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SkillSoft Provides Free Access to Course on Pandemic Flu

Courses on Disaster Preparedness and Business Continuity Planning Also Included

NASHUA, N.H.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [SkillSoft](#) PLC (Nasdaq: SKIL), a leading SaaS provider of on-demand e-learning and performance support solutions for global enterprises, government, education and small to medium-sized businesses, today announced free access for a limited trial access, to its course on pandemic flu as well as two other courses directly related to disaster preparedness and emergency planning. These courses are normally available through SkillSoft's Environmental Safety and Health (ES&H) collection. The courses can be accessed here www.skillsoft.com/online/preparedness.

"Accurate information is essential to planning an appropriate organizational response," said Norm Ford, Director of Compliance Solutions for SkillSoft. "Human Resource organizations around the globe are on the front lines of planning their companies for emergencies now and in the future. Highly public events like the outbreak of the H1N1 virus are a reminder of the importance of training and preparedness, as well as the value of high-quality authoritative content that is available on-demand when it is most needed. We felt that offering these courses at no cost for a limited time would enable emergency planning managers be more responsive during this stressful period."

The Pandemic Flu Awareness course is designed to provide learning professionals and those who are responsible for their organization's response with the information needed to form the basis of a preparedness plan to manage and minimize potential impact on day-to-day business operations. The course is especially useful for managers who have responsibility for creating emergency plans, but it contains information that is useful to all employees, such as:

- The key differences between a pandemic flu and regular seasonal flu
- Key facts associated with pandemic flu
- The kinds of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical interventions that can be used to prevent or slow the spread of the flu
- Tips for creating your own personal pandemic preparedness plan

Visitors will receive free access for a limited time to the pandemic flu course and two others designed to help in formulating disaster recovery, emergency management and business continuity plans. The two additional courses were developed in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association's "1600 Standard," which is the benchmark for continuity and emergency planners in the US. The courses cover how to identify risks and vulnerabilities for your company, guidelines for stabilizing and restoring infrastructure, how to protect the health and safety of your employees, crisis communication procedures and how to write a business continuity plan.

Over the past decade, emergency management and business continuity planning have been recognized as necessary to continued operational success in both the public and private sectors. SkillSoft's Compliance Solution features over 190 interactive learning assets that address the training needs of organizations working toward maintaining compliance with current work force regulatory standards, as well as addressing best practices with respect to risk reduction and mitigation of liability. The collection is developed and maintained by experts to meet the learning styles and needs of diverse employee populations. For more information on SkillSoft's Compliance Solution, please visit www.skillsoft.com

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Content offerings include business, IT, desktop, and compliance courseware collections, as well as complementary content assets such as Leadership Development Channel video products, KnowledgeCenter(TM) portals, virtual instructor-led training services and online mentoring services. SkillSoft's Books24x7(R) product offering includes access to more than 20,000 digitized IT and business books, as well as book summaries and executive reports. Technology offerings include the SkillPort(R) learning management system, Search & Learn(R), and SkillSoft(R) Dialogue(TM) virtual classroom.

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