British Computer Society

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BCS offers several professional qualifications in information technology, and one of them is the Certificate in Information Security Management Principles.

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The Certificate in Information Security Management Principles is a foundation-level qualification in information security management for those who are new to the field or who would like to formalise their existing knowledge. Two qualification routes exist: the training route and the experienced route. Training route candidates must attend an accredited training course and have a minimum one year's IT work experience; whereas the experienced route candidates must have one year's IT work experience with at least six months experience in one or more of the ten areas defined by the British Standard 7799, Code of Practice for Information Security Management. The following subject areas are covered by the Certificate:

- Concepts & definitions
- The need for, and benefits of, information security
- Threats to information systems
- Managing information security
- Information security risk analysis
- Legal framework
- Security standards and procedures
- Principles of conduct
- Safeguards
- Business continuity
- Implementation

The Certificate examinations are held regularly at British Computer Society offices in London; for information on examination dates and fees please visit the BCS at www.bcs.org.uk.