

## NCFE Online Assessment - Technical Requirements

NCFE Online Assessment is an internet based system enabling individuals to complete an assessment test online direct from a Microsoft Windows based workstation.

There's also a feature which enables you to sit a test without direct access to an internet connection.

### Recommended Assessment Workstation Requirements

<b>Software Requirements</b>
Microsoft Windows Vista 32 bit or 64 bit and all latest security patches
Microsoft Windows XP Home / Professional with a minimum of SP2 and all latest security patches
Microsoft Windows 7 and all latest security patches
.NET 2.0
Microsoft Internet Explorer version 6, 7 or 8 and all latest security patches (IE7 or IE8 strongly recommended) or Mozilla Firefox 3
Adobe Flash Player 10.3.181.23 or later
<b>Hardware Requirements</b>
2.33 GHz CPU or higher ( <b>Celeron CPUs not supported*</b> )
1GB of memory ( <b>2GB of memory*</b> )
Graphics card with 128Mb of memory and a monitor capable of displaying 1024x768 resolution or higher
100 MB of free hard disk space
Broadband Internet connection of 512Kbps (per candidate)
Two button mouse

**\* Requirements in bold and brackets are only for those running Functional Skill ICT tests**

NCFE Online Assessment is not supported for Apple Macintosh computers

### Workstation Components of the NCFE Online Assessment System

To enable an assessment workstation to connect to the NCFE Online Assessment Server, a Windows based application is required. This application, NCFE Online Assessment Candidate Interface, is installed on a workstation using a Windows based setup package.

Once installed, the application will create a desktop icon which will start the application and establish a secure connection to the NCFE Online Assessment Server.

The application requires a minimum of 1.5Mbytes of disk space and requires local administrator privileges for installation.

### Server Components of the NCFE Online Assessment System

We recommend that you don't use a Proxy Server while using NCFE Online Assessment. If you do wish to use a Proxy Server there are some minor settings to be made, please contact NCFE for further guidance. This ensures that the candidate workstation has direct access to the online assessment database.