

## LEVEL 3

TITLE: (WEB DEVELOPMENT)

**YEAR: 2024** 

### **NSQ LEVEL 3-** (WEB DEVELOPMENT)

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **QUALIFICATION PURPOSE**

The purpose of this qualification is to equip learners with foundational skills and knowledge necessary for developing modern web applications.

## **QUALIFICATION OBJECTIVES**

The learner should be able to: -

- i. Understand Information Technology Ethics
- ii. Understand the fundamentals of web application development and the software development life cycle.
- iii. Utilize version control systems (Git) for managing and tracking changes in web projects.
- iv. Develop client-side web applications using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- V. Implement server-side web functionality with introductory server-side languages like PHP or Node.js.
- vi. Work with databases and web servers to store, retrieve, and manage data in web applications.
- vii. Set up and configure web servers for development purposes.
- viii. Build and manage websites using Content Management Systems (CMS) such as WordPress.
- ix. Perform basic web application maintenance and optimization tasks, including debugging and performance tuning.
- X. Leverage open-source software and tools in web application development projects.

## **Mandatory Units**

Unit	Reference	NOS Title	Credit	Guided	Remark
No	Number		Value	Learning Hours	
1	ICT/WEB/001/L3	Occupational Health and Safety	2	20	
2	ICT/WEB /002/L3	Communication and Interpersonal Skills	2	20	
3	ICT/WEB/003/L3	Team Work	2	20	
4	ICT/WEB/004/L3	Introduction to Web Application Development	3	30	
5	ICT/WEB/005/L3	Version Control with Git	3	30	
6	ICT/WEB/006/L3	Web Programming Fundamentals	4	40	
7	ICT/WEB/007/L3	Databases and Web Servers	4	40	
8	ICT/WEB/008/L3	Content Management Systems (CMS) Basics	3	30	
9	ICT/WEB/009/L3	Introduction to Open-Source Software	2	20	
Total			25	250	

## **Optional Units**

Unit	Reference	NOS Title	Credit	Guided	Remark
No	Number		Value	Learning	
				Hours	
10	ICT/WEB/010/L3	Client-Side Web	3	30	
		Development			
11	ICT/WEB/011/L3	Server-Side Web	3	30	
		Development			
12	ICT/WEB/012/L3	Web Application	2	20	
		Maintenance and			
		Optimization			
Total			10	100	

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Unit 1: OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

**Unit Reference Number: ICT/WEB/001/L3** 

NSQ Level: 3

**Credit Value: 2** 

**Guided Learning Hours: 20** 

Unit Purpose: This unit aims to equip leaners with skills and knowledge required to demonstrate understanding of safe work practices.

## **Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

Assessment methods to be used include:

- 1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
- 2. Question and Answer (QA)
- 3. Witness Testimony (WT)
- 4. Assignment (ASS), etc.

## UNIT 1: OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO) The learner will:		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA  The learner can:	Evidence Type					nce
LO 1: Demonstrate Safe	1.1	Explain safe work practice and instructions in an ICT environment						
working Practices and	1.2	Carry out safe work practices and instructions in an ICT environment						
Instructions	1.3	Work in accordance with health and safety best practices in an ICT environment						
	1.4	Follow all necessary instructions related to safety in the work place						
LO 2: Demonstrate	2.1	Identify work environment hazards in an ICT environment						
Understanding of Safety Hazards and risks	2.2	State various methods to reduce the risk of identified hazards in an ICT environment						
	2.3	Demonstrate use of safety equipment applicable to ICT environment.						
LO 3: Possess the	3.1	State how to maintain hygienic, safe and secure workplace.						
ability to take appropriate actions during	3.2	Demonstrate the uses of safety equipment in an ICT environment as required.						
accident/injury	3.3	Identify basic first aid equipment						
	3.4	Illustrate basic first aid treatments						
LO 4: Demonstrate safe	4.1	Use safe access and exit routes in the work environment						
work habit and clean work environment	4.2	Dispose all wastes appropriately to designated waste facilities						

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Unit 2: COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

**Unit Reference Number: ICT/WEB/002/L3** 

NSQ Level: 3

**Credit Value: 2** 

**Guided Learning Hours: 20** 

Unit Purpose: This unit aims to equip leaners with skills and knowledge to demonstrate good communication and interpersonal skills.

## **Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

Assessment methods to be used include:

- 1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
- 2. Question and Answer (QA)
- 3. Witness Testimony (WT)
- 4. Assignment (ASS), etc.

## **Unit 2: COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO) The learner will:		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA  The learner can:		Evidence Type									nce age	
LO 1: Know of the	1.1	State reasons why good communication is important												
importance of good communication	1.2	List ways to communicate effectively												
	1.3	Exhibit patience and a mild demeanor while communicating with colleagues, managers and clients												
	1.4	Demonstrate how to speak in a respectful manner												
	1.5	Use respectful body language even when in a bad mood or while under pressure												
LO 2: Demonstrate ability to follow	2.1	Read and accurately follow steps in a web framework/plugins installation manual												
ability to follow documented instructions	2.2	Find specific Class definitions and Method descriptions in the programming language reference document.												
	2.3	Find feature descriptions in the plugin framework documentation, while using a plugins/framework,												

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**UNIT 3: TEAM WORK** 

**Unit Reference Number: ICT/WEB/003/L3** 

QCF Level: 3 Credit Value: 2

**Guided Learning Hours: 20** 

#### **Unit Purpose:**

This unit aims learners with skills and knowledge required to develop team spirit and positive working relationship with colleagues.

#### Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

Assessment methods to be used include:

- 1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
- 2. Question and Answer (QA)
- 3. Witness Testimony (WT)
- 4. Assignment (ASS), etc.

## **UNIT 3: TEAM WORK**

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO)		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	Evidence Type		ideno f. P	
The learner will:		The learner can:				
LO 1: Positive working	1.1	Identify the need for developing positive working relationship with colleagues				
relationship with colleagues	1.2	Recognize the importance of relating with other people in a way that makes them feel valued and respected				
	1.3	Assist team members when required.				
	1.4	Report to the appropriate personnel when request for assistance fall outside area of responsibility.				
	1.5	Communicate information to colleagues about individual work that may effect team work.				
LO 2: Take	2.1	Recognize own role and responsibilities within a team				
responsibility within the team	2.2	Perform individual tasks in line with the team's rules and regulations.				
	2.3	Participate effectively in teamwork.				
LO 3:	3.1	Explain organizational code of conduct				
Compliance with policy of	3.2	Work in line with organizational standard				
organization	3.3	Use organizational code of practice				
	3.4	Adhere strictly to instructions given by the Management				

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#### **UNIT 4:** INTRODUCTION TO WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

**Unit Reference Number: ICT/WEB/004/L3** 

QCF Level: 3 Credit Value: 3

**Guided Learning Hours: 30** 

## **Unit Purpose:**

To equip learners with skills and knowledge of fundamental concepts and processes involved in web application development.

## Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

Assessment methods to be used include:

- 1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
- 2. Question and Answer (QA)
- 3. Witness Testimony (WT)
- 4. Assignment (ASS), etc.

## **UNIT 4:** INTRODUCTION TO WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO)		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA  The learner can:	Evidence Type		ence Page
The learner will:		The learner can.			
LO 1:	1.1	Explain the client-server model.			
Understand the basic architecture	1.2	Identify key components of a web application (frontend, backend, and			
of web		database).			
applications.	1.3	Describe how data flows between the client, server, and database.			
	1.4	Compare static and dynamic web applications.			
LO 2:	2.1	List the phases of the SDLC.			
Understand the Software	2.2	Describe the role of each SDLC phase in web development.			
Development Life Cycle (SDLC).	2.3	Explain the importance of iterative development in web applications.			
	2.4	Discuss common web development methodologies like Agile and Waterfall.			
LO 3: Identify key tools and	3.1	Describe the roles of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript in web development.			
technologies used in web	3.2	List popular web development frameworks and libraries.			
development.	3.3	Explain the purpose of version control systems in development.			
	3.4	Identify tools for debugging and optimizing web applications.			
LO 4:	4.1	Explain what responsive design is and			
Recognize the		why it's important.			
importance of	4.2	Identify techniques for building			
responsive design		responsive web applications.			
in web	4.3	Discuss mobile-first design approaches.			
applications.	4.4	Demonstrate how to test a web application for responsiveness.			

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**UNIT 5:** VERSION CONTROL WITH GIT

**Unit Reference Number: ICT/WEB/005/L3** 

QCF Level: 3 Credit Value: 3

**Guided Learning Hours: 30** 

### **Unit Purpose:**

This unit aims to equip learners with skills and knowledge of version control using Git for managing and tracking changes in web development projects.

## Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

Assessment methods to be used include:

- 1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
- 2. Question and Answer (QA)
- 3. Witness Testimony (WT)
- 4. Assignment (ASS), etc.

## **UNIT 5:** VERSION CONTROL WITH GIT

LEARNING		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	Evidence	Evide	
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>			Type		Page
(LO)				No.	
TEN 1		The learner can:			
The learner					
will:	1 1		<del>                                     </del>		П
LO 1:	1.1	Explain the purpose of version control			
Understand the	1.2	systems in software development.			
fundamentals of Git and version	1.2	Define common Git terminology			
control.	1.3	(repository, commit, branch, merge).			
control.	1.3	Identify differences between centralized and distributed version			
	1.4	control systems.			
	1.7	Set up a Git repository for a web			
102.	2.1	development project.			
LO 2: Learn	2.1	Demonstrate how to stage and commit			
how to track and	2.2	changes to a repository.  Explain the importance of commit	<del>                                     </del>		
manage changes using Git.	2.2				
using Oit.	2.3	messages. Use Git commands to view the history			
	2.3	of commits.			
	2.4	Create and switch between branches in			
		a project.			
LO 3:	3.1	Explain the concept of remote			
Collaborate		repositories.			
effectively using	3.2	Push and pull changes from remote			
Git.		repositories.			
	3.3	Resolve merge conflicts during			
		collaboration.			
	3.4	Utilize GitHub or similar platforms for			
		collaborative development.			
LO 4:	4.1	Create a branching strategy for a			
Implement		project.			
version control	4.2	Apply proper naming conventions for			
best practices.	4.2	branches and commits.			
	4.3	Use pull requests for code reviews.			
	4.4	Apply continuous integration (CI)			
		workflows using Git.			

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#### **UNIT 6: WEB PROGRAMMING FUNDAMENTALS**

**Unit Reference Number: ICT/WEB/006/L3** 

QCF Level: 3 Credit Value: 4

**Guided Learning Hours: 40** 

#### **Unit Purpose:**

This unit aims to equip learners with skills and knowledge of fundamental concepts and syntax of web programming languages used for building web applications.

## **Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

Assessment methods to be used include:

- 1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
- 2. Question and Answer (QA)
- 3. Witness Testimony (WT)
- 4. Assignment (ASS), etc.

## **UNIT 6: WEB DEVELOPMENT FUNDAMENTALS**

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO) The learner		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA  The learner can:	Evido Type		Evidence Ref. Pa No.		e
will:							
LO 1: Understand the	1.1	Explain the structure and purpose of HTML documents.					
role of HTML in web development.	1.2	Use common HTML tags to build a basic web page.					
	1.3	Create forms and capture user inputs with HTML.					
	1.4	Ensure proper HTML validation and syntax.					
LO 2: Develop	2.1	Apply CSS styles to HTML elements.					
web interfaces using CSS.	2.2	Use selectors, classes, and IDs effectively in CSS.					
	2.3	Implement layout techniques using Flexbox and CSS Grid.					
	2.4	Test and ensure cross-browser compatibility of CSS styles.					
LO 3: Add interactivity using	3.1	Explain the purpose of JavaScript in web development.					
JavaScript.	3.2	Write JavaScript to manipulate the Document Object Model (DOM).					-
	3.3	Use basic JavaScript functions and events.					
	3.4	Debug and test JavaScript code in a web browser.					
LO 4: Understand the	4.1	Explain how web browsers interact with web servers.					
client-server interaction in web	4.2	Use JavaScript to make basic HTTP requests (AJAX).					
programming.	4.3	Handle user input and form submissions with JavaScript.					
	4.4	Test and debug client-server interactions in web applications.					

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**UNIT 7:** DATABASES AND WEB SERVERS

**Unit Reference Number: ICT/WEB/007/L3** 

QCF Level: 3 Credit Value: 4

**Guided Learning Hours: 40** 

## **Unit Purpose:**

To equip learners with the skills to use databases and web servers in web application development.

## **Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

Assessment methods to be used include:

- 1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
- 2. Question and Answer (QA)
- 3. Witness Testimony (WT)
- 4. Assignment (ASS), etc.

## **UNIT 7:** DATABASES AND WEB SERVERS

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO) The learner will:		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA  The learner can:	Evide Type	Evidence Type						ence Page
LO 1:	1.1	Explain the difference between SQL								
Understand the		and NoSQL databases.								
role of databases	1.2	Describe how data is stored and								
in web		retrieved from a database.								
applications.	1.3	Write basic SQL queries to interact with a database.								
	1.4	Identify common database								
		management systems (MySQL,								
		MongoDB, etc.).								
LO 2: Set up and configure a	2.1	Install and configure a web server (Apache, Nginx).								
web server.	2.2	Host and serve a web application on a								
		local server.								
	2.3	Configure server settings for								
		performance and security.								
	2.4	Test the connection between the web								
		server and database.								
LO 3: Integrate	3.1	Establish a connection between a web								
databases with		application and a database.								
web applications.	3.2	Write server-side code to interact with a database.								
	3.3	Handle database queries within a web								
		application.								
	3.4	Test database functionality in a web								
		application environment.								
LO 4: Ensure	4.1	Identify potential security threats to								
web server and		databases and web servers.								
database security.	4.2	Implement basic security measures								
		(e.g., firewalls, SSL/TLS).								
	4.3	Set up database access controls and								
		permissions.								
	4.4	Regularly update server software to								
		address vulnerabilities.								

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**Unit 08: CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BASIC** 

**Unit Reference Number: ICT/WEB/008/L3** 

NSQ Level: 3

**Credit Value: 3** 

**Guided Learning Hours: 30** 

Unit Purpose: This unit aims to equip learners with skills on how to use

Content Management (CMS) to build, manage, and customize websites.

## Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

- 1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
- 2. Question and Answer (QA)
- 3. Professional Discussion (PD)
- 4. Assignment (ASS)

## **Unit 08: CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BASIC**

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO) The learner		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA  The learner can:		Evidence Type			nce Page
will:							
LO 1:	1.1	Explain the purpose of a					
Understand		CMS in web development.					
Content	1.2	Describe the key features of content					
Management		management					
Basics	1.3	Compare popular CMS platforms (WordPress, Joomla, Drupal, etc)					
	1.4	Explain Content Management Best					
		Practices					
LO2: Install	2.1	Set up a CMS on a local or remote					
Content		server.					
Management	2.2	Configure basic CMS settings (site					
System		title, users, roles, etc.).					
	2.3	Install and activate themes and plugins.					
	2.4	Test and troubleshoot common					
		installation issues.					
	2.5	Set Up user roles and permissions					
LO3: Create	3.1	Create, edit, and publish pages and					
content with a		posts using a CMS.					
Content	3.2	Manage media (images, videos) in the					
Management		CMS media library.					
System (CMS)	3.3	Use categories and tags to organize content.					
	3.4	Optimize content for SEO within the					
		CMS.					
LO4: Customize	4.1	Apply and customize themes to match					
the appearance		design requirements.					
and functionality	4.2	Install and configure plugins for					
of a CMS		additional functionality.					
	4.3	Create custom menus and navigation.					
	4.4	Troubleshoot and resolve theme or					
		plugin conflicts.					

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Unit 09: INTRODUCTION TO OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE

**Unit Reference Number: ICT/WEB/009/L3** 

NSQ Level: 3

**Credit Value: 2** 

**Guided Learning Hours: 20** 

**Unit Purpose:** This unit aims to equip learners with skills and knowledge of concepts and benefits of open-source software and how to utilize open-source tools in web development projects.

## Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

- 1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
- 2. Question and Answer (QA)
- 3. Professional Discussion (PD)
- 4. Assignment (ASS)

**Unit 09:** INTRODUCTION TO OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO) The learner will:		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA  The learner can:			Evidence Type									ef.	ence Pag	
LO 1: Understand the	1.1	Define open-source software and its core														
concept and	1.2	principles.														
principles of	1.2	Explain the differences between open-														
open-source software.	1.3	source and proprietary software.								_						
software.	1.3	Discuss the advantages and challenges														
	1.4	of using open-source tools.														
	1.4	Identify popular open-source licenses														
T 00 T1 +10	2.1	(GPL, MIT, Apache).				-										
LO2: Identify	2.1	List common open-source development														
popular open-	2.2	tools (e.g., VS Code, Git, Linux).				-										
source tools for	2.2	Compare open-source frameworks and														
web	2.2	libraries (e.g., Laravel, React).														
development.	2.3	Use open-source tools to manage and														
	2.4	develop web projects.								_						
	2.4	Explain the role of communities in														
1.02	2.1	maintaining open-source projects.				-										
LO3:	3.1	Fork and clone an open-source project														
Contribute to	2.2	from GitHub or similar platforms.														
open-source	3.2	Make contributions by fixing bugs or														
projects.	2.2	adding features.														
	3.3	Submit pull requests for review and														
	2.4	acceptance.														
	3.4	Engage with the open-source														
		community through forums and														
Y O 4	4.1	documentation.														
LO4:	4.1	Follow licensing and attribution														
Implement		guidelines when using open-source														
open-source	4.2	software.														
best practices in	4.2	Use version control to manage														
web	4.2	contributions and changes.														
development	4.3	Ensure open-source software is secure														
projects.	1 1	and updated regularly.				-										
	4.4	Document and share improvements														
		made to open-source projects.														

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**Unit 10: CLIENT-SIDE WEB DEVELOPMENT** 

**Unit Reference Number: ICT/WEB/010/L3** 

NSQ Level: 3

**Credit Value: 3** 

**Guided Learning Hours: 30** 

Unit Purpose: This unit aims to equip learners with skills and knowledge to develop dynamic, responsive, and user-friendly interfaces using client-side technologies such as HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

## Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

- 1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
- 2. Question and Answer (QA)
- 3. Professional Discussion (PD)
- 4. Assignment (ASS)

**Unit 10: CLIENT-SIDE WEB DEVELOPMENT** 

LEARNING OBJECTIVE		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	Evidence Type					ence Page	
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		The learner can:							
The learner									
will:		a 11		1			ı		
LO 1:	1.1	Create well-structured							
Understand the		HTML documents.							
structure and	1.2	Use semantic HTML elements to							
purpose of		improve accessibility.							
HTML	1.3	Build forms and capture user input with HTML.							
	1.4	Ensure HTML is valid and cross-							
		browser compatible.							
LO2: Use CSS	2.1	Apply styles to HTML elements using							
to style and		CSS selectors.							
layout web	2.2	Implement responsive design using							
pages.		media queries.							
	2.3	Utilize Flexbox and CSS Grid for							
		complex layouts.							
	2.4	Optimize CSS for performance and							
		cross-browser compatibility.							
	2.5	Apply styles to HTML elements using							
		CSS selectors.							
LO3: Enhance	3.1	Manipulate the DOM using JavaScript.							
interactivity	3.2	Add event listeners to handle user							
with JavaScript.		interactions.							
	3.3	Implement client-side form validation.							
	3.4	Debug and optimize JavaScript code							
		for performance.							
LO4:	4.1	Use cookies to store data on the client-							
Understand		side.							
client-side storage	4.2	Implement localStorage and							
options.		sessionStorage for persistent data							
		storage.							
	4.3	Use JSON for data interchange							
		between client and server.							
	4.4	Secure client-side data to prevent							
		unauthorized access.							

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**Unit 11: SERVER-SIDE WEB DEVELOPMENT** 

**Unit Reference Number: ICT/WEB/011/L3** 

NSQ Level: 3

**Credit Value: 3** 

**Guided Learning Hours: 30** 

**Unit Purpose:** This unit aims to equip learners with the skills and knowledge to create and manage server-side functionality, enabling dynamic content and database integration in web applications.

## Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

- 1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
- 2. Question and Answer (QA)
- 3. Professional Discussion (PD)
- 4. Assignment (ASS)

**Unit 11: SERVER-SIDE WEB DEVELOPMENT** 

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO) The learner							dence Z. Page			
will:										
LO 1:	1.1	Explain the role of server-								
Understand		side scripting in web								
server-side		development.								
programming	1.2	Develop basic server-side scripts using								
languages and		PHP, Node.js, or similar languages.								
frameworks.	1.3	Understand the MVC (Model-View-								
		Controller) pattern.								
	1.4	Utilize frameworks like Laravel or								
		Express.js for building server-side								
		applications.								
LO2: Handle	2.1	Process user input from web forms on								
form data and		the server.								
user requests on	2.2	Use POST and GET methods to handle								
the server.		HTTP requests.								
	2.3	Validate and sanitize user inputs on the								
		server-side.								
	2.4	Return appropriate server responses								
		(e.g., HTML, JSON).								
LO3: Integrate	3.1	Connect a web application to a SQL or								
databases with		NoSQL database.								
server-side	3.2	Perform CRUD operations (Create,								
applications.		Read, Update, Delete) using server-side								
		code.								
	3.3	Implement server-side data validation								
		and error handling.								
	3.4	Optimize database queries to improve								
		performance.								
LO4: Ensure	4.1	Implement basic authentication and								
security in server-		authorization mechanisms.								
side development.	4.2	Prevent SQL injection and cross-site								
		scripting (XSS) attacks.								
	4.3	Use HTTPS to secure server-client								
		communication.								
	4.4	Regularly update server software to								
		mitigate security vulnerabilities.								

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Unit 12: WEB APPLICATION MAINTENANCE AND OPTIMIZATION

**Unit Reference Number: ICT/WEB/012/L3** 

NSQ Level: 3

**Credit Value: 2** 

**Guided Learning Hours: 20** 

**Unit Purpose:** To equip learners with the skills and knowledge to maintain and optimize web applications for better performance, security, and user experience.

## Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

- 1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
- 2. Question and Answer (QA)
- 3. Professional Discussion (PD)
- 4. Assignment (ASS)

**Unit 12:** WEB APPLICATION MAINTENANCE AND OPTIMIZATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO)		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA  The learner can:	Evidence Type		Evidence Ref. Page No.		
The learner will:							
LO 1:	1.1	Update web application					
Perform routine		components (CMS,					
maintenance on		plugins, dependencies).					
web	1.2	Back up web application data and					
applications.		configurations.					
	1.3	Test web applications after updates to					
		ensure functionality.					
	1.4	Monitor web server performance and					
		address issues.					
LO2: Optimize	2.1	Use tools like Google PageSpeed					
web application		Insights to evaluate performance.					
performance.	2.2	Implement caching mechanisms					
		(browser, server, and database					
		caching).			-		
	2.3	Minimize the size of HTML, CSS, and					
	2.4	JavaScript files (minification).			+		
	2.4	Optimize images and other media for faster loading times.			Ш		
LO3: Enhance	3.1	Apply security patches and updates					
the security of		regularly.					
web	3.2	Use firewalls and security plugins to					
applications.		prevent unauthorized access.					
	3.3	Perform regular vulnerability scans on the web application.			Ш		
	3.4	Implement secure login protocols and					
		password management.					
LO4: Ensure	4.1	Test the web application on multiple					
cross-browser and		browsers and devices.					
device	4.2	Fix any layout or functionality issues					
compatibility.		identified during testing.					
	4.3	Use responsive design techniques to					
		ensure compatibility across different					
		screen sizes.					
	4.4	Implement fallback solutions for older					
		browsers.					

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