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BCS and IREB sign Memorandum of Understanding on requirements engineering certifications

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT and the International Requirements Engineering Board (IREB) have signed a new agreement that will see the two organisations recognise each other's certifications providing reciprocal exemptions for candidates within either scheme. The agreement comes as the two organisations recognise that their professional basic certifications are closely aligned.

The agreement will mean that candidates who have completed the IREB's Certified Professional for Requirements Engineering (CPRE) Foundation level will be exempt from taking the BCS Certificate in Requirements Engineering to achieve their Business Analysis Diploma. While candidates who have completed the BCS Certificate in Requirements Engineering will be exempt from taking the IREB CPRE Foundation level to progress to the IREB's Advanced level.

Martyn Lambert, Chief Executive Officer, BCS Learning & Development Limited says: "I am delighted to be working with the IREB. It is clear that there is a level of overlap between our certification programmes and that there is a demand for the two schemes to move more closely together."

Rainer Grau, Second Chair of IREB adds: "I welcome this move that is an obvious next step for both organisations to show the Requirements Engineering community how the certification schemes fit to each other; the syllabi of the BCS Certificate in Requirements Engineering and the CPRE

Foundation Level are quite similar so it makes absolute sense to work together for the benefit of our candidates."

The Institute offers a comprehensive range of business analysis certifications from foundation through to the Business Analysis Diploma, structured to offer ongoing career support and industry recognition. As part of this certification portfolio Requirements Engineering is a core module to help analysts achieve the Diploma.

The IREB certification model provides a programme of certificates to help those specialising within requirements engineering. Their model consists of three levels with the intention to improve requirements engineering and business analysis in practice.

The agreement will also see BCS and IREB work closely together to further promote best practice in requirements engineering.

Martyn concludes: "This agreement supports our objectives to create industry leaders by setting the standards in IT training and professional development."

Further information can be found at: www.bcs.org/ and www.ireb.org