**IT teachers delivering programmes leading to QQI awards
at Levels 5 and 6**

FESS is currently working in partnership with eCollege to provide ongoing support to FET teachers.

**What is eCollege?**

eCollege is a SOLAS-funded online training facility that provides a range of high quality interactive online learning courses, available any time through broadband Internet access, for those who wish to learn at their own pace. eCollege courses are available free of charge to teachers within DES/SOLAS-funded, QQI registered providers. Teachers can also access free assessment and certification connected to these courses. Teachers must be registered with eCollege in order to access online courses, details on how to do this are included at the end of this document.

**What courses are available?**

As many of you know, in early September, four eCollege/FESS CPD events took place, to support delivery at level 5 in the following areas: Fundamentals of Object Oriented Programming 5N0541, Software Architecture 5N2772, Programming and Design Principles 5N2927 and Networking Essentials 5N2929.

As a result of these events, 77 IT teachers enrolled in the eCollege. Four specifically designed eCollege courses have been set up, to support the teacher in the delivery of:

* Fundamentals of Object Oriented Programming 5N0541
* Software Architecture 5N2772
* Programming and Design Principles 5N2927
* Networking Essentials 5N2929

Considerable resources have been invested in the development of these customised programmes to ensure that they are tailored to support the delivery of programmes leading to the above mentioned awards. In order to ensure the sustainability of these courses, teachers should participate in them. Please note that these four online courses are only visible after you register and log in to eCollege, as they are restricted to IT Teachers in the DES/SOLAS-funded sector.

**IT Teachers Forum**

The eCollege facilitates IT Teachers’ fora via the four online courses listed above. This allows IT teachers to communicate with each other and possibly share resources. The IT teachers’ fora were developed following teacher requests at the recent CPD events. Teachers are advised to participate in these fora in order to ensure their continuation. Considerable resources have been invested in this pilot and it will be difficult to justify its continuation if these are not accessed and used.

**What other courses are available through eCollege?**

In addition to the four customised courses outlined above, other courses are available, free of charge, on eCollege. While these can be accessed by all teachers, they will be part of a broader learner group. A list of the online courses is currently available on [www.ecollege.ie](http://www.ecollege.ie) and includes the following:

* Changing Career to the IT Sector
	+ MTA Database Administration Fundamentals
	+ MTA Networking Fundamentals
	+ MTA Software Development Fundamentals
* MCSA: SQL Server 2012
	+ Administering Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Databases
	+ Implementing a Data Warehouse with Microsoft SQL Server 2012
	+ Querying Microsoft SQL Server 2012
* MCSA: Windows Server 2012
	+ Microsoft Windows Server 2012
	+ Networking Fundamentals
	+ Security Fundamentals
	+ Windows OS Fundamentals
	+ Windows Server Administration Fundamentals
* Cisco Interconnecting Network Devices (ICND) Part 1(100-101)
* Cisco Interconnecting Network Devices (ICND) Part 2 (200-101)
* Web Authoring using Adobe Dreamweaver
* Visual Communication using Adobe Photoshop
* Comptia A+ 800 Series (9N)
* CompTIA Security+ SY0-401, (N59)
* ECDL[N01]
* CompTIA Network+ N10-006 (19N)
* Microsoft Word 2010 [N12]
* Microsoft Word Expert 2010 (N13)
* Microsoft Excel 2010 [N14}
* Microsoft Excel 2010 Expert [N15]
* Microsoft Powerpoint 2010 [N16]
* Microsoft Access 2010 [N17]
* Microsoft Outlook 2010 [N18]
* Project Management (PMBOK 5)
* Java Foundations Certified – Junior
* Java Associate Developer SE7 (11N)
* Java Professional Developer SE7 (12N)
* Microsoft Office Specialist – Outlook 2013
* Microsoft Office Specialist – Access 2013
* Microsoft Office Specialist – Excel Expert 2013
* Microsoft Office Specialist – Word Expert 2013
* Microsoft Office Specialist – Word 2013
* Microsoft Office Specialist – Powerpoint 2013
* Microsoft Office Specialist – Excel 2013

 **How do you register for a course on eCollege?**

Teachers wishing to access eCollege courses must register with eCollege, via FESS, by emailing the following information to ecollege@fess.ie

* Name
* Centre Name
* Centre Address
* Email address
* Full names of eCollege course(s) you wish to join