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create the outstanding

**Professional certification from  
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT**

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## INTRODUCTION

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, is the leading institute for IT professionals around the world. We are ideally placed to guide IT professionals through their careers and to provide employers with expertly trained employees that can add real value to their business.

Our partnerships with leading international industry experts and organisations are unrivalled and provide the foundation for a first class portfolio of certification and professional development services that is unmatched in the market.

### **Professional certification**

Our professional certification is delivered via an international network of over 100 high quality accredited training and examination providers. Together we support IT professionals in developing their competence, ability and aptitude – and therefore their professional potential – giving employers the edge they're looking for.

Over 700,000  
examinations  
delivered in  
the last  
10 years

# The certification portfolio

The key strengths of our certification portfolio are its breadth and depth which encourage knowledge, understanding and application in specific areas of business and IT.

We offer over 60 internationally recognised certificates at different levels covering 11 core subject areas:

- IT service management and ITIL®
- Business analysis
- Software testing
- Agile
- Solution development and architecture
- Information security and CESG scheme
- Project management and PRINCE2®
- Software asset management
- IS consultancy
- Green and Sustainable IT
- Data centre management

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Over 60 certificates in 11 core subject areas

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## Foundation level

Foundation level certificates provide broad coverage in a specific area. They can be used as the basis for future progression, or to improve breadth of knowledge and insight into the subject for practitioners and managers from other areas of IT.

## Intermediate level

The intermediate level certificates examine the subject area in greater detail than the foundation level and provide a bridge to the practitioner level certificates.

## Practitioner level

The practitioner level focuses on specific skills or subject areas and a more detailed understanding and application of knowledge to demonstrate how the IT professional can be effective in that area.

## Higher level

Higher level certificates are aimed at specialists or managers who have an in-depth knowledge of their subject area.



Over 100 accredited training organisations worldwide



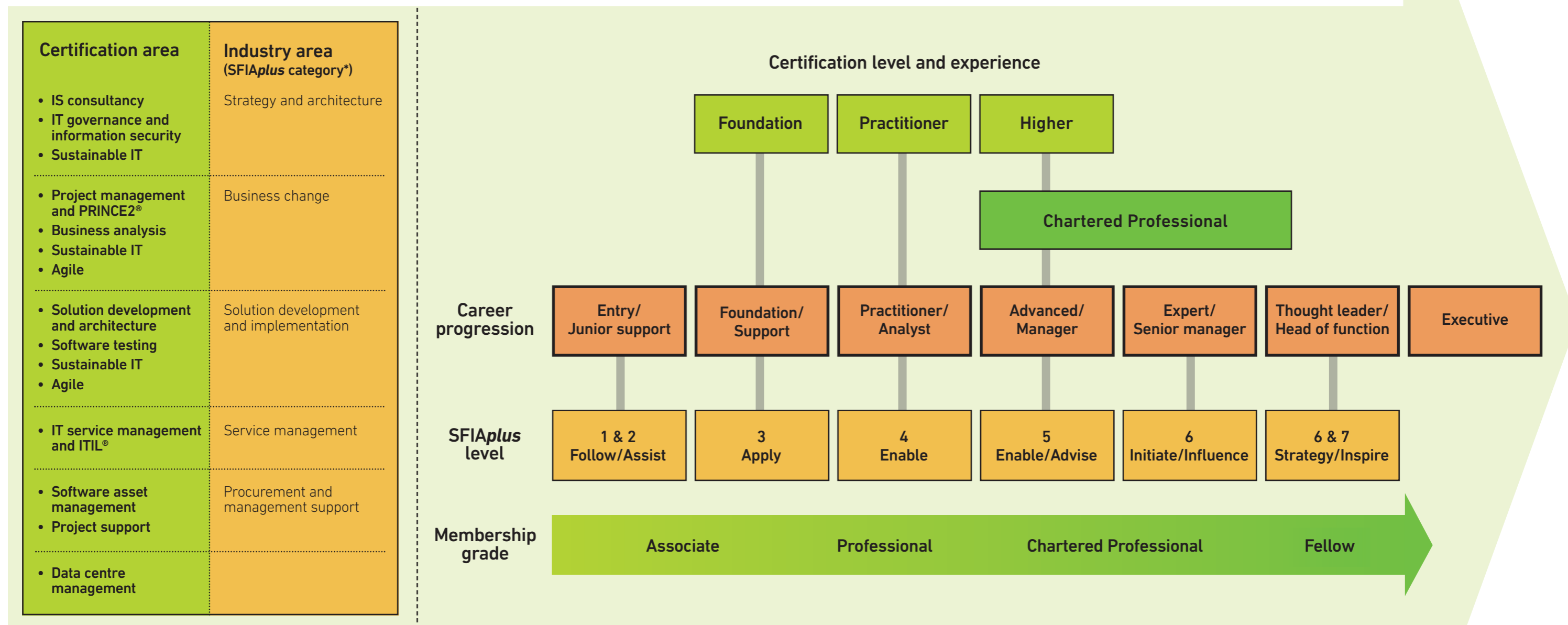
# Career framework for IT professionals

The Institute's professional certification spans the breadth of IT with certificates at different levels enabling IT professionals to develop their knowledge, skills and competence.

The career framework provides a view of how our certification supports your career development as you progress through the SFI**Aplus** levels, in alignment with our membership grades.

Career development can often mean moving round different departments in an organisation, or to a new organisation, to develop in a role that provides interest, variety and personal growth.

Detailed career paths are available for each subject area. These indicate transitions you can make between different areas in IT, depending on your skills and experience.



\*The Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA) is the UK Government backed competency framework that describes IT roles and the skills needed for them. SFI**Aplus** contains the SFIA framework of IT skills plus detailed training and development resources. The result is the most established and widely adopted IT skills, training and development model that reflects current industry needs.

### Individual career paths

Our individual career paths illustrate how you can progress your career in a particular subject area and how our certification and associated services can support you in achieving your career goals.

### Your development

Together with the support from your organisation, our career paths will support you when planning your professional development and the direction of your career.

# The benefits

Our certification has been established for over 25 years. During this time it has gained worldwide recognition as a mark of competence offering real benefits to IT professionals around the world.

- Comprehensive certification portfolio across a wide range of disciplines
- Recognised international presence, delivered in over 200 countries
- Reputation built over 25 years on quality, integrity and impartiality
- Developed with industry experts ensuring they are relevant to today's IT professional
- Based on best practice with recognition for skills and knowledge in a particular area
- Mapped to SFIA/SFIA**plus** so consistent with your career path
- Worldwide network of over 100 high quality training providers

Delivering professional IT certification for over 25 years

# International coverage

The Institute's certification is available globally through our international network of training partners.

- We team up with international partners (e.g. ISTQB, GCI) to ensure our certificates are relevant to the global IT profession
- Our online examination solution supports our partners with the delivery of our certification in countries around the world
- International IT organisations develop their IT teams across the world with certification from the Institute

Certificates delivered in over 200 countries worldwide



# Supporting services

The Institute offers a range of professional development services and associated products to support and develop competence and professionalism in the industry.

## Publications

We publish a host of newsletters, topical magazines, books and reports. These include books to support study across our certification portfolio, from introductory and practical guides to in-depth reference books to provide clarification and help you pass your exams.

Browse our online bookshop at [bcs.org/bookshop](http://bcs.org/bookshop)

## Consulting and SFIAplus

As an impartial and authoritative professional body, we are ideally placed to support organisations to drive business value from IT and align their IT skills and competencies to business objectives. We use a range of products and services to help employers achieve this, including our globally recognised IT skills, training and development standard SFIAplus.

Employers are increasingly working with us to implement SFIAplus, which is based on the UK Government backed competency framework SFIA (Skills Framework for the Information Age), to measure the skills and competencies of their IT staff against industry best practice. We work with you to map current skills within an IT job role, identify career paths and plan training and development.

## Membership

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, supports 70,000 members – a strong, worldwide network of IT practitioners all committed to their own professional development and to developing the IT profession.

We provide services to our members to support them at each stage of their career, from post nominal letters – Associate (AMBCS), Professional (MBCS), Fellow (FBCS) – and career development tools to the latest information resources and networking opportunities.

The Institute also hosts group membership schemes with many organisations including Microsoft, IBM and Allianz, enabling BCS membership to be awarded to IT professionals as a staff benefit. The employers and the Institute work together to promote membership and create development strategies for individuals that underpin the organisation's commitment to IT professionalism.

## Chartered status

Chartered status is the mark of integrity and dedication to the industry. Those who hold Chartered status are regarded as the best in the business.

## Chartered IT Professional

Chartered IT Professional (CITP) is steadily gaining international recognition from employers as the benchmark of IT excellence.

Achieved through rigorous assessment, CITP demonstrates that an individual has the knowledge,



expertise, credibility and dedication so vital to the IT industry today. Chartered IT Professionals are also awarded a Certificate of Current Competence, which is subject to five-yearly revalidation.

Find out more at [bcs.org/citp](http://bcs.org/citp)

## Other Chartered registrations

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, is also a Chartered Engineering Institution and a Science Council licensed body.

Professional (MBCS) members who meet the criteria, can apply for Chartered Engineer (CEng), Incorporated Engineer (IEng) or Chartered Scientist (CSci) through the Institute.

Visit [bcs.org/engineer](http://bcs.org/engineer) or [bcs.org/scientist](http://bcs.org/scientist)

## Want to find out more?

**IT professionals** – if you are looking to take the next step in your career visit [bcs.org/certification](http://bcs.org/certification)

**Training partners** – if you would like to join our international network of training partners visit [bcs.org/trainingpartner](http://bcs.org/trainingpartner)

**Employers** – if you are interested in offering IT training and professional development to your IT team visit [bcs.org/employer](http://bcs.org/employer)



## About BCS

Our mission as BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, is to enable the information society. We promote wider social and economic progress through the advancement of information technology science and practice. We bring together industry, academics, practitioners and government to share knowledge, promote new thinking, inform the design of new curricula, shape public policy and inform the public.

Our vision is to be a world-class organisation for IT. Our 70,000 strong membership includes practitioners, businesses, academics and students in the UK and internationally. We deliver a range of professional development tools for practitioners and employees. A leading IT qualification body, we offer a range of widely recognised qualifications.

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