

Unit Title:	Optimise the use of technology
OCR unit number:	16
Level:	5
Credit value:	6
Guided learning hours:	29
Unit reference number:	F/506/2064

Unit aim and purpose

This unit aims to develop the knowledge and skills required to optimise the use of technology and introduces learners to the key principles underpinning the optimisation of technology. Upon completion of this unit, learners will be able to scope the use of technology, optimise the use of technological solutions, and manage the use of technology.

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria	Additional Guidance
The Learner will: 1 Understand the principles underpinning the optimisation of technology	The Learner can: 1.1 Explain how to keep up-to-date with technological developments 1.2 Analyse the requirements of organisational procurement processes 1.3 Evaluate the implications of technology for business continuity and crisis management plans 1.4 Evaluate the legal implications of changes to the use of technology 1.5 Analyse the requirements of a technology strategy	
2 Be able to scope the use of technology	2.1 Establish evaluation criteria for the use of technology including extent of use, value, efficiency and quality 2.2 Evaluate the current use of technology against agreed criteria 2.3 Identify the scope for improvement including training, adaptations to existing systems and the implementation of new systems 2.4 Identify the strategic implications of changes to the use of technology	

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	2.5 Assess the risks, limitations and benefits of changes to the use of technology	
3 Be able to optimise the use of technological solutions	3.1 Specify technological requirements and priorities including the input of others in accordance with organisational technology strategy 3.2 Take action to ensure the compatibility of technological plans and systems with other systems, processes and plans 3.3 Recommend technological solutions that meet the specified objectives	
4 Be able to manage the use of technology	4.1 Develop procedures that address all aspects of the technology and their implications 4.2 Take action to ensure that everyone using the technology is adequately trained and equipped 4.3 Promote the benefits of technology 4.4 Use monitoring techniques that are appropriate to the nature of the work carried out and the system 4.5 Take prompt corrective action in the event of problems arising	

Assessment

This unit is internally assessed by centre staff and externally verified by OCR Assessors.

Guidance on assessment

Skills CFA Assessment Strategy Competence units (S/NVQ)

National Occupational Standards (NOS) mapping/signposting

The mapping in the table below provides an indication of where evidence might be available for assessment against some of the knowledge and understanding contained in the national occupational standards (NOS). It does not claim to guarantee that evidence will meet the NOS.

NOS can be viewed on the relevant Sector Skills Council's website or the Occupational standards directory at www.ukstandards.co.uk.

Occupational standards	Unit number	Title
Management & Leadership (2012) National Occupational Standards:	CFAM&LEB5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimise effective use of technology

Additional information

For further information regarding administration for this qualification, please refer to the OCR document '*Admin Guide: Vocational Qualifications*' (A850) on the OCR website www.ocr.org.uk .