

# When ICT is child's play

TWO Cape Town-based organisations have made it their mandate “that no child is to be left behind”.

And their belief is, “empower learners while they are still at school and you will make them victorious in a world where proficient use of information and communication technology is critically important”.

The International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL) and Computers 4 Kids have joined forces to endorse the e-Learner programme for primary schools.

Said Russell Pengelly, managing director, Computers 4 Kids, “... by obtaining the e-Learner qualification, these young learners

will be accredited with an international certification at primary school level before tackling the ICDL core qualification at high school.”

E-Learner equips younger learners with a solid foundation for progressing on to the ICDL qualification — a *de facto* standard in all educational institutions today.

It is a certified, modular course of progressive information and communication technology (ICT) skills. The course is made up of units and is available at two different levels — silver and gold.

The silver course comprises five units and covers skills at a basic level. The gold course covers all seven units and skills within these units are more advanced.

“The endorsement of the ICDL programme in many learning institutions is indicative of the commitment the various departments of education have to developing their most valuable resource — its learners,” said Jennifer van Niekerk, chief executive officer of the ICDL in South Africa.

ICDL is internationally recognised as the global standard in end-user computer skills.

It comprises seven modules, including basic concepts of IT; using a computer and managing files; word processing; spreadsheets; database; presentations and information and communications.

— Weekend Witness Reporter.



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Computer literacy is vitally important in today's world.