

ISEB

ISEB is part of the British Computer Society (BCS) and is a leading worldwide exam body for IT professionals.

With over 380,000 exams delivered worldwide in over 50 countries, including Australia, Japan, South Africa, USA, Brazil and many others, ISEB continues to lead the way in exams for IT professionals.

Our qualifications are internationally recognised and cover eight major subject areas in: Software Testing, ITIL/IT Service Management, IT Assets and Infrastructure, Systems Development, Business Analysis, Project Management, Information and Security and IT Governance.

These are available at Foundation, Practitioner and Higher Level to suit each individual candidate. ISEB Professional Level is also available. For more information visit www.iseb-exams.com.

These qualifications allow candidates to learn new skills in specific business and IT areas which measure competence, ability and performance. This helps to promote career development and provide a competitive edge for employees.

Delivered via a network of accredited training and examinations providers, the breadth and depth of ISEB's portfolio encourages knowledge, understanding and application in various disciplines.

BCS

BCS is the leading professional body for those working in IT and communications. Established in 1957 and now with over 66,000 members in more than 100 countries, BCS aims to lead the development of the IT profession and make IT the profession of the 21st century.

BCS is the industry body for IT Professionals and Chartered Engineering Institute for IT. We are responsible for setting standards for the IT profession. Our vision is to see the IT profession recognised as being a profession of the highest integrity and competence.

BCS membership for software testers

BCS membership gives you an important edge. It shows you are serious about your career in IT and are committed to your own professional development, confirming your status as an IT practitioner of the highest integrity.

Our growing range of services and benefits are designed to be directly relevant at every stage of your career.

Industry recognition

Post-nominals – AMBCS, MBCS, FBCS & CITP - are recognised worldwide, giving you industry status and setting you apart from your peers.

BCS received its Royal Charter in 1984 and is currently the only awarding body for Chartered IT Professional (CITP) status, also offering a route to related Chartered registrations, CEng and CSci.

Membership grades

Professional membership (MBCS) is our main professional entry grade and the route to Chartered (CITP) status. Professional membership is for competent IT practitioners who typically have five or more years of IT work experience. Relevant qualifications, eg a computing-related degree, reduce this requirement to two or three years of experience. Associate membership (AMBCS) is available for those just beginning their career in IT, requiring just one year's experience.

Joining is straightforward – for more information visit: www.bcs.org/membership where you can apply online or download an application form.

Best practice

By signing up to our Code of Conduct and Code of Good Practice, you declare your concern for public interest and your commitment to keeping pace with the increasing expectations and requirements of your profession.

Networking opportunities

Our 44 branches, 16 international sections and over 50 specialist groups including Software Testing (SIGIST) and Methods & Tools, provide access to a wealth of experience and expertise. These unrivalled networking opportunities help you to keep abreast of current developments, discuss topical issues and make useful contacts.

Specialist Group in Software Testing (SIGIST)

With over 1,500 members SIGIST is the largest specialist group in the BCS. Objectives of the group include promoting the importance of software testing, developing the awareness of the industry's best practice and promoting and developing high standards and professionalism in software testing. For more information please visit: www.sigist.org.uk.

Information services

The BCS online library is another invaluable resource for IT professionals, comprising over 200 e-books plus Forrester reports and EBSCO databases.

BCS members also receive a 20 percent discount on all BCS book publications. This includes Software Testing, an ISEB Foundation. As well as explaining the basic steps of the testing process and how to perform effective tests, this book provides an overview of different techniques, both dynamic and static, and how to apply them.

Career development

A host of career development tools are available through BCS including full access to SFIA (the Skills Framework for the Information Age) which details the necessary skills and training required to progress your career.

