

# Schoolkids get licence to 'drive'

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**YOUNG SCHOOLKIDS** can now become super drivers!

But not drivers of cars, because they are still too young.

They will be trained to “drive” computers.

This will help them get an international certificate . . . so they can get a computer job anywhere in the world. This training for primary school pupils in the Western Cape was announced on Tuesday.

It will be presented by Computers 4 Kids and the International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL) Foundation.

The training is called the e-Learner

programme. It will use courses from Computers 4 Kids.

The pupils will learn Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills.

When the kids finish the primary school course, they can follow a more difficult course in high school, said Computers 4 Kids Managing Director Russell Pengelly.

The course has a Silver (or basic) level and a more advanced Gold level.

The kids will learn how to work with computer files, word processing, spreadsheets, making a database and giving presentations.

ICDL South Africa Chief Executive Of-

ficer Jennifer van Niekerk said: “Many teachers believe the ICDL programme is the only one that offers complete computer literacy in a world where an IT qualification is a standard in business success.”

The ICDL certification, also known as the European Computer Driving Licence in Europe, is available in 150 countries and has been translated into 38 languages.

The ICDL has been adopted by governments, international organisations, the international business community and more recently the Department of Correctional Services and the Department of Education. – *BUANEWS*