CREST

CREST in the UK was established in 2006. CREST examinations are recognised by the professional services industry and buyers as being an indication of knowledge, skill and competence. They are a high-level aspiration for those taking them and increasingly a mandated requirement for those hiring or buying services. QA offers 5 CREST certified courses.

CREST Incident Response Pathway

CREST Practitioner Intrusion Analyst (QACPIA)

This 5 day course prepares the student for a career in Incident Response and provides all of the tools and techniques needed by a practicing professional. This is the first cross discipline course of its kind that covers the essential knowledge and skills needed for intrusion detection, incident handling, computer/network forensics and malware reverse engineering.

Following this course a student may challenge the CREST core skills exam resulting in the CREST Practitioner Intrusion Analyst (CPIA) professional qualification. This is a pre-requisite for the CREST Registered Intrusion Analyst (CRIA) professional qualification. The CRIA exam can be challenged later, once more experience has been gained in real life scenarios.

This course is ideal for those looking to expand their knowledge on intrusion analysis or digital forensics.

CREST Registered Intrusion Analyst (QACRIA)

The QACRIA course leads to the CREST Registered Intrusion Analyst (CRIA) examination, which supports career advancement in Incident Response. Following this course a student may challenge the CREST core skills exam resulting in the CREST Registered Intrusion Analyst (CRIA) professional qualification.

A pass at CPIA level is a pre-requisite for the Intrusion Analyst examination.

CREST Penetration Testing Pathway

CREST Practitioner Security Analyst (QACPSA)

This 5 day course consists of 11 modules and prepares for the CPSA examination. This an entry level qualification that tests a candidate's knowledge in assessing operating systems and common network services at a basic level below that of the main CRT and CCT qualifications. This qualification is a pre-requisite for the CREST Registered Penetration Tester (CRT) examination and comprises of a multiple-choice examination. CRT is available as a separate course.

This course is ideal for those looking to expand their knowledge of penetration testing.

CREST Registered Penetration Tester (QACRPT)

The CRT course prepares delegates for the CREST Registered Tester (CRT) examination, which is recognised by the NCSC as providing the minimum standard for CHECK Team Member status. The course is designed to assess a candidate's ability to carry out basic vulnerability assessment and penetration testing tasks.

A pass at CPSA level is a pre-requisite for the Registered Tester examination.

CREST Pathways - Security Architecture

BCS Practitioner Certificate in Information Assurance (IA) Architecture
This course prepares the student for either a career in security architecture, or a career as a Technical or Enterprise Architect with a good foundation in security architecture principles.

This course is aimed at practitioner level. It prepares the student to challenge a variety of industry certifications in computer security, such as the British Computer Society's (BCS) Practitioner Certificate in Information Assurance Architecture examination and CREST's Registered Technical Security Architect examination, CRTSA. Although many students take this course to pass either of the exams this course is much more than that. We hope it gives you the knowledge and skills to progress whatever career path you wish to follow.

Convenient & Flexible Learning Options

Classroom

Join a CREST course at one of our nationwide training centres for an interactive, hands-on learning experience.

Attend From Anywhere

Can't make it to a training centre? You can join the class virtually from the comfort of your own home or office, without losing the classroom experience.