

## BCS Certificate in Data Protection

### Overview

There is a need to provide adequate training on the Data Protection Act 1998 "the Act" and its implications for both organisations and individuals. There are important differences between the Act and its predecessor, the Data Protection Act 1984. In particular, the Act contains important new obligations in relation to manual records and transborder data flows, a new notification system and amended principles. It is important to understand the Act in the European context. Those experienced in data protection issues, as well as those new to the subject, need to be trained so that their organisations are confident that legal compliance is continually addressed. It is necessary to identify issues requiring expert data protection advice in good time in order that organisational reputation and credibility are enhanced through relevant data protection policies and procedures.

### Audience

IT professionals responsible for evaluating, planning, implementing, or managing a secure network

### Skills Gained

The aim of the syllabus is to promote an understanding of how the data protection principles work rather than simply focusing on the mechanics of regulation. The syllabus places the Act in the context of human rights and promotes good practice within organisations. On attaining the certificate, award holders will possess:

- an appreciation of the broader context of the Act.
- an understanding of the way in which the Act and the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 work
- a broad understanding of the way associated legislation relates to the Act
- an understanding of what has to be done to achieve compliance
- a recognised qualification in data protection

### Prerequisites

This is an Intermediate level course. The BCS (formerly ISEB) Certificate in Data Protection is an in-depth qualification for practitioners and a fair understanding of the subject and information security is highly desirable

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