Examination Testing Centres

1. Introduction

Although, EIT is a distance learning institution with students throughout the world, it is imperative that all examinations are conducted in an atmosphere of the highest level of integrity and measures are in place to prevent and detect cheating and plagiarism amongst all students at all times no matter where they are located.

The use of the VCE Testing software system has been described in an earlier appendix and this is believed to be adequate for initial tests on the subjects covered. Coupled with the plagiarism detection software this is believed to be an effective solution for much of the preliminary testing. However, in order to reduce all risks – both in an explicit and implicit sense, the traditional examination requirement is still required.

We have conducted negotiations with the well known and widely trusted ICDL organisation (International Computer Driver’s Licence) which has independent testing facilities throughout the world and it is feasible to approach the individual testing centres on their comprehensive list for running the infrequent examinations that would be held once per year or on as an “as required basis”. See typical email below explaining our request and the response. Most of the ICDL test centres are independent.

The concept is that they would provide secure facilities, a computer as well as access to the internet to perform the examinations. These testing centres are so widely located on a worldwide basis, that this is believed to be an excellent solution.

2. Background to the ICDL organisation

Details of the ICDL organisation and a list of test centres is as follows.

**ECDL Foundation is the certifying authority of the leading international computer skills certification programme – ECDL / ICDL.** The quality and reputation of our certification programmes are built on over a decade of experience in successfully delivering Information Communication Technology (ICT) certification programmes to over 9 million people, in 41 languages around the world.

**Our global success stems from our pioneering role in identifying and developing programme content, our commitment to ensuring rigorous test design methodologies with an ongoing adherence to high quality standards.**

**ECDL Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that benefits from the unique support of experts from national computer societies and international organisations across the globe.** ECDL Foundation has offices in Dublin, Brussels, and Singapore, and appoints national partners (also known as ‘operators’) around the world to implement its certification programmes at national level. **This global delivery network operates under strictly defined quality assurance standards thus achieving consistency of programme implementation around the world.**
Location of Test Centres

ECDL / ICDL is delivered in 148 countries/territories through a network of nationally appointed partners ('operators'). Each operator is responsible for implementing the programmes on a national level. The regions are as follows:

- Africa
- Asia
- Europe
- Middle East
- The Americas

Extract from email from EIT to a test centre

An extract from the email from us requesting use of their services and an example of the Australian test centre database.

-----Original Message-----
From: Steve Mackay [mailto:Steve.Mackay@eit.edu.au]
Sent: 06 August 2010 09:58
To: lodewyk@iit.com.na
Subject: Test Centre for examinations

Dear Sir/Madam

We are an Australian distance learning engineering institution and need to get our students tested in our examination subjects in engineering education. These include a Master of Engineering.

Can you provide a service to allow our students to use your examination centres in Namibia? We would set the tests and administer them through our computer program. So all you would need to provide is the test centre, computer and invigilator for about 3 hours every 6 months for about 2 to 3 students.

Can you help us and what would it cost?

Thanks very much.

rgds
Steve Mackay.

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Dear Sir

I have forwarded your request to the department that deals with international testing and they will get back to you early next week. I don’t see any reasons why we would not accommodate you as we are already doing the same for various international universities.

Regards

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Extract from list of ICDL Accredited Test Centres

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