

Dismantling the digital divide

Many people across the UK don't have the basic digital skills to help them stay safe online, find jobs and demonstrate many of the skills needed in all workplaces. We must dismantle the digital divide this is creating, to ensure we can all progress.

Why do we need Essential Digital Skills?

Digital inclusion helps us bring people out of this unfair disadvantage, and cut the risk of missing out on great talent.

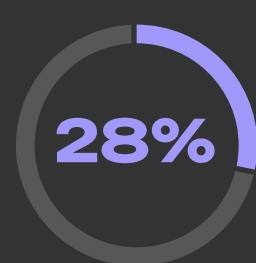
11.3 million people lack the full basic digital skills



4.3 million have no basic digital skills at all



5.4 million working adults have no basic digital skills



of those aged **60+** are offline








people with a **registered disability** are 4 times as likely to be offline

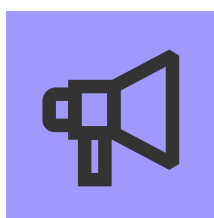
(2019 Lloyds Consumer Digital Index)

Skills qualifications?

Our Essential Digital Skills qualifications (EDSQs) are funded and mapped to national standards for basic digital literacy. They can offer you vital skills and meet digital knowledge gaps.

We cover:

-  Using and handling devices
-  Communicating
-  Being safe and responsible online
-  Creating and editing
-  Transacting



Our EDSQs, and skills assessment tools and resources, will help you address the UK's digital skills needs and dismantle the digital divide.



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