

Project management and support

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, offers a range of internationally recognised certifications covering project management and programme and project support office (PPSO). They examine the principles of project management taking into account the particular needs of IT, and provide techniques to support industry best practice.

They are the only project management certifications dedicated to IT, and for those working in or managing project support offices, giving IT professionals the knowledge and skills needed to implement effective project management.

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Project management career path

This career path illustrates the potential career progression you can make in project management. It recognises the importance of certification and experience, and provides a high level alignment with SFIA**plus** and the Institute's membership grades. This diagram summarises the characteristics and development needs that support your career in project management. For a more detailed career path visit **www.bcs.org/projectmgt**

	SFIA <i>plus</i> level	Typical experience	Characteristics of level	BCS professional certification	Development needs	
Mo	7	15+ years	Typical job titles: programme director, head of programmes, head of change		Wider business focused experience oriented towards IT management in general Strategic planning	
ional Fellow	6	10+ years	Likely to: have full responsibility for a large project or a programme of several projects or workstreams Typical job titles: programme director, senior project manager Typical experience: evidence of programme management skills being applied	Chartered Professional is awarded on the basis of knowledge, experience and professionalism	Progression could be with the management of bigger more critical programmes or moving into the management of an IT function or functions	
Chartered Professional	5	6-10 years	Likely to: have full project management responsibility for a medium project, increasing complexity and criticality Typical job titles: senior project manager Typical experience: evidence of project management skills practiced over several projects	Certificate in IS Project Management	Managing successful programmes (MSP) course Higher level project management role assignments with: • increasing team size • increasing business complexity	no
sional	4	4-7 years	Likely to: have full project management responsibility for a small project and demonstrate some project management skills Typical job titles: project manager Typical experience: evidence of basic project management skills practiced during small project management assignments	Any of the following foundation certificates: IT-Enabled Business Change Systems Development IT Service Management	Practitioner and higher certifications Higher level project management role assignments with: • increasing team size • increasing complexity • increasing business complexity	Your career progression
Professional	3	3-4 years Career starting point	Likely to: be leading a very small team with limited responsibility Typical job titles: team leader (junior project manager)	Foundation Certificate in IS Project Management	Other Foundation certificates Industry certificates such as Prince 2 Seek to develop: • experience of team leading	Your
	2	1-2 years		Institute membership provides services and benefits to support your career development		
Associate	1			Review SFIA <i>plus</i> for guidance on developing your career ahead of taking specific certifications		

Career transitions

As you progress along a particular career path, you are likely to develop interests and experience in other areas of IT and, having gained the necessary competencies, you may wish to change the direction of your career.

The typical and possible transitions into and out of this career path are indicated below.

Typically:

- PPS0
- Business analysis
- Service management
- Software testing

Project Support (PPS0)

A detailed career path for programme and project support office (PPSO) is available at **www.bcs.org/projectmgt**

The following certifications will help you develop your knowledge for more senior roles in project management and support, or in preparation for a transition to another career path:

Foundation

- Green IT
- Information Security Management Principles

Other industry professional certifications are available and will be relevant to you as your career progresses.

Project management and support

Project management is emerging as a fundamental IT discipline, as organisations focus their attention on maximising their IT capability. The ability to implement change smoothly and cost effectively is central to business performance and employers increasingly require IT professionals who are trained in project management and support.

Project management and support certifications

The Institute's project management and support certifications cover the range of skills needed for effective project management, including planning, monitoring and control, change and risk management, while focusing on the importance of communication amongst the project team and between stakeholders.

The structure of our certifications promotes career development and provides IT professionals with a means of validating their skills and experience as their career in project management progresses.

Our certifications complement the PRINCE2 specific qualifications – holders of PRINCE2 Practitioner can take a shortened course for our Higher level Certificate in IS Project Management. They also take into account additional approaches to project management with particular emphasis on the needs of IT.

Programme and project support roles are becoming pivotal in their overall contribution to programme and project management and our certifications in this area have been developed from the support team's perspective and contribute towards the status and professionalism of PPSO staff.

Foundation IS Project Management

Programme and Project Support Office Essentials

Practitioner Programme and Project Support Office

Higher IS Project Management

THE BENEFITS

For IT professionals

- Validate your status as a project management professional
- · Certifications provide an international benchmark of skills
- Complementary to PRINCE2 specific certifications
- Enhance your knowledge and best practice techniques
- Improve overall performance and stretch your career potential
- BCS membership available, supporting self-initiated professional development

For employers

- Provide professional development and opportunity for advancement for employees
- Improve project management competencies at all levels
- Ensure employees are working in line with industry best practice
- Enjoy the cost and time savings associated with effective project management
- Clearer communication between project team and rest of the organisation
- Certifications aligned to industry recognised IT skills framework SFIAplus

For training providers

- Develop a complete, structured portfolio of project management training courses
- Recognised by employers and relevant to career progression
- Complementary to PRINCE2 qualifications scheme
- Institute endorsement for your business
- An international market which already recognises certifications from the Institute

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About BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT

Our mission as BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, is to enable the information society. We're championing the global IT profession by giving practitioners the professional development and career support they deserve.

Through our extensive certifications and professional development portfolio, we continue to set professional standards and raise levels of competence and professionalism in the industry. As the professional body for IT, we've an unrivalled insight into the industry and are ideally placed to guide IT professionals through their career and provide employers with expertly trained employees that add real value to their business.

Become a BCS Accredited Training Partner

As their dependence on IT grows, successful organisations are looking to strengthen their project management capability in order to implement the system changes required. A vital step in developing project management capability is the training and certification of project managers as professionals.

Be a part of this growth area and don't miss out on this global opportunity. You must be accredited by us to deliver our certifications so apply for accreditation today.

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