



# The Foundation Certificate for ICT Careers

## What is CompTIA Strata™?

CompTIA Strata™ is a vendor-neutral assessment that measures the basic competencies needed to work with PCs and PC technology. The exams validate foundational knowledge of PC functions, as well as basic hardware and software maintenance.

Upon completion of each CompTIA Strata™ exam, individuals who pass will receive a certificate, proving their basic abilities to work with PCs.

FUNDAMENTALS OF PC FUNCTIONALITY
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b> - Hard drives, networking terms, Internet/browser, storage, monitor, mouse, printer
<b>SOFTWARE INSTALLATION</b> - Install procedures, folder and file management, software tools
<b>SECURITY</b> - Identifying risks, access control, threats, breaches, data protection

FUNDAMENTALS OF TECHNOLOGY
<b>COMPUTER HARDWARE</b> - Display devices, storage devices, peripherals
<b>COMPATIBILITY ISSUES AND COMMON ERRORS</b> - Processor/RAM/USB/Wireless issues, error messages
<b>HEALTH, SAFETY AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE</b> - Safety guidelines, maintenance products, procedures

## Why CompTIA Strata™?

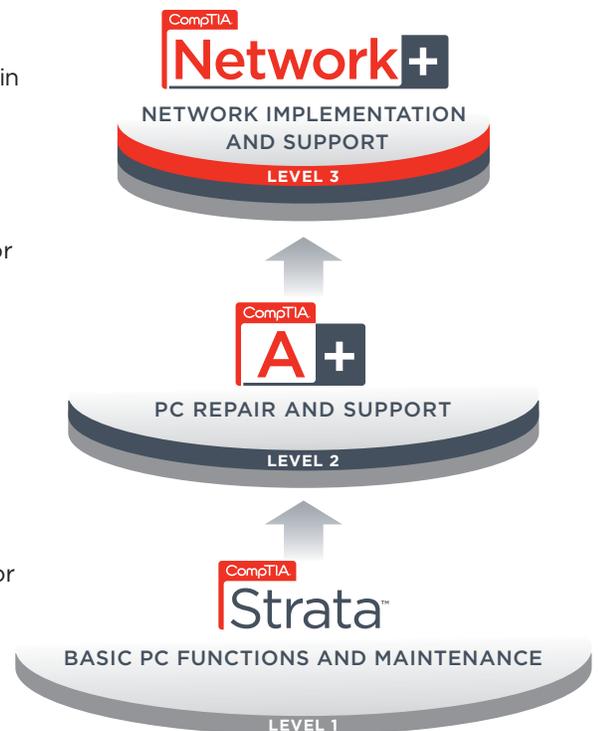
ICT is everywhere. Computers have become standard work equipment in nearly every job. In the UK, 75 percent of workers report that they use ICT in their jobs, while 90 percent of new jobs require ICT user skills.

The CompTIA Strata™ series of exams were developed to help professionals and students work efficiently in their current roles, or obtain the necessary skills to pursue a career in ICT.

Business owners can ensure that their in-house employees have basic technical knowledge with CompTIA Strata™.

## Where does CompTIA Strata™ fit with other industry qualifications?

The CompTIA Strata™ series of exams are recognised by the sector skills council, e-skills, and fulfill ITQ level 1. Additionally, CompTIA Strata™ is a natural stepping stone to CompTIA A+® and CompTIA Network+® certifications, followed by Microsoft and Cisco certification programmes.



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