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PEARSON VUE TO LAUNCH NEW COMPUTER-BASED ISEB EXAM

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PEARSON VUE has announced that it will be the first testing company to offer the new Information Systems Examination Board (ISEB) Intermediate Certificate in Software Testing for the British Computer Society (BCS).

From Thursday 12 February, Pearson VUE will be delivering this exam from its extensive network of test centres in 162 countries. The test has been made available via a computer-based platform for the first time, after the BCS received requests from candidates. Pearson VUE is therefore expecting a lot of demand for the new electronic version.

This certificate is the next level of competency in software testing after the foundation level exam, which is also available through Pearson VUE.

A pass in this certificate provides evidence that the candidate has proven analytical ability, having gained knowledge and practical skills in the key topics required for practicing software testing.

Suzana Lopes, commercial director of Pearson VUE, comments: "We are proud to be the first computer-based testing company to deliver this new test. We expect it to be very popular with IT professionals hoping to develop their careers, as the computer-based version will give them added benefits such as flexibility with booking and sitting the test, and greater security."

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About Pearson VUE

Pearson VUE (www.pearsonvue.co.uk) is a global leader in computer-based testing for information technology, academic, government and professional testing programmes around the world. Pearson VUE provides a full suite of services from test development to data management, and delivers exams through the world's most comprehensive and secure network of test centres in 165 countries. Pearson VUE is a business of Pearson (NYSE: PSO; LSE: PSON), the international media company, whose businesses include the Financial Times Group, Pearson Education and the Penguin Group.

About BCS: The British Computer Society (BCS) is the Chartered industry body for IT professionals, the Chartered Engineering Institution for Information Technology and a Chartered Science Institution. With its rapidly growing membership, BCS is playing an increasingly pivotal role in leading the development and implementation of world class standards for the IT profession through innovative products, services and support.

Through its specific "Professionalism in IT" programme, BCS is leading and building IT professionalism to levels which are currently only seen in more traditional long standing professions such as law, medicine, and accountancy but which will increasingly become the de facto standards for IT professionals.