Administration Guide and within each Unit Guide. In line with these instructions, centres are required to have in place a controlled assessment policy (which can be part of a centre's NEA policy); this will be checked as part of the centre and qualification approval process.

Course Progression

A level Computer Science, BTEC Level 3 in Information Technology, ICT apprenticeships

Careers associated with this qualification

Network Engineer, Programmer, App Developer, Technician, Systems Analyst or IT Systems Manager, Database Administrator, Tech Support.

Awarding, grading and reporting

Vocational Awards are awarded on an 8-point scale: Level 2 Distinction*, Level 2 Distinction, Level 2 Merit, Level 2 Pass, Level 1 Distinction*, Level 1 Distinction, Level 1 Merit, Level 1 Pass. Candidates who do not achieve the uniform marks required to achieve a Level 1 Pass will have their achievement recorded as U (unclassified) and will not receive a certificate.

Individual units are recorded on a uniform mark scale (UMS) with the following grade equivalences:

Unit	Max	Level 2				Level 1			
		D*	D	M	P	D*	D	M	P
Unit 1	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24
Unit 2	180	162	144	126	108	90	72	54	36
Qualification	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60