

## 7 Million ECDL / ICDL Candidates worldwide

**Dublin, August 2007 - The ECDL Foundation celebrates issuing the 7 millionth Skills Card. More than 7 million people all over the world have registered to become certified with the international ICT certification.**

The ECDL Foundation introduced the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL / ICDL<sup>1</sup>) in 1997 and has now, more than ten years later, registered 7 million Candidates around the world.

The issue of the 7 millionth Skills Card confirms the position of ECDL / ICDL as the world's leading end-user computer skills certification. ECDL / ICDL certification is available in 146 countries globally and has been translated into 38 languages. It is internationally recognised as the global standard in end-user computer skills and has been adopted by governments, international organisations and the international business community.

Speaking on the occasion of issuing the 7 millionth Skills Card, Damien O'Sullivan, CEO ECDL Foundation, said: *"For the past 10 years the ECDL Foundation has worked to raise the level of ICT Skills in society, to increase users' confidence in computer usage and to enable access to the information society for all citizens. Seven million Candidates being registered with the ECDL / ICDL certification programme is a significant achievement which shows that we set the global benchmark in end-user computer skills programmes. Nevertheless, this achievement also indicates that the public's awareness of the importance of ICT certification has increased over the past few years."*

The ECDL / ICDL certification programme has been successfully introduced on every continent, providing an internationally recognised certification for a huge variety of people in many different environments. The ECDL Foundation has Licensees all over the world, which are responsible for the deployment of the ECDL Foundation programmes dedicated to raising the level of computer literacy in their societies.

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<sup>1</sup> In countries outside Europe, the ECDL certification is known as the International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL).