Using an e-portfolio in a challenging environment
- VQMobile by *SkillWise*

Whilst many organisations understand the numerous advantages of using an e-portfolio to manage their NVQ and apprenticeship programmes, how does that work if learners and assessors are working in a challenging or hostile environment?

A challenging environment may be defined as one where perhaps a laptop is too *cumbersome*, where the users are subjected to the *elements* or where *connectivity* is patchy or non-existent.

Examples of these environments can include kitchens, truck cabs, underground basements, rural and military locations.

Recording devices

A simple solution may be to use a robust device to record the evidence *in situ,* and then process it later in a more convenient location.

SkillWise has successfully tested:

- Voice recorders
- Digital still and video cameras
- Electronic notepads
- Electronic smart pens

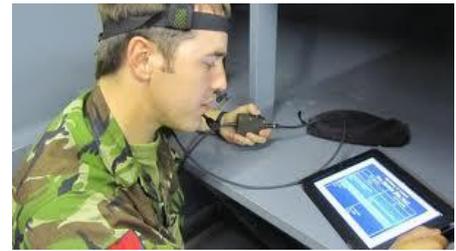We will gladly provide more information about such devices – please just ask.

Full e-portfolio access

However sometimes it's not just a matter of enabling evidence to be recorded – it's important to be able to see assessment plans, to view progress reports, to map evidence and to review a learner's progress.

VQMobile is a version of SkillWise's class-leading e-portfolio, VQManager. **VQMobile**

offers almost all of the functionality of the desktop version, and is designed to run on tablets such as Apple's iPad.

It operates in an off-line mode, meaning that it can be used in any location irrespective of connectivity - synchronising data with VQManager whenever the user regains connectivity
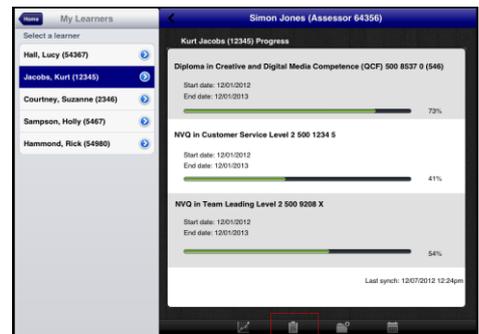

On-line or off-line, **VQMobile** offers access to:
- ✓ Full learner specific information including their assessment plans
- ✓ Full reporting capability to demonstrate progress
- ✓ Easy evidence uploading through a very intuitive interface, making use of the tablet's own recording/imaging applications
- ✓ Full mapping capability to match evidence against assessment criteria
- ✓ Activity log
- ✓ User-prompted synchronisation with VQManager

Don't let lack of connectivity continue to prevent your assessors using the best e-portfolio available.

VQMobile is freely available to download to your tablet from the Appstore, simply ask SkillWise for details

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