

OVERVIEW

GLOBAL STANDARD 5



SKILLS YOU NEED NOW. CREDENTIALS FOR YOUR FUTURE.

Technology is integrated into nearly every aspect of our lives. From cell phones and personal devices to the more robust systems that power modern vehicles and large corporations, we use technology every day. And whether we are simply updating a social media status or managing complex IT infrastructures, technology plays a critical role in our happiness and success.

The IC3 Digital Literacy certification is a credential that is designed to remain relevant in an ever evolving world of technology. With a focus on the most critical elements that drive technology today, IC3 Global Standard 5 (GS5) delivers a comprehensive solution for learning how to succeed in any environment that requires the use of computers, devices, or the Internet. Best of all, because IC3 GS5 includes concepts and skills that apply to almost any school or career pathway, it's the ideal solution for any student or jobseeker looking to enhance or validate their digital skills.

Like its predecessors, IC3 GS5 validates a candidate's ability to effectively use some of the world's most current and prominent technologies, and is comprised of three individual exams:

Computing Fundamentals	Living Online	Key Applications
Covers a foundational understanding of computing.	Covers skills for working in an Internet or networked environment.	Covers popular word processing spreadsheet and presentation applications and the common features of all applications.

With the IC3 Digital Literacy certification, students and job seekers can learn the skills they need now while earning credentials for their future. From school to career to life's pursuits, IC3 can help you go farther.

High-speed Internet access and online skills are not only necessary for seeking, applying for, and getting today's jobs, but also to take advantage of the growing educational, civic, and health care advances spurred by broadband. For example, an increasing amount of activities – such as taking college classes, monitoring chronic medical conditions, renewing your driver's license, tracking your child's school assignments – are now commonly conducted online.

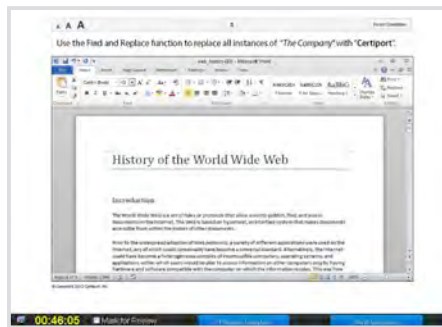
Source: United States Department of Commerce

BENEFITS OF IC3

With over three million exams delivered, in 78 countries, the IC3 Digital Literacy certification has become the preferred solution for measuring and validating digital skills of students and employees all around the world, making IC3 a truly global standard:

Benefits to Teachers	Benefits to Students
Data-driven decision making through reporting to show successful completion of funding requirements.	Data-driven decision making through reporting to show successful completion of funding requirements.
Unbiased examination through psychometrically validated certification exams.	Portable credential that is valued anywhere and accessible through fraud-proof online digital transcripts and badges.
Universal portability and relevance as a recognized global standard in digital literacy.	Provides students with tools and an industry-recognized credential for employment.
Ready solution that is more cost effective and time efficient than assembling an assessment to meet national or local educational requirements.	Accelerated success and shorter learning curve in areas involving computers and Internet.
A professional development tool that boosts instructor confidence to integrate the latest technology in the classroom.	Strong foundation of skills on which to pursue higher education.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS



Exams make use of the latest testing technologies, including the integration of both performance-based and knowledge-based testing.



Ninety-six percent of working Americans use new communications technologies as part of their daily life, while sixty-two percent of working Americans use the Internet as an integral part of their jobs.

Source: Pew Internet and American Life Project



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