



# ONLINE COURSES

2026-27



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

National e-Learning Offer



## Introduction

e-Sgoil is Scotland's national e-Learning service. Established in 2016 by Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, the service quickly grew to deliver live online teaching and learning to children and young people all across Scotland using a bank of teachers employed directly and a network of trusted Partners.

We are pleased to offer a range of full-year, certificated courses that learners anywhere in Scotland can access. These courses are taught via live, online lessons by either e-Sgoil's GTCS registered teachers, further education lecturers or other approved educators e.g. accredited training officers who deliver Foundation Apprenticeships.

The aim of the offer is to help schools create personal pathways for their young people, making courses available where they otherwise wouldn't be, either due to small numbers, lack of local subject-area expertise or both. It is intended that this offer can sit alongside the school's in-house option choices, to be considered along with other timetabled courses.

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## The Partners



**COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR**

### **Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Accredited Training and Skills**

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar's Accredited Training and Skills Team has a strong track record of delivering employability programmes and apprenticeships for more than 30 years. In recent years, the team has embraced online and hybrid delivery to reduce geographical barriers to young people progressing in a career of their choice. The team is pleased to be able to extend the offer of online Foundation Apprenticeships to learners anywhere in Scotland.

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### **UHI North, West and Hebrides**

UHI North, West and Hebrides is a long-standing partner of e-Sgoil and provides opportunities for young people to shape their futures in a changing world, equipping them with the skills they need for learning, life and work, now and in the future.

## The offer

Click the images below for an enlarged view



### Subject/ Courses available

	Specialist Supply	National Qualifications	Partnership Provision
	Chargeable service	Pay per seat	No cost to schools
<p>A specialist Supply service delivering online teaching to primary &amp; secondary schools for medium/long-term periods where local, in-person supply options are not available.</p> <p>Full teaching costs would be billed to receiving schools.</p> <p><i>* other online language offers are available nationally from other providers. Contact the <a href="#">Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools</a> for details of Mandarin NQs and <a href="#">Edinburgh College</a> for other modern languages.</i></p>	<p><b>National Courses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English AH*</li> <li>• French N5*</li> <li>• German N5*</li> <li>• Italian N5*</li> <li>• Spanish N5*</li> <li>• Apps of Maths N5, H</li> <li>• Maths AH</li> <li>• Economics N5, H &amp; AH</li> <li>• Accounting N5, H &amp; AH</li> <li>• Modern Studies H &amp; AH</li> <li>• History AH</li> <li>• Politics H</li> <li>• Computing Science N5, H &amp; AH</li> <li>• Business Management N5, H &amp; AH</li> <li>• RMPS N5, H &amp; AH</li> </ul> <p><b>Awards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business with IT NPA (SCQF 5/6)</li> <li>• Computer Games Development NPA (SCQF 4/5)</li> <li>• Creative Industries NPA (SCQF 4)</li> <li>• Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Award (SCQF 4/5)</li> <li>• Modern Languages for Life and Work (SCQF 4/5/6)</li> <li>• Personal Development Award (SCQF 4/5/6)</li> <li>• Personal Finance Award (SCQF 4/5/6)</li> </ul>	<p><b>National Progression Awards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maritime Studies</li> </ul> <p><b>Foundation Apprenticeships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Skills</li> <li>• Creative and Digital Media ^</li> <li>• Food and Drink Technologies</li> <li>• Social Services: Children and Young People ^</li> <li>• Social Services: Healthcare ^</li> </ul> <p><b>Gaelic NQs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gaelic N4/N5/H/AH (learners)</li> <li>• Gàidhlig N5/H/AH (fluent)</li> </ul> <p><i>^ available for delivery in Gaelic Medium</i></p>	



### Timing

	Specialist Supply	National Qualifications	Partnership Provision
	Chargeable service	Pay per seat	No cost to schools
<b>Duration of delivery</b>	e-Sgoil teacher will deliver subject/course for as long as required. No minimum period; maximum = full year	Full year	Full year
<b>Class sizes/ cohort arrangements</b>	Teaching delivered to classes already established at receiving school.	Classes aggregated across a number of schools. Class sizes will be a minimum of 8	Classes aggregated across a number of schools. Class sizes will be between a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 30.
<b>Technology/ delivery method</b>	Lessons typically delivered to one large screen in classroom, with group speaker/microphone. Camera on. Platform to suit receiving school e.g. MS Teams in Glow, MS Teams on local tenancy, Google Classroom	Lessons likely to be delivered to learners joining individually from own device. MS Teams in Glow. Learner cameras and mics on wherever possible	Lessons likely to be delivered to learners joining individually from own device. MS Teams in Glow. Learner cameras and mics on wherever possible



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Costs	Receiving school pays cost of employing teacher	TBC – costs will not exceed £800 per learner	Free to schools (funding via delivery partner)
Teaching delivered by	e-Sgoil teacher	e-Sgoil teacher. Where applicable the participating school will be responsible for delivering the practical element of the course.	Delivery Partner lecturer/tutor or e-Sgoil teacher
Presenting Centre	Receiving school	Participating school	FE Partner
Exam Arrangements (if required)	Candidates sit exams at their own school	Candidates sit exams at their own school	Candidates sit exams (if required) at their own school (acting as a 'sitting-at' centre).
Next steps / how to register	Complete the enquiry form below	Complete the Expression of Interest Form for National Qualifications Courses (Glow form) below	Complete the Expression of Interest Form for Partner Provision (Glow form) below

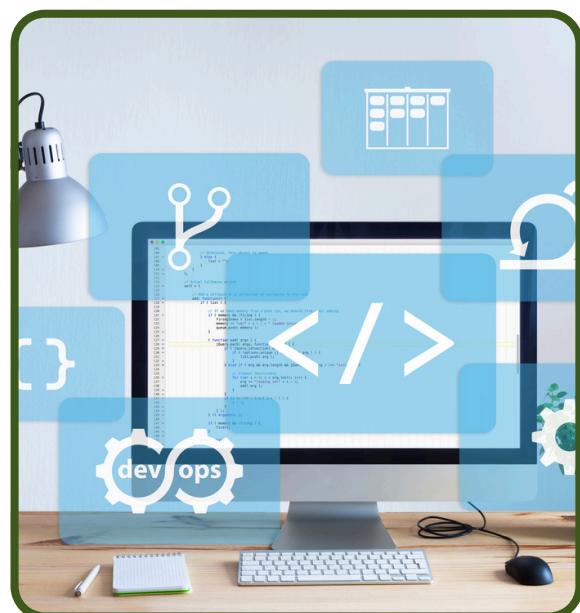
**Click below to access the forms for each offer**

**Specialist Supply  
Enquiry Form**

**National Qualifications  
Expression of Interest form**

**Partnership Provision  
Expression of Interest form**

**Click here if you are having issues registering**



## Next Steps

	Timescale
Expressions of Interest (both teachers on behalf of learners and learners themselves)	December - August
Information sessions for schools and local authority staff <a href="#">Click here to join</a>	Every Monday from 12th January 15:45-16:30
Information sessions for learners and supporting teachers x 3	February, March, April (dates tbc, 4-5pm)
Offer considered by learners/schools alongside Options Choice forms	January - April
Confirmation of learners enrolling	April-August
Provisional cohort viability established	End June
Enrolment with Delivery Partner, if required	June-August
Viability of courses confirmed (cohorts can be topped up after this date)	25th August
Intro/onboarding session with learners	Mid-August
Start Courses	Late August

## FAQs

### How will the courses be timetabled?

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### How big will the classes be?

There will be different minimum class sizes depending on the viability constraints for each course. Maximum class sizes will be determined to ensure that the required level of interactivity and access to the teacher can be achieved. It is important that a good quality learning experience is created for all participants. No classes will have more than 30 learners.



## **What are the course fees?**

Costs to schools vary from programme to programme – please see the Costs section of the table on page 4.

Costs for NQ courses are still to be confirmed. Discussions are ongoing around funding with the intention of ensuring that any fees are reduced to a minimum but in any case will not exceed £800 per learner.

All coordination, advertising and IT support for delivery of live lessons via MS Teams in Glow is provided by e-Sgoil as part of the Scottish Government funded National e-Learning Offer.

## **Are course fees refundable if a learner withdraws?**

We understand that learners' subject choices may change subject to exam results. The following policy will apply:

Withdrawal on or before 25th August - 100% refund

Withdrawal after 25th August - 100% refund if an alternative candidate can be identified

## **What equipment do learners require?**

PC, laptop or other suitable device with a keyboard and camera.

A headset with microphone is recommended to ensure the best quality audio experience for everyone.

## **(For schools) What happens to the Insight Tariff Points?**

For all courses, Insight tariff points will be accrued by the learner's school, even if it is not the presenting centre.

## **Role of the learner**

[Click here for pupil guide](#)

## **Role of the learner's own school/supporting teacher**

Schools are expected to support learners to fully engage with the online lessons and provide a point of contact to discuss progress and any difficulties that arise. They should ensure that learners have suitable IT equipment, internet connection and a space in the school to allow them to attend and participate in the lessons without undue distraction. It is for the school to determine what, if any, supervision the learner requires while participating.

