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Release of the 2012 ISTQB® Advanced Level

At the ISTQB® General Assembly meeting in Cape Town (October 2012), the 2012 ISTQB® Advanced Level was approved for release in line with the Release Plan drawn up by the Advanced Level Working Group at the end of 2011.

The release consists of an overview document plus 3 separate, distinct syllabi for Advanced Test Manager, Advanced Test Analyst and Advanced Technical Test Analyst.

An overview of the main changes in the 2012 version compared with the 2007 version was published in May 2012 and can be found in http://www.istqb.org/documents/2012_Advanced_Level_Syllabus.pdf.

In line with the scoping and clearer organization previously announced, the length of the training for each syllabus has been rationalized as follows:

- Advanced Test Manager – 5 Days
- Advanced Test Analyst – 4 Days
- Advanced Technical Test Analyst – 3 Days

The resulting 2012 ISTQB® Advanced Level product release includes updates to the Glossary, Accreditation Process and the Exam Structure and Rules as well as sample exam questions for all syllabus learning objectives.

It is important for all current Advanced Level Training Providers to note that the scale of the changes in the 2012 Advanced Level means that full re-accreditation of courses will be required.

To ensure a smooth transition between the 2007 version and 2012 version, there will be a transition period during which the 2007 version will be phased out.

The earliest availability of exams against the 2012 version will be December 2012 with local ISTQB® Member Boards being able to advise on exact dates.

The following are key milestones relating to the phasing out of the 2007 version:

Sunset dates for courses - no further 2007 courses allowed to start :

April 19th 2013 (English), July 19th 2013 (non-English)

Sunset date for exams - no further 2007 exams allowed :

July 19th 2013 (English), October 19th 2013 (non-English)

Mike Smith, Chair of the ISTQB® Advanced Level Working Group (ALWG), says:

“The release of the 2012 Advanced Level product represents a major milestone, and is the culmination of a lot of hard work by many people across the world over the past two years. Business Outcomes are now the driver for the 2012 Advanced Level Syllabi. These provide clearly defined statements about the capabilities of anyone achieving Advanced Level Certification, enabling employers to match the profile of certified testers to their business requirements. These statements are verified by examinable Learning Objectives which are traceable to the Business Outcomes. Further to this, the careful scoping of Advanced between Foundation and Expert Levels in the ISTQB® scheme, enables businesses and testing professionals to map out career development paths”

Yaron Tsubery, President of ISTQB® says:

“The new 2012 Advanced Level brings another important step to the community and the industry, moving the ISTQB® one step ahead towards the future. I believe this new version is in line with the industry and the practitioners’ needs and will ensure the growth of professionalism in the software testing domain. The new 2012 Advanced Level Business Outcomes enable the management team as well as other stakeholders to better understand the professional role of test engineers, whether they have a more technical or managerial focus. The new 2012 Advanced Level also enables those who took the Foundation Level to move forward and expand their knowledge, while advancing and aligning their career paths following a unified, international reference. Professionals and experts at the ISTQB® have invested many years of knowledge and experience in creating the 2012 Advanced Level syllabi. We at the ISTQB® publish it freely over our website to anyone wishing to learn more about testing as a profession. It is there for you to take, learn and keep enhancing your knowledge and skills.”

About ISTQB®

The International Software Testing Qualifications Board is a non-profit organization, headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, whose mission is to advance the software testing profession. It is supported in its operations by 46 member boards, representing over 70 countries.

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