

Background (reasons for the changes)

Since 2002 ISEB has offered an internationally recognised single Practitioner Certificate in Software Testing.

Extensive feedback from candidates who sat the exam and Training Providers who ran courses for the exams highlighted two key problems.

Firstly, that the transition from the foundation level exam to the practitioner level was far too steep, and it was recommended that the gap be bridged in order to assist candidates with their progression.

Secondly, it became apparent that as testers tend to specialise in either the management of testing or in test analysis but seldom both disciplines, many candidates who had taken the exam recommended in their feedback that it would be beneficial to develop separate exams for each.

Therefore, in order to cater of candidate needs, ISEB has redeveloped the original qualification to address all of these issues.

ISEB are now able to offer the following qualifications:

- **Intermediate Certificate in Software Testing**
This qualification bridges the gap between foundation level and practitioner level, and addresses the need for the candidate to adopt a different approach in thinking than that required at foundation level.
This qualification is a prerequisite for the practitioner exams.
- **Practitioner Certificate in Test Management**
This qualification enables testing practitioners to gain professional recognition for advanced level skills in the managerial aspects of testing.
- **Practitioner Certificate in Test Analysis**
This qualification enables testing practitioners to gain professional recognition for advanced level skills in the more technical, analytical aspects of testing.