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ISTQB® releases Foundation Level Specialist Acceptance Testing Syllabus (CTFL-AcT)

The ISTQB® General Assembly has approved the new Acceptance Testing – specialist module syllabus for general release.

This Acceptance Testing syllabus is joint effort between ISTQB® and IQBBA® - International Qualification Board for Business Analysis.

Assessment and validation of the business solution are important and frequent activities of product owners (POs), business analysts (BAs) and testers. Part of their responsibilities is to define acceptance criteria for the requirements, regardless of the type of development lifecycle – Agile or traditional. Acceptance criteria are defined by decomposing the requirements into a more atomic and testable form. Test cases are then designed to verify the solution against the criteria. Designing acceptance tests from acceptance criteria should be a highly collaborative activity, involving business analysts and testers, to ensure high business value of the acceptance testing phase, and mitigating the risks related to product release.

Supporting this collaborative work, and thereby avoiding the silo effect between product owners / business analysts and testers, is the key objective of this syllabus. This acceptance testing qualification is aimed at anyone involved in software acceptance testing activities. This includes people in roles such as product owners, business analysts, testers, test analysts, test engineers, test consultants, test managers, user acceptance testers, and software developers.

"The rapid transformation of organizations towards agile and digital technology is changing software testing practices towards greater collaboration between the various stakeholders in the software development lifecycle. This syllabus, which is the result of a close collaboration between the ISTQB and the IQBBA, will facilitate the efficiency of acceptance testing through the joint training of business analysts / product owners and testers. We are very proud to bring this new syllabus to the market." – says **Olivier Denoo**, President of ISTQB®.

"This syllabus responds to the acceleration of innovation in testing with the rapid development of ATDD - Acceptance Test Driven Development, and BDD - Behavior Driven Development, which are based on the collaborative development of acceptance test scenarios when refining business requirements." Says **Bruno Legeard**, ISTQB® & IQBBA® Acceptance Testing working group chair.

Further Information is available from the ISTQB® website: http://www.istqb.org.

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About ISTQB®

The International Software Testing Qualifications Board (ISTQB®) was founded in November 2002 and is a non-profit organization, headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, whose mission is to advance the software testing profession. ISTQB® has defined the "ISTQB® Certified Tester" scheme that has become the world-wide leader in the certification of competences in software testing.

It is supported in its mission by 59 member boards. ISTQB® has today a world-wide coverage and has administered, with the help of its Global partners, as of December 2018 over 875,000 exams, issuing over 641,000 certificates.

ISTQB® is an organization based on volunteer work by hundreds of software testing experts around the world.

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