

► Learning Online during COVID-19

Resources for Students/Apprentices/Learners/Trainees

In a matter of weeks, Coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed the world of work and the sphere of learning and development. It has challenged individuals, employers and workers to adapt to online modalities in all spheres of life. If you are a [Student/Learner/Trainee/Apprentice](#) and looking to keep learning and improving your skills in an efficient way, we've put together some key sources to help you. Most of these resources are 'open access', but haven't been created by the ILO, so we can't guarantee the quality or the relevance to your individual needs.

Of course, if you are already enrolled in a program, the first thing you should do is contact your institution to see what arrangements are in place for distance or online learning during the lock-down. Beyond that, we hope these resources might help.

1. What are the different online tools and applications for learning online?

There are many online sources for online learning. UNESCO has compiled a good list of links to various 'Massive Online Courses or (MOOCs)', self-directed learning content' and 'mobile reading applications' that might be useful. Please scroll down the page [here](#) to find out more about these.

Most importantly learn [how to protect yourself and others around you against COVID-19](#).

2. Where can I find online courses on particular topics of interest?

If you are looking to enhance your core work skills (digital skills, communication etc.) or you want to develop technical skills pertaining to a specific occupation or theme, these platforms also provide courses at all levels to support you.

Online Platform	Description	Language
ITC-ILO	Range of free self-paced online courses on various topics are available.	English/French/ Spanish
Alison	ALISON is a free online education platform that provides open courses focussing on workplace-based skills.	French/ English/ Spanish/ Italian/ Portuguese
Coursera	Vast range of online courses taught by instructors from well-recognized universities and companies.	French/ English
edX	Founded by Harvard and MIT, edX is home to more than 20 million learners providing open courses in a range of disciplines and skills.	English/Spanish
Future Learn	Future Learn has various online courses for specific skills or professional programs.	English
COLVEE	COLVEE offers online courses in various areas to boost knowledge and employability.	English
Amazon	Amazon provides free online classes in computer science.	English

Accenture	Accenture provides free classes in business-related fields as well as courses on digital tools and skills.	English
180 Skills	180 Skills offers manufacturing skills training. The platform provides low cost and affordable subscriptions for skills training, and provides 700+ skills courses in 38 competency areas.	English
TVET Academy	Specific courses on 'Building and Public Works' and 'Hotel and Catering' is available.	French/ English/ Spanish
Commonwealth of Learning	Provides a comprehensive list of online resources for learners at all levels.	English
Blinkist	Online courses in various areas to boost knowledge and employability.	English

3. I would like to know more about national e-learning portals and programmes. How do I find those?

You can check out the courses and online programmes being offered by your own National Education or Labour Ministry or National Employment Agency. Below are some platforms where you can find more information on what e-learning solutions are being offered in different countries.

Online Platform	Description
World Bank	The World Bank is actively working with governments in various countries to catalogue emerging e-learning approaches, by country, in an internal database. You can learn what each country is offering and use relevant platforms as applicable.
UNESCO	You can find a repository of national learning platforms and tools available by various countries on the website.
ILO/CINTERFOR	<p>List of online courses and digital resources available by various vocational training institutions of Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain, Cape Verde and Portugal and other members of the ILO / Cinterfor Network. Some of these are open resources while others require access credentials.</p> <p>Antecap This platform provides webinars and three free classes to enhance excel skills, public speaking and digital photography.</p> <p>Digitalizate platform In this platform, you can find free classes to improve digital skills provided by technology companies such as Google or Amazon.</p> <p>Plataforma de Educación para el Empleo a Distancia del Sistema Nacional de Formación y Capacitación Laboral de la República del Paraguay This online platform provides 8 different free classes, covering core competencies such as personal finance and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>INATEC Provides classes in various fields (administration, business, excel, etc.)</p>

	Senar This platform provides different online classes in agriculture, agro science and agro business (Portuguese)
TESDA Online Program	The Philippines Technical Education and Skills Development Agency Online Program provides access to over a hundred online courses in different occupational and skill areas (English)

4. Because of the current situation I want to enhance my knowledge and skills in the health sector. Where should I look?

Employment opportunities in various sectors such as hospitality and tourism have been seriously impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But it also has created opportunities in different roles at various levels in the health sector. Seize this opportunity to learn more about occupational opportunities in health sector and how you can enhance your employability skills for this sector.

Platform Name	Description	Language
Open WHO	The World Health Organization <i>proposes</i> various online trainings in several languages related to health and medicine, public health and health care. Participants can also receive certifications once they have completed their online training	Chinese/ English/ Arabic/ French/ Spanish
Future Learn	This platform provides with a range of different classes in the field of health. Users do not have to pay to follow the online classes but must pay to get a certificate which proves that the knowledge taught in this class has been acquired by the user	English
Alison	Alison's range of free online Health courses explores highly important aspects of physical fitness and mental wellbeing, as well as caring for others.	French/ English/ Spanish/ Italian/ Portuguese

5. I need career advice, where can I find some useful tips and recommendations?

You should first contact your local employment service centre or careers centre, but there are plenty of online resources that provide information on careers and the education and training options that suit them.

Platform Name	Description	Language
Youth Employment UK	This platform can help you find opportunities and think about careers that are right for you.	English
TA3MAL	An ecosystem to support workforce development across the Middle East and Africa for career guidance, job search and professional skills enhancement.	English/ Arabic