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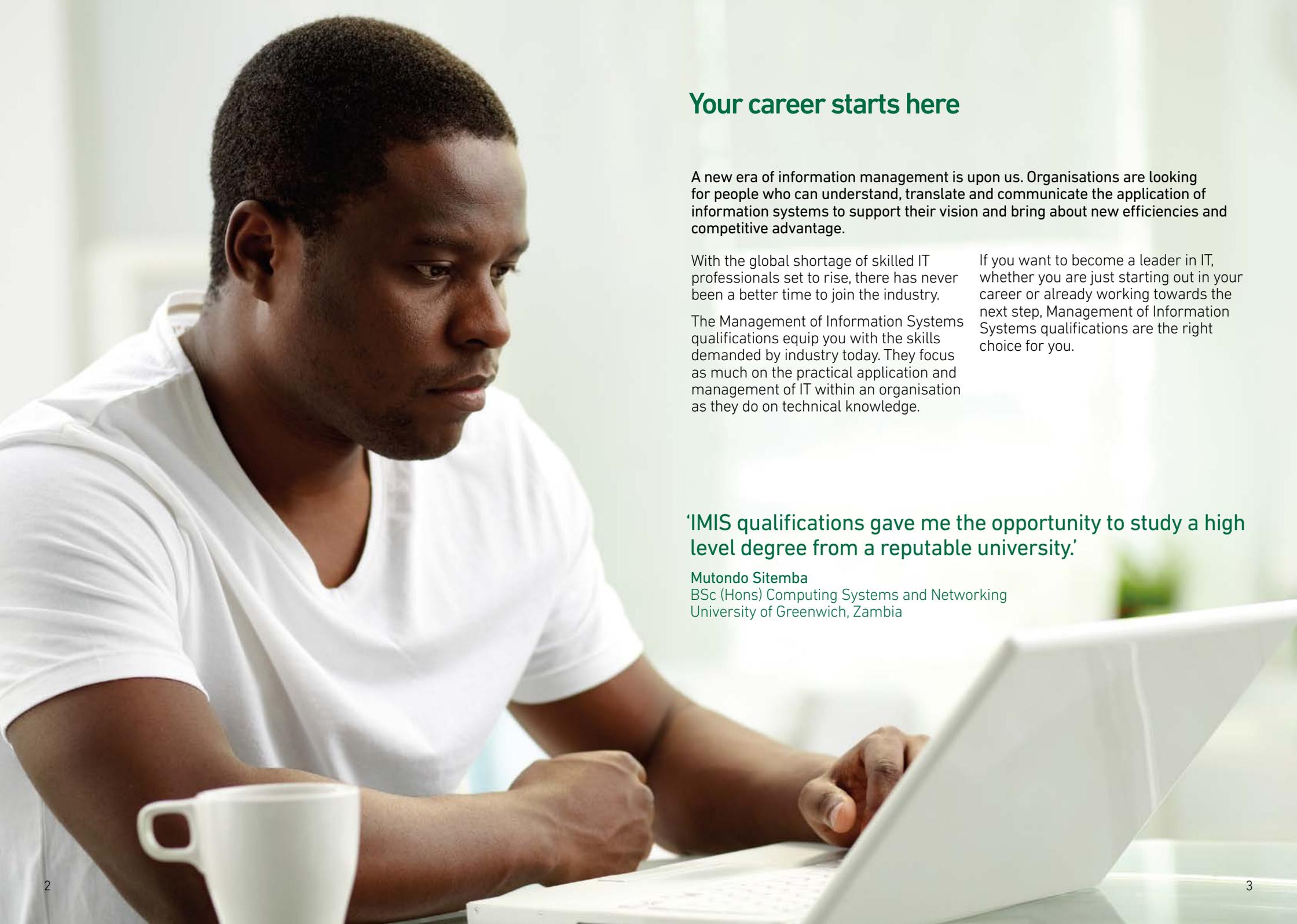
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Management of Information Systems

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## Your career starts here

A new era of information management is upon us. Organisations are looking for people who can understand, translate and communicate the application of information systems to support their vision and bring about new efficiencies and competitive advantage.

With the global shortage of skilled IT professionals set to rise, there has never been a better time to join the industry.

The Management of Information Systems qualifications equip you with the skills demanded by industry today. They focus as much on the practical application and management of IT within an organisation as they do on technical knowledge.

If you want to become a leader in IT, whether you are just starting out in your career or already working towards the next step, Management of Information Systems qualifications are the right choice for you.

**'MIS qualifications gave me the opportunity to study a high level degree from a reputable university.'**

**Mutondo Sitemba**  
BSc (Hons) Computing Systems and Networking  
University of Greenwich, Zambia

## About the qualifications

Our qualifications equip you with the knowledge and skills to apply IT systems effectively in an organisation.

They provide a critical understanding in key areas such as web development, project management, information systems design and strategy. They also develop core competences including communication skills, problem-solving and business acumen – all essential for delivering value in the workplace.

### The programme

The unique programme of study creates IT leaders of the future by equipping students with the skills to perform successfully at an advanced level.

There are three levels of award:

- Foundation Diploma
- Diploma
- Higher Diploma (with project)

### Professional status

Management of Information Systems qualifications are administered by BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT. BCS is the leading industry body for IT and has been setting the standards in IT education and practice for more than 50 years.

Exams are held twice a year in June and December. To sit your exams, you must be a BCS member. BCS membership is a global sign of your professional integrity and commitment to the industry.

We strongly recommend becoming a BCS Student member at the start of your studies so you can take advantage of the information and networking opportunities available.

On completion of the Diploma / Higher Diploma, you are eligible to apply for BCS Associate membership, placing you on the path to full BCS Professional membership. As an Associate member, you can use the letters AMBCS after your name.

## Where to study?

Management of Information Systems qualifications can be studied on a full or part-time basis, or via distance learning.

BCS approved training centres are located in many countries. They uphold exceptional standards of education and offer the best chance of exam success.

You can find a full list of approved centres on our website.

[bcs.org/imis](https://www.bcs.org/imis)

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## Top-up with a BSc (Hons) degree

The Higher Diploma in the Management of Information Systems is accepted by these English universities for entry to specified final year BSc (Hons) degree courses.\*

### On-campus study

- University of Derby
- Sheffield Hallam University
- Anglia Ruskin University
- University of Portsmouth
- Goldsmiths, University of London

### On-campus, online and distance study

- Staffordshire University
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Greenwich

*\* Acceptance onto course is subject to each university's own entry requirements*



# The qualifications

## Foundation Diploma

The Foundation Diploma level is the ideal introduction to computer-based systems. It is also recommended for anyone who wants to learn about web design and the application of technology in a business environment.

The course comprises three compulsory modules and culminates in three 1-hour multiple-choice exams covering each of the modules below.

### Core modules

- e-technology
- Practical use of software
- Organisational practice

### Recommended entry requirements

There are no entry requirements for the Foundation level.

### Study equivalence

Comparable to: A-level

## Diploma

The Diploma focuses on four themes. The central theme is the management of information systems, and the three supporting themes are technological support, development of information systems, and personal and professional skills.

This level is the next step for Foundation Diploma graduates. It is also suitable for those with relevant work experience who are looking to move up the career ladder.

The course comprises six compulsory modules and culminates in six 3-hour written exams covering each module.

### The modules

- Personal and professional practice in information systems
- The business context of information systems
- Using ICT in an organisational environment
- Website development
- Information systems in organisations
- Information systems development

### Recommended entry requirements

- Foundation in the Management of Information Systems
- Four UK GCSE/GCEs or O-levels at grade C or above, including one in English and one in a numerate subject (For non-UK graduates, grades 1-6 or Credits/Distinctions are equivalent)

### Study equivalence

Comparable to: First year of a UK Honours degree or HND



## Higher Diploma

The Higher Diploma provides a comprehensive overview of operations, programming, systems analysis and design, and computer management.

This level prepares candidates for work at team leader or analyst level or equivalent. It is also ideal for someone who is already working in a business information systems environment and wants to take that important step up the management career ladder.

The course comprises six compulsory modules and culminates in five 3-hour written exams covering the first five modules and completion of a project for the sixth module.

### The modules

- Management information systems
- Information systems strategy
- Contemporary issues in systems design
- Database design
- Project management for information systems
- Business information systems project

### Recommended entry requirements

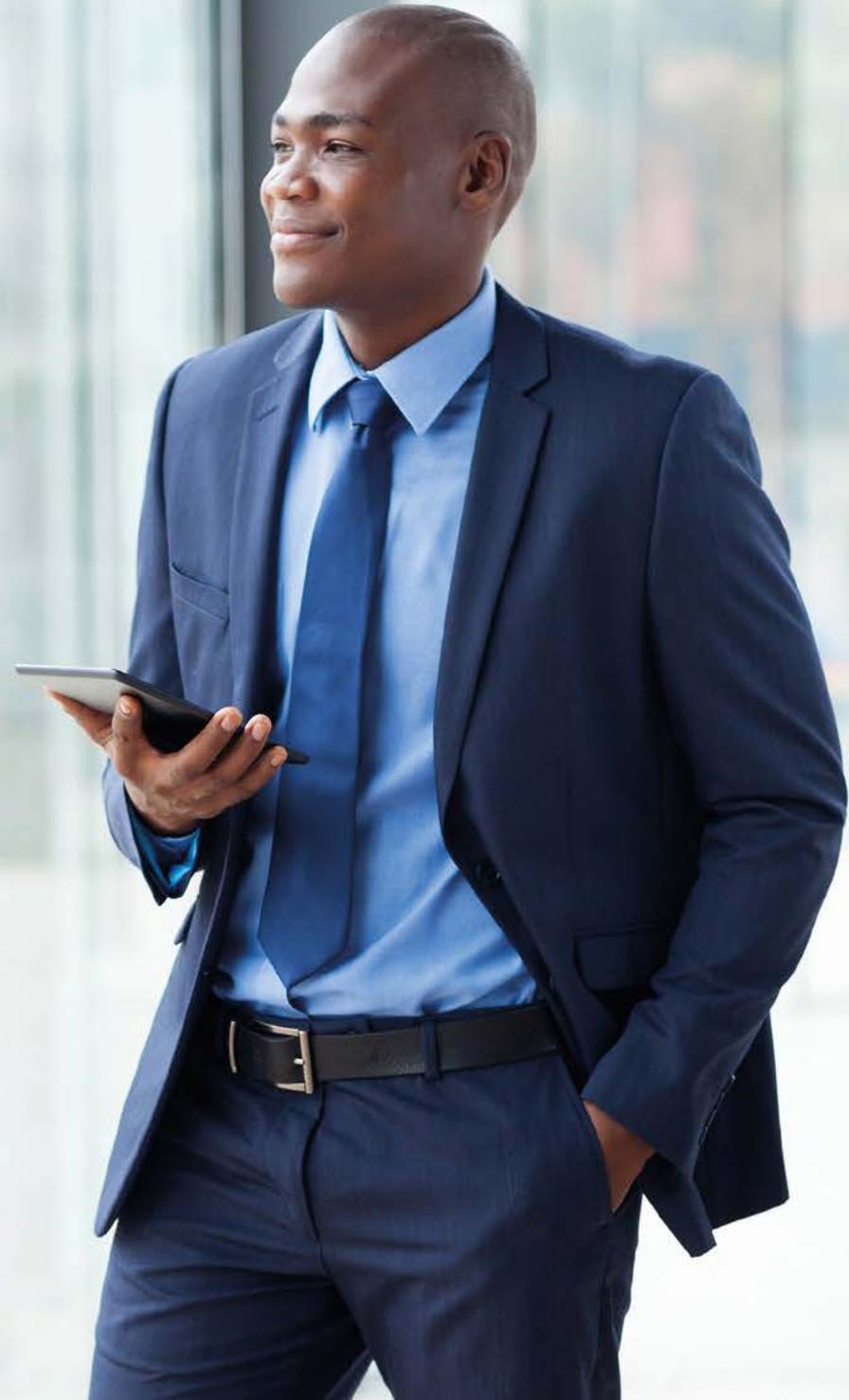
- Diploma in Management of Information Systems, BTEC National Certificate or Diploma in IT
- A-level in computing-related subject, and one other A-level or two AS-levels or equivalent
- Relevant work experience

### Study equivalence

Comparable to: Year 2 of a UK Honours degree or HND

**'My IMIS qualifications started me off on the right footing; they equipped me with the right skill set and orientation.'**

Richard Amafonye  
CIO  
Skye Bank Plc, Nigeria



## Other BCS qualifications

For those wanting a more technical route into IT, we offer a programme of qualifications that allows aspiring IT professionals to specialise according to their chosen career path.

- Certificate in IT
- Diploma in IT
- Professional Graduate Diploma in IT

For information about these qualifications, visit [bcs.org/heq](https://www.bcs.org/heq)



## Why BCS?

There are many IT qualifications in the market, but when you choose to study with BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT you form a relationship with your professional body that will support you throughout your career.

BCS is the Chartered body for IT professionals, and a leading membership organisation with more than 75,000 members worldwide. BCS opens the door to a global community of like-minded students, practitioners, and leaders in the field.

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## **BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT**

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, influence the development of computing education, shape public policy and inform the public.

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