



Adobe Illustrator CC

Level 1



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❖ General Description

The skills and knowledge acquired in Adobe Illustrator CC - Level 1 are sufficient to be able to perform basic tasks in Illustrator such as setting up a document, creating basic shapes and working with text.

❖ Learning Outcomes

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

- understand the **Illustrator** workspace
- understand how to navigate **Illustrator**
- select and work with objects
- set up new documents in **Illustrator**
- work with artboards, grids, guides and rulers
- arrange objects and use layers to manage artwork
- draw basic shapes using the shape tools
- understand colour and apply colour to object fills and strokes
- understand how to apply and edit gradients
- import, create and format type
- work with text and objects
- understand what the **Pen** tool is and how to use it
- understand how to save and export in a variety of file formats to suit different purposes, and how to print an **Illustrator** document
- use the **Help** menu and access online help resources

❖ Prerequisites

Adobe Illustrator CC - Level 1 assumes little or no knowledge of the software. However, it would be beneficial to have a general understanding of personal computers and the Windows operating system environment.

❖ Topic Sheets

142 topics

❖ Methodology

The InFocus series of publications have been written with one topic per page. Topic sheets either contain relevant reference information, or detailed step-by-step instructions designed on a real-world case study scenario. Publications can be used for instructor-led training, self-paced learning, or a combination of the two.

❖ Formats Available

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❖ Companion Products

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