



## PEARSON VUE TO DELIVER NEW iSQI IT CERTIFICATION EXAMS

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PEARSON VUE has been chosen by the International Software Quality Institute (iSQI GmbH) for the Computer-Based Test (CBT) delivery for its internationally recognised certification exams, with an initial three-year contract.

The iSQI is a leading provider of certification examinations all over the world. Focusing on IT professions, iSQI plays a large role in certifying the know-how of professionals in 40 countries on six continents. Three quarters of the German DAX 30 companies rely on iSQI's expertise.

The first two exams, to be published in November 2009 and delivered within the Pearson VUE Authorised Test Centre network worldwide, are ISTQB Certified Tester Foundation Level English and ISTQB Advanced Level Test Management English.

These will be closely followed by the IREB Foundation Level English exam. This exam uses a complex scoring methodology, for which Pearson VUE has developed a bespoke scoring mechanism.

The testing programme is expected to test at least 3,000 candidates per year, but that number is expected to rise as more exams become available. An extensive list of other levels of Certified Tester and other Software Testing and Engineering exams will be published over a staggered timeframe, to be agreed by Pearson VUE and iSQI.

Suzana Lopes, Pearson VUE's EMEA VP Sales and Marketing, says, "Pearson VUE is an ideal partner for iSQI. We have extensive experience in test development services, coupled with our global test centre network of over 5,000 test centres in 165 countries."

Stephan Goericke, managing director at iSQI, adds, "We approached Pearson VUE to carry out our testing because of the status it has within the e-assessment industry. Once we had begun dialogue with the team, we were impressed with the professionalism, and the assurances they could offer regarding test centre security, as well as the global reach they offer. The cooperation is of strategic importance: our high quality qualification programmes will be available every day in every part of the world – a major advantage for our customers."

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**Notes to editors:** Pearson VUE ([www.pearsonvue.co.uk](http://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.