

INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER DRIVING LICENCE ADVANCED DATABASE



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Advanced Database (AM5)

The following is the Syllabus for *Advanced Database*, which provides the basis for the module's theory and practice-based test. The Syllabus for AM5 is over and above the skills and knowledge contained within ECDL / ICDL Module 5, *Using Databases*. Advanced Database anticipates that the candidate has already acquired the skills and knowledge outlined in ECDL / ICDL Module 5.

Module Goals

Advanced Database requires the candidate to understand key database concepts and use a relational database application to create an advanced database structure and outputs.

The candidate shall be able to:

- Understand key concepts of database development and usage.
- Create a relational database using advanced table creation features and complex relationships between tables.
- Design and use queries to create a table, update, delete and append data. Refine queries using wildcards, parameters and calculations.
- Use controls and subforms to enhance forms and improve functionality.
- Create report controls to perform calculations. Create subreports and enhance report presentation.
- Enhance productivity by working with macros and use linking and importing features to integrate data.

CATEGORY	SKILL SET	REF.	TASK ITEM
AM5.1 Database Concepts	<i>AM5.1.1 Database Development and Use</i>	AM5.1.1.1	Know that different types of database models exist like: hierarchical, relational, object-oriented.
		AM5.1.1.2	Know the life cycle stages of a database: logical design, database creation, data entry, data maintenance, information retrieval.
		AM5.1.1.3	Recognize common business applications of databases like: dynamic website, customer relationship management systems, enterprise resource planning systems, website content management systems.
		AM5.1.1.4	Know the term SQL (structured query language) and understand its main use in querying database content.
AM5.2 Tables and Relationships	<i>AM5.2.1 Fields/Columns</i>	AM5.2.1.1	Create, modify, delete a lookup in a field/column.

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AM5.3 Queries	AM5.2.2 Relationships and Joins	AM5.2.1.2	Create, modify, delete an input mask in a field/column.
		AM5.2.1.3	Set data entry for a field/column: required, not required.
		AM5.2.2.1	Create, modify, delete a one-to-one, one-to-many relationship between tables.
		AM5.2.2.2	Create, modify a many-to-many relationship using a junction table.
		AM5.2.2.3	Apply referential integrity between tables.
		AM5.2.2.4	Apply automatic update of related fields.
		AM5.2.2.5	Apply automatic deletion of related records.
		AM5.2.2.6	Apply, modify an inner join, outer join.
	AM5.3.1 Query Types	AM5.2.2.7	Create, modify a subtract join.
		AM5.2.2.8	Apply a self join.
		AM5.3.1.1	Create, run a query to update data in a table.
		AM5.3.1.2	Create, run a query to append records to a table.
		AM5.3.1.3	Create, run a query to delete records in a table.
		AM5.3.1.4	Create, run a query to save selected data as a new table.
		AM5.3.1.5	Create, run a crosstab query.
	AM5.3.2 Refining a Query	AM5.3.1.6	Create, run a query to show duplicated records within a table.
		AM5.3.1.7	Create, run a query to show unmatched records in related tables.
		AM5.3.2.1	Create, modify, run a one, two variable parameter query.
		AM5.3.2.2	Use wildcards in a query: [], !, -, #.
		AM5.3.2.3	Show highest, lowest range of values in a query.
		AM5.3.2.4	Create and name a calculated field that performs arithmetic operations.

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AM5.4 Forms	<i>AM5.4.1 Controls</i>	AM5.3.2.5	Group information in a query using functions: sum, count, average, max, min.
		AM5.4.1.1	Create, modify, delete bound controls: text box, combo box, list box, check box, option groups.
		AM5.4.1.2	Apply, remove bound control properties like: limit to list, distinct values.
		AM5.4.1.3	Create, modify, delete unbound controls containing arithmetic, logical expressions.
		AM5.4.1.4	Modify sequential tab order of controls on a form.
AM5.5 Reports	<i>AM5.5.1 Controls</i>	AM5.4.1.5	Create, delete a linked subform.
		AM5.5.1.1	Format arithmetic calculation controls in a report: percentage, currency, to a specific number of decimal places.
		AM5.5.1.2	Apply a running sum for a group, over all.
	<i>AM5.5.2 Presentation</i>	AM5.5.1.3	Concatenate fields in a report.
		AM5.5.2.1	Insert, delete a data field in group, page, report headers and footers.
		AM5.5.2.2	Sort, group records in a report by field(s).
		AM5.5.2.3	Force page breaks for groups in a report.
AM5.6 Enhancing Productivity	<i>AM5.6.1 Linking, Importing</i>	AM5.5.2.4	Create, delete a linked subreport.
		AM5.6.1.1	Link external data to a database: spreadsheet, text (.txt, .csv), existing database files.
	<i>AM5.6.2 Automation</i>	AM5.6.1.2	Import spreadsheet, text (.txt, .csv), XML, existing database files into a database.
		AM5.6.2.1	Create a simple macro like: close an object and open another object, open and maximize an object, open and minimize an object, print and close an object.
		AM5.6.2.2	Assign/attach a macro to a command button, object, control.