

Upskilling: online

courses to help you grow

Staying up-to-date with your professional development by gaining new skills or developing your knowledge is important. Whether you're looking to advance in your current role, explore a new career, or build your confidence, online learning provides a flexible and accessible way to gain valuable qualifications and practical skills.

This summary introduces a range of online learning platforms designed to help you develop. The courses vary in level and some offer accredited certificates upon completion. While many courses are free, others may require payment or could be funded if you meet specific eligibility criteria.

Accredited courses		
Organisation	Resource	About the source
National Careers Service	nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course	There is a 'Find a Course' tool on the website that helps you search and compare learning opportunities based on subject, location, level, and delivery method. It also provides access to free or funded training options and personalised careers advice to support your skill development.
National Careers Service	nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course/course-support	The National Careers Service offers personal learning support. They also provide information on how to access free courses and how to develop your skills.
Learning Curve	www.learningcurvegroup.co.uk/	Learning Curve offers paid courses from Levels 1 to 5. They also offer different types of courses across the UK, such as online, in-person and a skills bootcamp. There are some courses that are fully funded through schemes like the Adult Skills Fund – make sure you check their <u>eligibility</u> .

Continuing professional development (CPD) courses

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edX	www.edx.org/	edX offer online courses, certificates, and full degree programmes from top universities and companies. You can access many courses for free by signing up to 'audit track' and have the option to upgrade to earn a paid certificate.
Future Learn	www.futurelearn.com/	This is an online education platform offering a wide range of courses, from self-taught courses to structured professional accredited courses.
The Open University – Open Learn	www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue	Open Learn provides free short resources designed to fit easily into your daily life.
The Open University	www.open.ac.uk/courses	The Open University offers a variety of accredited courses, such as creative arts, computing, music and many others. They have more information about financing a course on their fees and funding page .
Codecademy	www.codecademy.com/	This is a beginner- friendly interactive platform aimed at helping young people build on coding skills and move toward technical careers. They offer free and paid accredited courses.
Learn Direct	www.learndirect.com/	This is a UK online provider that offers accredited courses and free Maths and English courses.
LinkedIn	www.linkedin.com/learning/	LinkedIn Learning is an online education platform and offers many different video-based courses. It focuses on developing professional, creative, and technical skills.

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