



# Information Technology Practitioner: Compliance

**Designation ID: 1043**  
**ITP (SA) | NQF Level 5**

ITP(SA): Compliance – Bridging Technology, Governance &  
Compliance for the Digital Age

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# Why the Information Technology Practitioner: Compliance Designation

## Message from Navigate

The **Information Technology Practitioner: Compliance** designation was developed to address a **critical skills gap** at the intersection of **compliance, IT governance, and emerging technologies**.

Traditional compliance qualifications often focus only on **laws, regulations, and risk management**, while IT certifications emphasise technical systems without the **governance and ethical context**. This leaves a **gap in capability**: organisations need professionals who can bridge both worlds — ensuring that **compliance obligations are embedded into IT systems, data governance, and digital processes**.

The **ITP(SA): Compliance pathway** was therefore created to:

- Equip compliance professionals with **technical literacy** in IT governance, cybersecurity, and data management.
- Provide IT practitioners with **compliance and regulatory fluency** to align technology with laws and ethical frameworks.
- Build a workforce that can **anticipate and manage digital risk**, while driving innovation responsibly.

Warm regards,  
Sholane Sathu  
CEO, Navigate Group



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## Core Modules

### 1. Compliance Frameworks & Standards

- ISO 37301 (Compliance Management Systems), ISO 37001 (Anti-Bribery).
- South African compliance frameworks: FICA, POPIA, COFI.
- Risk-based approaches to compliance and assurance.

### 2. IT Governance

- COBIT and NIST frameworks.
- Role of IT controls in compliance and risk management.
- Linking IT governance to enterprise governance (King IV).

### 3. AI Governance & Ethics

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

### 4. Privacy & Data Protection

- POPIA, GDPR, and global privacy regulations.
- Privacy-by-design in systems and digital platforms.
- Data subject rights, consent, and breach response.

### 5. Cybersecurity & Digital Risk

- ISO 27001 and NIST Cybersecurity Framework.
- Cybercrime, ransomware, social engineering.
- Compliance obligations in breach reporting and resilience.

### 6. Big Data & Analytics in Compliance

- Role of data in compliance monitoring and reporting.
  - Analytics for AML, fraud detection, and conduct monitoring.
  - Ethical and compliant use of data insights.
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## Programme Structure

- **Level:** NQF 5
  - **Mode:** Blended (Online learning with instructor-led workshops)
  - **Duration:** 6–9 months (flexible)
  - **Assessment:** Assignments, case studies, compliance/IT integration projects
  - **Designation Awarded: Information Technology Practitioner (Compliance) – ITP(SA),**  
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## What You'll Gain

- ✓ **Nationally recognised NQF Level 5 designation** with ICITP
  - ✓ Multidisciplinary fluency across **compliance, IT governance, privacy, and digital risk**
  - ✓ Practical knowledge of frameworks like **COBIT, ISO 27001, ISO 37301, ISO 42001**
  - ✓ Recognition as an **ITP(SA) professional** with a compliance specialisation
  - ✓ A professional edge for careers at the **intersection of compliance, technology, and governance**
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## Career Pathways After Certification

Graduates of this designation are prepared for roles such as:

-  **IT Compliance Analyst**
  -  **Risk & Governance Officer**
  -  **Data Privacy & Cybersecurity Analyst**
  -  **RegTech & Compliance Technology Specialist**
  -  **AI Governance & Ethics Officer**
  -  **Digital Risk & Assurance Consultant**
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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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