

ICDL GCC Foundation grants accreditation to EduBus to deliver ICDL training and certification in remote areas

CompuBase's state-of-the-art mobile training facility aims to take ICDL training and testing everywhere

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ICDL GCC Foundation has granted accreditation to EduBus, the state of the art mobile training facility of CompuBase, to deliver the internationally renowned ICDL training and certification program to people living in UAE's distant areas that lack access to technological infrastructure for IT training. The move is part of ICDL GCC Foundation's ongoing efforts to raise computer skills among the people of the GCC countries.



'EduBus' is the region's first state-of-the-art mobile IT training unit, equipped with advanced technology and training tools, in a hi-tech learning environment. The idea was conceived by CompuBase, a leading training centre that follows a modern approach to IT training which synergises with the ICDL vision of delivering the highest standards of basic computer proficiency to all.

Jamil Ezzo, Director General, ICDL GCC Foundation, said; "We are pleased to grant accreditation to the EduBus project, as it represents a practical solution to serve remote areas that lack accessibility to IT training facilities. The decision reflects our commitment to work with our partners to develop and deliver innovative educational methods to achieve basic computer skills, with the larger goal of improving the ability to pursue productive careers. This is in keeping with the ICDL mission to offer the opportunity to the members of all social strata in upgrading their computer skills."

Ayman Khalil, Managing Director, CompuBase UAE, said: "EduBus has won strong acceptability among various public and private sectors in the UAE. The National Human Resources Development and Employment Authority (Tanmia) has already benefited from EduBus, with national jobseekers from Sharjah and Ajman acquiring the ICDL certification under its 'Maharat' program. Further, we have completed four on-site ICDL training sessions in association with Al Shareaah Women's Club in Al Shareaah area, a remote place between Abu Dhabi and Dubai. This cooperation between CompuBase and Al Shareaah Women's Club offered a great opportunity for housewives to get ICDL training at their doorstep. EduBus also offers ICDL Certification to employees of city centric enterprises, who choose to undergo the test nearer to their offices."

Khalil added, "As part of our commitment to provide the very latest in IT training and technologies, we have added ICDL training certificate as a foundation program to the various training that EduBus offers. This has allowed us to offer training and certification to different segments, such as army personnel, petroleum company workers or housewives, who are living or working in remote areas, by using state-of-the-art facilities and supported by advanced training tools."

The ICDL training at EduBus covers seven modules that provide each trainee with the basic concepts of IT, management of computer files and equipment, word processing, use of spreadsheets, databases and presentation packages. The training is delivered inside the bus in an idyllic classroom environment.

ICDL GCC Foundation is the governing body of ICDL programme in the Gulf States and the regional arm of European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL), the not-for-profit global governing body of the ICDL member countries dedicated to helping raise the basic computer competency in societies and providing access for all to the information society. The ICDL training program has achieved remarkable success in the Middle East since its introduction in 2001 by UNESCO Cairo Office. Currently several education ministries and academic institutions in the region are adopting the training to enhance IT skills of students and teachers.

About ICDL

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International Computer Driving License (ICDL), is an internationally recognized computer proficiency standard that is owned by the European Computer Driving License (ECDL) and introduced by the UNESCO's Cairo Office (UCO) for Arab states in 2001. ICDL is gaining increasing acceptance in the Middle East, with several governments adopting as a requirement to their employees. The ICDL program exists in over 132 countries, and is offered in 32 languages, including Arabic. The programs offered are all based on one standard syllabus and question set. There are more than 15,000 centres worldwide, and over 10 million exams have been taken globally since the launch of the program.

About ICDL GCC Foundation

ICDL GCC Foundation was created by the ECDL Foundation, the not-for-profit global governing body of the ECDL and ICDL member countries dedicated to helping raise the general level of computer skills in societies and providing access for all to the information society, to serve the to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States with their implementation of ICDL and for providing them with localised support to ensure quality of ICDL programs. The ICDL-GCC Foundation is the sole ICDL licensee and accreditation body that is responsible to support ICDL accredited training and testing centres in the GCC. It also acts as the reviewing and approving body for the local adaptation of ICDL programs, including authorizing the sale of Arabic ICDL content and testing material in the region.

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