Demystifying Chartered IT Professional

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Our Agenda

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- Who's eligible for CITP status?
- The CITP assessment process in overview
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Why obtain Chartered IT Professional (CITP)?



Reasons to obtain Chartered IT Professional (CITP)

- Recognition of your achievements
- Stand out from your peers
- Independent assessment of your competence
- Post-nominal letters (MBCS CITP)
- Access to BCS member benefits
- Sought after by clients and employers
- Mandates for some government job roles
- Help raise professionalism in the IT industry



Who is eligible for CITP?

- Any IT Professional
- with typically 8-10 years experience
- who is working at SFIA Level 5 or higher
- and has been for at least 3 of the past 5 years
- in a challenging/complex position

Try the CITP responsibility evaluation test





What areas of specialism does CITP recognise?

- 1. Information management and security
- 2. Strategy and architecture
- 3. Portfolio, programme and project management
- 4. Business change
- 5. Solution development and implementation
- 6. Service management
- 7. Supply, quality and resource management
- 8. Learning and development
- 9. Sales and marketing

You may only pick one specialism, but may list others as 'interests'

CITP Application Process in Overview







Stage I

The paper sift

(and optional telephone discussion)

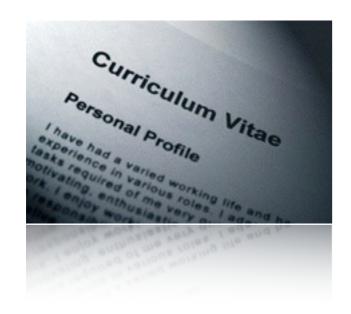
up to 9 weeks to complete





Getting your paperwork in order







- Study SFIA Level 5
 - Influence
 - Autonomy
 - Complexity
 - Business Skills
- Identify your specialism(s)
- **Update** your CV
- Write a personal statement
 - focus on the last 3-5 years
 - align with SFIA descriptions



Get your supporters onboard...



Ideally two supporters required (minimum one)...

who are familiar with your work over the past 3-5 years and are able to attest as to the level of your autonomy, influence, work complexity and business skill.



Evidence assessors may look for at stage I

Assessors may...

Conduct a telephone discussion with you and your supporters in order to gather further evidence or confirm details.

Review your company website and your profile on social networking sites (e.g., Linkedln). Confirm your academic and vocational qualifications with awarding bodies.





Stage 2

The BoK Test

(and optional BoK mock test)

up to 3 weeks to complete





The Breadth of Knowledge Test

a.k.a BoK test



Closed book
Computer based
Multiple choice
75 questions
50+ to pass
in 2 hours



Note: Two attempts in any six month period are included in the application fee



The BoK Test Syllabus



Chartered IT Professional

Breadth of Knowledge Test Syllabus

Five topic areas

- Strategy and architecture
- Business change
- Solution development and implementation
- Service management
- Management support and professional issues

15 questions on each topic Score of 8+ required for each topic

Note: A syllabus is available online and access to a mock test is provided when you start the CITP process.



BCS provide a mock test on the web





Home

Breadth of Knowledge – mock test

Introduction

Welcome to the Breadth of Knowledge - mock test. We offer this on-line test as part of our policy of encouraging applicants to undergo self evaluation against the standards required. The full syllabus can be viewed here.

The test should take about an hour to complete and you can take it as many times as you like. The mock test replicates the actual one - you can view your score on completion of the test. This is purely for your own benefit: the data will not be stored or used in any way.

The Breadth of Knowledge mock test has been designed to enable you to test your knowledge of IT before booking the actual test, which all applicants must pass before going on to the third stage of the assessment process.

Whilst there is no requirement to complete this mock test, we would recommend that you do, as it will give you a much better understanding of the types of question you will encounter when you take the real thing.

Note: Mock test url is available only when you submit an application



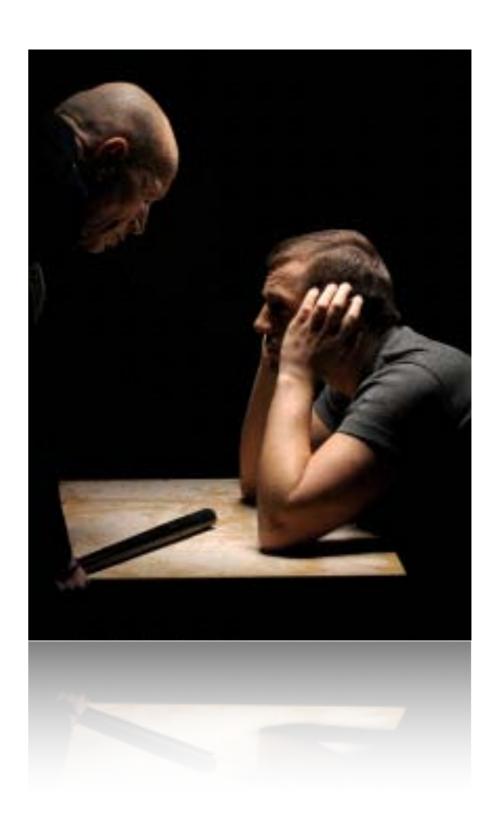


Stage 3

The Interview & Presentation (usually online but can be face-to-face)

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up to 7 weeks to complete





Online Interview & Presentation



Two assessors

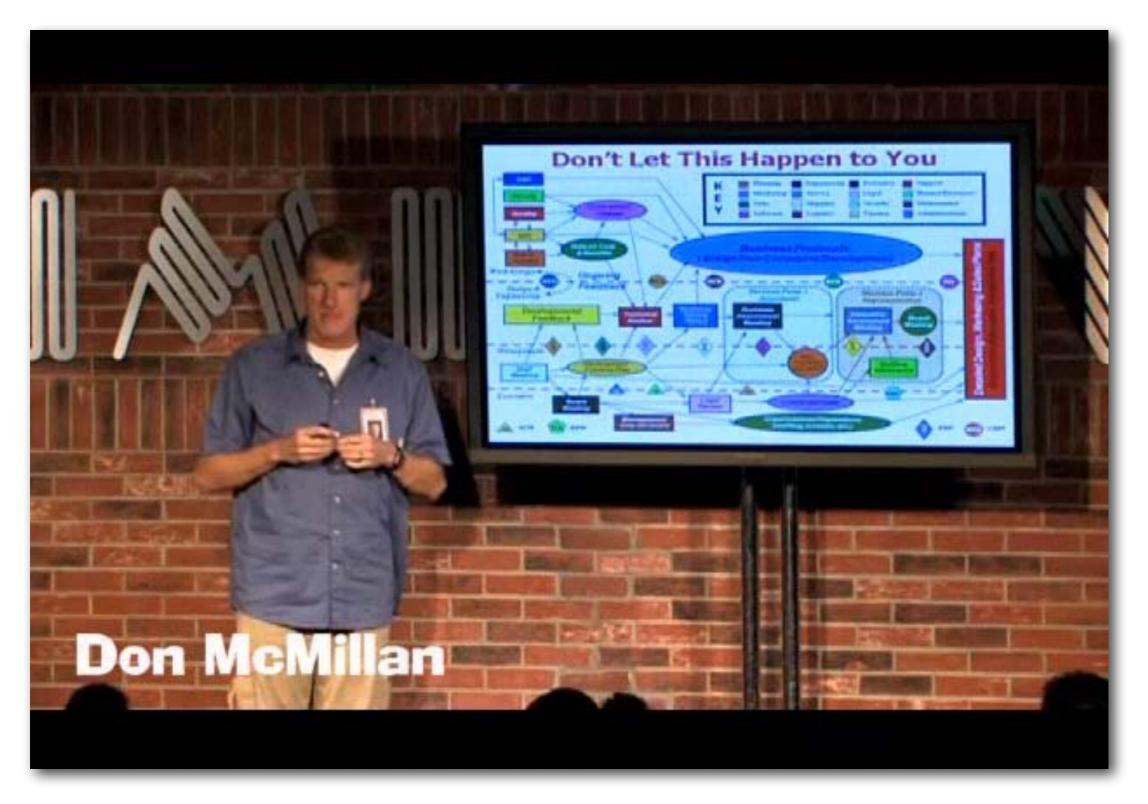
- Lead assessor aligned with your specialism

- 2nd assessor generalist

10 mins presentation30-40 mins questions

Live video Recorded

Prepare for your presentation...



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Hints and Tips

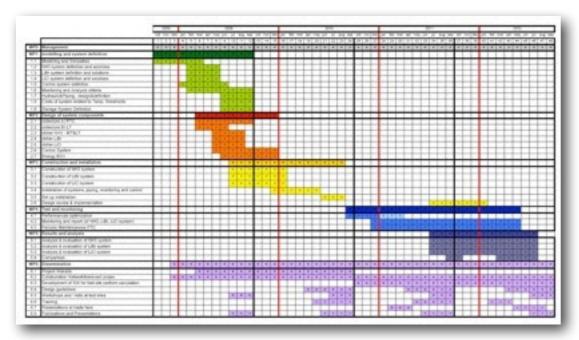
- Don't delay your application once you're ready.
- Approach your supporter's beforehand.
- Take the mock test multiple times.
- Study only what you need for the BoK test.
- Prepare and practice your presentation.
- Turn up to the interview on time!
- Oh, and one last thing...



Chartered IT Professional Who's seeking chartered status?



Your boss



Your project



Your team





Oh, did I mention...

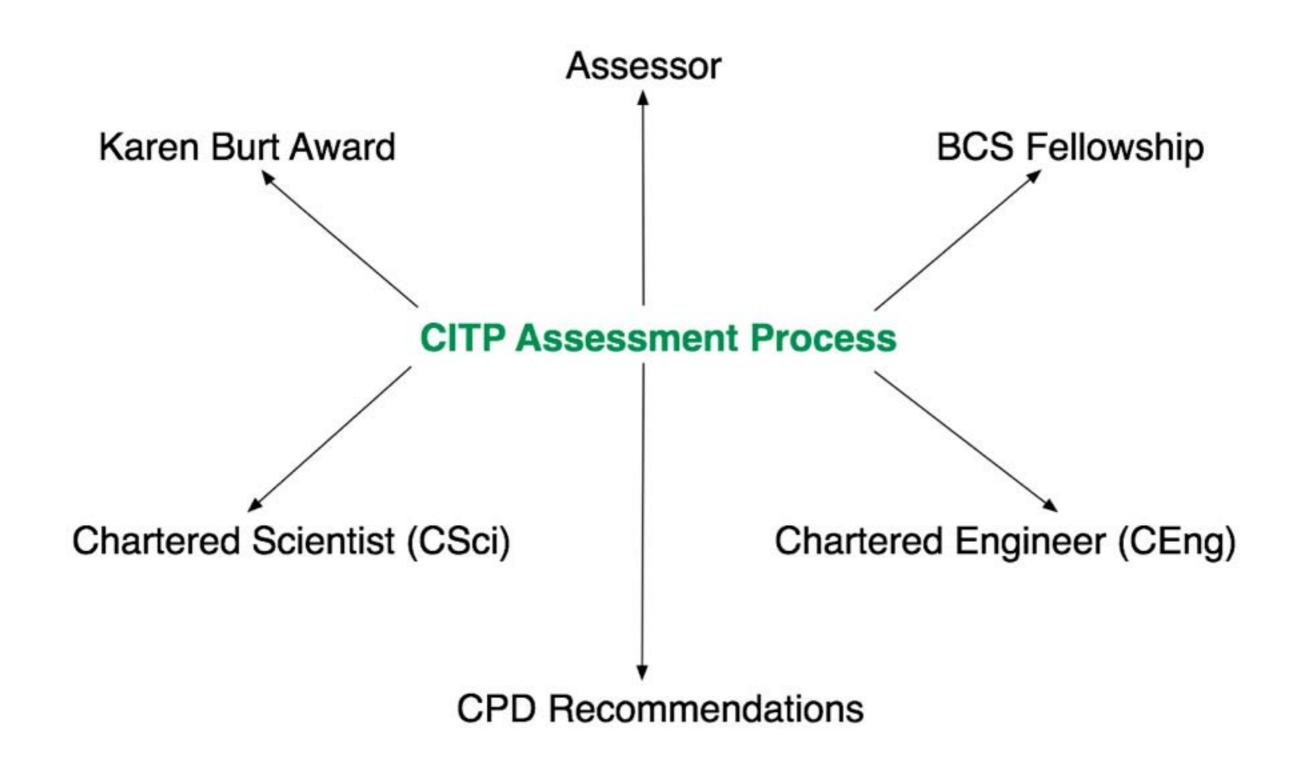
Stage 4?

Certificate of Current Competence (valid for 5 years)



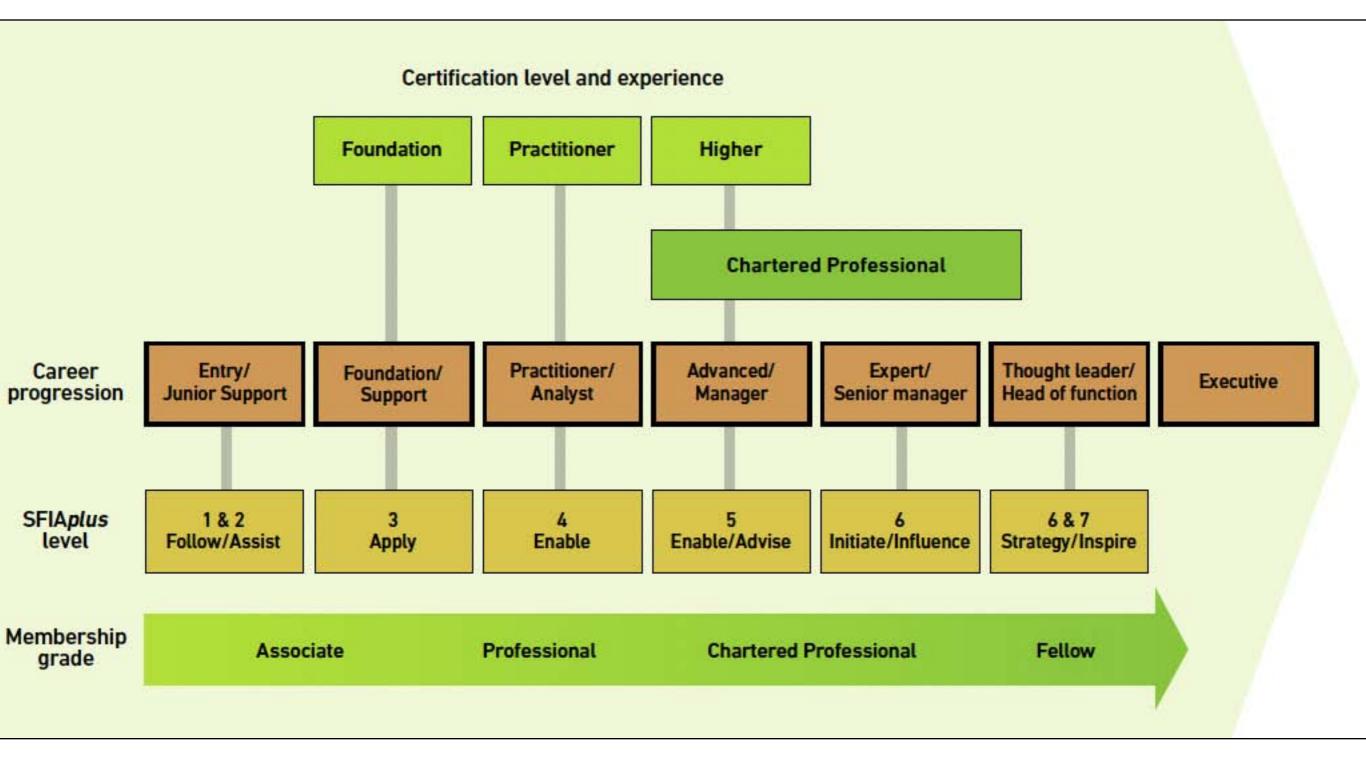


Further outcomes





Beyond CITP



Volunteering with BCS



40 local UK branches

50+ specialist groups

15 International sections

Boards, Council, Trustees



and finally...

www.bcs.org
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