



IT Certified Professional: NQF Level 6

ITCP(SA) – Leading Digital Governance, Ethics & Compliance in
the Fourth Industrial Revolution.



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Why the IT Certified Professional Designation

Message from Navigate

The IT Certified Professional (ITCP(SA)) designation was created to develop advanced practitioners who can bridge the worlds of technology, governance, compliance, and digital risk.

Traditional IT qualifications often focus narrowly on technical systems, while compliance programs emphasise regulation without the necessary digital depth. This leaves organisations vulnerable in a digital-first economy, where risks extend beyond compliance into AI, big data, cybersecurity, and cloud governance.

The ITCP(SA) addresses this gap by preparing professionals to be strategic enablers — capable of managing digital transformation, embedding compliance into IT systems, and leading ethical technology adoption.

Warm regards,
Sholane Sathu
CEO, Navigate Group



Information Technology Certified Professional

NQF Level 6 | Designation ID: 721

Accredited by the Institute of Chartered IT Professionals (ICITP)

Core Modules

1. IT Governance

- COBIT, NIST, and ISO 27001 frameworks.
- Aligning IT governance with corporate governance (King IV).

2. AI Governance & Ethics

- ISO/IEC 42001 (AI Governance).
- Ethical AI principles: transparency, fairness, accountability.
- Global regulatory developments (EU AI Act, OECD, African AI policies).

3. Big Data & Analytics for Compliance

- Advanced analytics for fraud detection and compliance monitoring.
- Managing structured and unstructured data responsibly.
- Ethical use of predictive models and decision-making tools.

4. Cybersecurity & Digital Risk

- Advanced cybersecurity governance using ISO 27001, NIST CSF.
- Digital risk resilience and incident response.
- Breach reporting and regulatory obligations.

5. Digital Ethics & Responsible Technology

- Frameworks for ethical digital transformation.
- AI bias, digital rights, and technology fairness.
- Governance of surveillance, biometrics, and IoT.

6. Risk Management & Compliance Integration

- ISO 31000 (Risk Management).
- Building integrated GRC (Governance, Risk, Compliance) systems.
- Embedding compliance controls into IT frameworks.

7. Cloud & Emerging Tech Governance

- Cloud risk management and hybrid systems.

- IoT, blockchain, and quantum computing governance.
- Legal and regulatory implications of emerging tech.

8. RegTech & Compliance Automation

- RegTech solutions for monitoring and reporting.
- AI-powered dashboards and compliance automation.
- Microsoft Purview and modern compliance ecosystems.

Programme Structure

- **Level:** NQF 6
 - **Duration:** 12 months (flexible online + instructor-led workshops)
 - **Mode:** Blended learning with case studies, simulations, and assessments.
 - **Designation Awarded:** IT Certified Professional (ITCP(SA)), Designation ID: 721
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What You'll Gain

- ✓ Recognition as a **nationally accredited NQF Level 6 IT professional**
 - ✓ Advanced fluency in **governance, compliance, risk, and emerging technologies**
 - ✓ Practical mastery of **frameworks like COBIT, ISO 27001, ISO 37301, ISO 42001**
 - ✓ Ability to **integrate IT, compliance, and ethics** into digital ecosystems
 - ✓ Professional recognition through **ICITP membership**
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Career Pathways After Certification

Graduates will be prepared for senior roles such as:

-  **IT Governance & Compliance Specialist**
 -  **Cybersecurity & Risk Manager**
 -  **AI & Digital Ethics Officer**
 -  **Enterprise Risk & Data Governance Consultant**
 -  **RegTech Implementation Specialist**
 -  **Digital Transformation & IT Strategy Advisor**
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 The **core modules may be updated** to reflect **emerging risks, laws, and global technology frameworks**.

Corporate Cohorts: Tailored programmes for **financial institutions, government, healthcare, telecoms, and global enterprises** are available on request.

Career Pathway

The world of technology is evolving at lightning speed, and with it comes a new wave of compliance, governance, and digital risk challenges. Traditional compliance roles are no longer enough — today's professionals must bridge the worlds of IT, governance, data, and regulation to keep organisations secure, ethical, and future-ready.

That's why the IT Compliance Professional Designations Career Pathway was created. It is a structured journey designed to equip aspiring and seasoned professionals with the skills, recognition, and credibility needed to thrive in the digital compliance era. Each designation builds on the last, offering a clear progression from entry-level IT compliance foundations to advanced strategic leadership roles, ensuring that individuals are not only industry-relevant but also future-proofed for emerging risks such as AI governance, cybersecurity, data privacy, and digital trust.

This pathway is more than a set of qualifications — it is a professional identity. By following it, learners gain access to recognized designations, industry networks, and career mobility, all while closing critical skills gaps in the market. Whether your goal is to become a specialist in IT governance, a leader in AI ethics, or a Chief IT Compliance Officer shaping global standards, this pathway empowers you to take your career to the next level.

Certified Digital Practitioner (CDP: IT Compliance)

Designation ID: 1303 | NQF Level 4 | Entry with no experience

- First step into compliance and IT governance for school leavers and graduates.
- Focus: IT governance basics, data privacy, POPIA, cybersecurity essentials, compliance frameworks.
- Roles: Junior Compliance Analyst | IT Support & Security Officer | Data Privacy Intern | Digital Risk Administrator

Information Technology Practitioner: Compliance (ITP(SA))

Designation ID: 1043 | NQF Level 5 | Specialised Practitioner Level

- For graduates and professionals ready to move from foundations to specialised expertise in IT governance, compliance, and risk.
- Focus: Compliance frameworks, IT governance, cybersecurity, privacy, AI ethics.
- Roles: IT Risk & Compliance Officer | Cybersecurity Compliance Analyst | Digital Governance Consultant | Privacy & Data Protection Specialist

IT Certified Professional (ITCP(SA))

Designation ID: 721 | NQF Level 6 | Mid-Level Professional Status

- For professionals with +5 years' experience in compliance, IT governance, data privacy, cybersecurity, or digital risk.
- Focus: Advanced IT governance, AI governance, big data analytics, cybersecurity, RegTech, digital transformation.
- Roles: IT Compliance Specialist | Cybersecurity & Risk Manager | AI Governance Officer | Data Governance Consultant

IT Certified Professional (Advanced) (ITCP(SA))

Designation ID: 721 | NQF Level 7 | Senior Professional Status

- For professionals with 5–10 years' experience consolidating advanced expertise in compliance and IT.
- Focus: Advanced compliance integration, emerging tech governance, enterprise-wide risk and IT leadership.
- Roles: Senior IT Compliance Consultant | Digital Transformation Strategist | Enterprise GRC Leader

Chartered Chief IT Compliance Officer (CITCO(SA))

NQF Level 8 | Executive Professional Designation | The Pinnacle of Recognition

- For compliance, risk, and IT executives with +10 years' experience.
- Requirements: Dissertation, peer-reviewed assessment, publication of professional article.
- Roles: Chief Compliance & Digital Risk Officer | CIO with Compliance Oversight | Executive Board Advisor | Global Governance Leader.
- Recognises strategic leadership at the intersection of IT governance, cybersecurity, AI, and compliance ethics.



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