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In today's highly competitive world it makes sense to set yourself apart.

Employers, recruiters and clients are actively looking for candidates who can prove they have the skills, experience and integrity to succeed.

The benchmark of IT excellence

Become a Chartered IT Professional (CITP) and you show that you belong amongst the top IT professionals. With the letters CITP after your name you have proof that you possess the knowledge, expertise, credibility and dedication so vital to the 21st century IT profession.

Chartered status is awarded on the basis of peer assessment combined with formal testing. It is recognised by many global organisations, making it your passport to a wealth of potential career opportunities and your pathway to continuing professional development.

As The Chartered Institute for IT, only BCS can award Chartered IT Professional status.





Why become a Chartered IT Professional?

As well as being the benchmark of IT excellence, there are many reasons for becoming a BCS member and achieving Chartered status.

As a member of BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, you'll benefit from:

- Instant access to outstanding online career development tools, plus exclusive member offers and discounts
- An extensive, and growing range of online products and services, from legal advice to online publications, libraries and databases
- Networking with other like minded IT practitioners and specialists through branches, forums, specialist groups, events and our new Member Network.

You can set up a free profile on our Member Network with a short bio and your skills and employment history. Have your latest blogs and tweets appear on your page and show where you are on Facebook and LinkedIn. Browse, search for, join and create groups in your areas of interest, or 'Ask an Expert' by posting a question on any IT topic and selecting the best answer from those provided by our members.

As a Chartered member you'll also enjoy exclusive benefits...

Reinforce your professional status

Take pride in your achievement – you can use the letters CITP after your name along with the distinctive logo on all your personal and business stationery.

Enjoy public recognition

Your Chartered status is recorded and recognised in a formal listing of new Chartered IT Professionals in both *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sunday Telegraph*. A detailed register is also available to potential clients and employers on the BCS website as a resource for finding leading IT practitioners.

Keep up to date with your industry

We'll send you the highly respected *Computer Business Review* (CBR) free every month as well as our own *ITNOW* magazine published bi-monthly.

Stay ahead with the latest in corporate IT

Access the BCS Best Practice Portal where you can view best practice insight and practical thinking on a broad range of IT topics in association with the Corporate IT Forum (tif.).

Am I eligible?

To be considered for Chartered status you need to:

- Have been working in IT for 8 to 10 years (this can be reduced to a minimum of 5 years depending on your academic qualifications)
- Have spent at least 3 of the past 5 years in an IT role that demonstrates:
 - Significant influence and responsibility
 - A challenging range of complex work activities
 - Full accountability
 - Well-developed business skills *(these requirements are defined more fully in SFIA level 5)**

Your skills and experience need to be backed up by supporters nominated by you (they can be your employer, clients or colleagues). They need to be sufficiently familiar with your work to have a reliable opinion of your level of ability.

Next steps?

Everyone's experience is different. How do you know whether you've got the right level of experience and breadth of knowledge to apply successfully?

We've put together some useful online tools, including a couple of short interactive tests, to help you work out whether you qualify for Chartered status. See how you measure up at www.bcs.org/citp/tools – the test results are for your benefit only and will not be retained by BCS.

If you're still a step or two away from Chartered status, you should still join BCS and take advantage of the many career and professional development tools on offer. You can then upgrade your BCS membership to Chartered status when you're ready.

It's time to be recognised. Apply now!

When you're confident that you qualify for Chartered status, go to www.bcs.org/citp/apply and submit your application. There are guidance notes to help you complete it, together with details of the fees. You'll need to submit:

- Your current CV/resume
- A personal statement detailing your IT experience (with examples)
- Supporter details (covering three of the last five years)
- An application fee (payable by credit/debit card).

* *SFIA – the Skills Framework for the Information Age*
This is the government backed skills standard which we use to fairly measure your IT skills and competence in the areas of Autonomy, Influence, Complexity and Business Skills.

About BCS

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, promotes 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.

As the professional membership and accreditation body for IT, we serve over 70,000 members including 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 professional and end-user qualifications.



More information

If you'd like more detailed information please visit our website www.bcs.org/citp where you will also find a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions.

Good luck! Chartered status is fast becoming the passport to the best IT jobs and a rewarding career. We look forward to welcoming you as a Chartered IT Professional.

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