Occupational Map: Digital

This is one of 15 occupational maps that group together occupations that require similar knowledge skills and behaviours. Career pathways and occupational clusters have been used to provide further grouping of occupations, with the pathways indicating options for likely career progression. Every apprenticeship standard has been captured, as well as other skilled occupations where there is a substantial requirement for technical knowledge and practical skills. This map is split into 3 pathways: IT support and services; software and applications design and development; and data and digital business services. The pathways have been split further into several occupational clusters, particularly at the higher technical occupations and professional occupations levels.

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Occupations in green: approved for delivery
Occupations in amber: standard published
Occupations in red: standard in development
Occupations in black: proposed standard
(): the number shown in brackets is the level of the

apprenticeship (if the level is known)

Career Pathway

Technical Occupations

Technical occupations: skilled occupations that a college leaver or an apprentice would be entering, that typically require qualifications at levels 2/3.

Higher Technical Occupations

Higher Technical occupations: require more knowledge and skills acquired through experience in the workplace or further technical education. They typically require qualifications at levels 4/5.

Professional Occupations

Professional occupations: occupations where there is a clear career progression from higher technical occupations, as well as those occupations where a degree apprenticeship exists.

Click here for more information on the occupations listed in this map

Digital Support and Services

Cluster: IT Support and Services Technician

Help internal and external customers to install and use IT technology along with trouble - shooting their problems.

Skills are developed across IT security and data management.

Digital applications technician (3)
Infrastructure technician (3)

IT solution technician (3)

- Hardware solutions
- Software solutions

IT support

Network cable installer (3)

Unified communications technician (3)

Cluster: Cyber Security Technician

Detect security breaches and respond using alerts from automated tools to determine breach status and resolution working with the incident response team. Extended skills allow hazards, risks and controls to be managed.

Cyber intrusion analyst (4)

- Risk Analyst
- Technologist

Cluster: Cyber Security Professional

Provide and implement cyber security technology enabled solutions for internal and external customers.

Cyber security technical professional (degree) (6)

Cluster: Hardware, Networks and Infrastructure Technician

Design, install, maintain and support communication networks.

Knowledge extends to network configuration, cloud, network

administration and monitoring tools. Provides advice and guidance to

internal and external customers.

Network engineer (4)²

Unified communications trouble shooter (4)

Cluster: IT Systems Technician

Co-ordinate systems development tasks including the design,

Computer systems analyst

Systems Engineer

Digital Production	
Design and	
Development	

Cluster: Software Development Technician

Build simple software components (web, mobile, desktop

Software development technician (3)

Cluster: Software Development Advanced Technician

Build and test simple, high quality codes across various layers (front

Digital user experience (4)

Games designer

Software developer (4)

Software tester (4)

Video Games Quality Assurance Technician (4)

Web Development / Web Design

Cluster: Software Development Professional

Software engineering covering modelling, simulation, human

Digital user experience (UX) professional (6)

Development and Digital Business Services

Cluster: Digital Business Technician

Define, design, build and implement digital campaigns on all platforms to drive customer acquisition, engagement and retention, sell technical products and services and manage customer relationships.

Data Analyst / Administrator (3)

Cluster: Digital Business Advanced Technician

Analyse and deliver business requirements in order to maximise the impact of digital technology across an organisation.

IS Business Analyst (4)

Data Architect

Cluster: Business Analyst Advanced Technician

Collect, organise and analyse data to provide business insights using

Data analyst (4)

Cluster: Business Information Professional

Cluster: Digital Business Professional

Provide and implement data technology enabled solutions to

Devise, implement, monitor and optimise digital campaigns

including web design/re-design using customer and user

Data scientist degree (6)

research.

Cluster: Digital Solutions Advanced Technician

Develop technical solutions to solve internal or external customer business problems, and seek to maximise the value gained from the solution. Deliver solutions to time, budget and scope.

Community Coordinator/Associate Community Manager (4)

IT Product manager

Web content manager

Cluster: Digital Solutions Professional

Provide and implement technology enabled solutions to internal and external customers.

Digital and technology solutions professional (degree) (6):

- Business Analyst
- Cyber security specialist
- Data analyst
- IT consultant
- Network engineer
- Software engineer

Digital and technology solution specialist (7):

- Cyber security technology specialist
- Data analytics specialist
- Digital business & enterprise system architecture specialist

- IT business analyst specialist
- IT operations management specialist
- IT project management specialist
- IT strategy specialist
- IT/digital futures management specialist
- Network engineering specialist
- Software engineering specialist
- Systems test & assurance specialist