ITU REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ICT ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR AFRICA REGION

International Certification of ICT Skills for Persons with Disabilities

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ICDL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

As a self funding not-for-profit organisation, we are committed to improving digital skills proficiency within society. Our certification programs are designed to be accessible to all citizens, irrespective of age, gender, status, ability or race.

(ACCESS FOR ALL)
Skills Validation

Advanced International Computer Driving Licence

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Module 1: Basic Concepts of IT
Unit 1: IT Basics

Module 2: Using a Computer & Managing Files
Unit 2: Files & Folders

Module 3: Spreadsheets
Unit 3: Word Processing

Module 4: Advanced Spreadsheets
Unit 4: Word Processing

Module 5: Advanced Database
Unit 5: Spreadsheets

Module 6: Advanced Presentation
Unit 6: Presentations

Module 7: Information & Communication
Unit 7: Web Browsing & Email

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ICDL Candidates Tested:

- Physically Challenged
- Hearing impaired
- Visually Impaired People (VIP’s)
- Wheelchair bound individuals (with limited movement)….etc.
CTSB
Cape Town Society for the Blind

• NOT a “Sheltered Workshop”
• Prepares VIP’s for the workplace
• Includes the ICDL Programme
TRAINER is himself Visually Impaired

Completed all tests before specially adapted tests became available.
Trainer uses tools candidates will themselves use in the tests

- JAWS
- Screen enlargers
Skills assessment makes use of tests prepared to accommodate tools or enablers such as JAWS.
The skills validation tests are the same as any other test only changed in format to make use of JAWS easier.

Time adjusted to accommodate use of enabling tools.

The Same International Standard is Applied
Trainer uses

Explains Concept
Gives Exercises
Gives Examples
Exercises
Exercises
RESULTS INITIALLY
Not good as both Trainer and Candidates had issues of familiarity with assessments and confidence.
RESULTS NOW
Currently much improved as both Trainer and Candidates now familiar with assessments and confidence as a result of passing much higher.
ICDL will continue to make the programme and skills assessments available to as large a group of potential candidates as possible regardless of their particular challenges or requirements!
The key issue is that providing hardware (with assistive devices) and software (including special reader and translators), and training people with disabilities is simply not enough. They are well able to validate the skills learnt, and ICDL, through it’s access to all philosophy, ensures that they have the opportunity to do just that. The internationally recognised certificate they can earn, is every bit as good as that earned by anyone else. This improves self esteem, self worth, and gives them access to jobs.
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