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## Minister will honour youngest ICDL-holder in Dubai today

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DUBAI — Khalid Abdullah Mishaal Al Outaibi, aged 10, the youngest student in the country to obtain an International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL), will be honoured today at a ceremony to be held at the office of the Minister of Education, Dr Hanif Hassan.

Khalid is a student of class VI at Al Ittehad Private School, Al Mamzar, Dubai.

Talking about him, Khalid's father Abdullah Mishaal Al Outaibi said



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his son had always been performing very well in science and mathematics and his teachers had been appreciative of his talent.

Khalid's mother is a teacher and the school management where she works had also asked her to apply for ICDL, Abdullah said.

Meanwhile, Khalid too insisted to apply to obtain the license.

The mother and son both appeared for the test, but while the boy cleared it in just 20 days, his mother got the same in not less than three months.

Khalid's father hopes that his son's talent will be nurtured further and the next step he is looking for

is the nomination of Khalid for Hamdan Award for the distinguished academic performance.

Ever since he joined the school, Khalid has always topped the class, his mother said.

Khalid, she said, is an avid reader, and he not only reads the school textbooks but also reads books for mature readers.

The funny thing is that when he was taking the ICDL test, the invigilators thought he was a child accompanying one of the examinees, his mother added.