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General Description This publication is mapped to the **BSBITU101 - Operate A Personal Computer** competency. It applies to individuals who perform a range of routine computer tasks in the various sectors of the business services industry and generally work under direct supervision.

Learning Outcomes At the completion of this course you should be able to:

- understand many of the general concepts of computing such as hardware, software, types of computers and the like
- explain the various hardware components of the computer
- understand the various types of software
- work with the basic components of the Windows 8.1 interface
- work with Windows Store apps
- work with desktop windows
- use Windows to install, update and uninstall programs
- understand data storage and navigate your computer's drives, folders and files
- navigate the folder hierarchy and work with folders
- manage files on your computer
- understand the purpose and function of libraries, and how to manage libraries
- work with the Recycle Bin to manage deleted items
- work with Favourites and shortcuts in File Explorer
- use the Windows search facility
- personalise the new user interface
- manage your printer and printing tasks in Windows
- learn how to use Windows Help and Support
- understand some of the wider implications of working with computers

Prerequisites

BSBITU101 Operate A Personal Computer assumes the user has little or no knowledge of computers or the Windows operating system environment.

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# **Unit Mapping**

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to start up and use a range of basic functions on a personal computer or business computer terminal.

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