



KAZ News



TEACHING TYPING SKILLS SINCE 1995

Happy New Year to everyone, and our best wishes for 2023!

Welcome to Issue 19, the winter edition of KAZ News. As this newsletter goes live, we are thrilled to announce that KAZ has been approved as an 'Accredited Activity Skills Provider' for the DofE programme. Both our inclusive touch typing course and our National Ofqual touch typing qualification (Level1) are included within the programme. We hope mastering the skill and achieving the qualification empowers students moving forward.

"It is so refreshing to see a product which is so inclusive being added to the DofE product range." (DofE Spokesperson)

Further details including pricing will follow in the coming weeks, but for now, please visit our website for more details on this new product. Click this button on our website to learn more.



Our **National OFQUAL Regulated Touch Typing Qualifications** are now also available for all those using a computer. It is currently the only qualification available in touch typing. Being truly neurodiverse, we hope it will set the industry standard and allow employers to verify work-ready skills so they can have trust and confidence that current and future employees have the necessary skills and ability at a computer.

The qualifications are available at two levels:

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Level 1 - 610/1412/6 Award in Touch Typing Skills (RQF) - 4 Credits

Level 2 - 610/1413/8 Award in Touch Typing Skills (RQF) - 6 Credits

Ofqual Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation

These qualifications have been developed as stand-alone. So it doesn't matter if you learned to type with another software, just purchase the 'Assessment Only' edition:

Available as: Training + Assessment
 Assessment only

This edition will be available to Individuals, Schools/Colleges and Businesses (No min. age requirement in school settings). What greater incentive to learn this skill than a qualification which adds to your education record?



Home edition - Our new iPad App* is due for launch in the coming weeks - a little later than planned. *Please remember that we always recommend using a keypad/docking station with tablets/iPads, and always practice good posture!



Schools - All our courses have been updated to reflect the growing maturity in the classroom. Our school editions now

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NEW PRODUCT
COMING SOON...

come with big KAZ bird in our Primary edition. Our Secondary edition contains no animation and is the same as that delivered to higher learning establishments. All school editions allow for the uploading of vocabulary, which can be zoned to suit different groups/abilities. We have licensed text-to-speech software within the course, so all words in this new section are also heard.

SEE the word - **Hear** the word - **Type** the word

*Additionally, new for 2023 - we have licensed the new dyslexia-friendly ©Aravis typeface from Crossbow Education for inclusion in our ©Preference Screen.

Please contact the KAZ team for a free trial: enquiries@kaz-type.com

Wow, we have had a fantastic few months with our school's touch typing tournament. In December alone, the 'crown' changed ownership five times! A first in KAZ history! The competition is simply gripping and tearing participants' emotions to shreds.

Meghan from ESMS schools, Edinburgh, is our New Year/Hogmanay Queen!

Will she keep ahold of her crown in 2023, or will it get ruthlessly taken? But for now... very well done, Meghan.



The KAZ touch typing tournament is a 'free to enter tournament' for all schools with a KAZ education licence. Thank you to all our schools for participating and for your continued support - The KAZ Team

Colleges and Universities - Universities are using the new feature successfully and uploading course-specific vocabulary. We welcome Oxford Business school and University College Dublin to KAZ.



Business - Why not try our typing tests to access your staff? Our tests are being used in recruitment agencies and companies in the US and UK. Why not test them and check if your employees' typing skills are up to speed? With licences which never expire, it makes sense to use KAZ. The KAZ typing business edition is proven to increase the efficiency and productivity of staff. We are one of the few courses that can prove a

Return on Investment. Some clients are offering incentives as they realise how much of a difference it can make to their business, staffing and bottom line. Available in SCORM for LMS or Online, hosted on our servers.

DSA / NMH

DSA/NMH/Access to Work - Our new Challenge modules were designed to help individuals with short-term memory. The feedback received so far has been very positive and confirms this is a wonderful way for students to hone their typing skills and develop memory. Assessors have confirmed that students are using the new Challenge modules as a refresher without needing to go through the course again. Each word is presented visually and spoken, a multi-sensory approach for maximum effectiveness. The aim is that spellings become a series of finger movements and patterns on a keyboard. With regular practice, students will learn to recognise words by sight, saving the decoding process, which sometimes causes problems for neurodivergent students.

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Assessors and OT's, please don't hesitate to contact us for licenses, webinars, or booking CPD sessions, either directly via the DSA tab on our website, email or via the DSA reseller network. Email: sheraleen@kaz-type.com