

What the I.S.P. means

to the IT industry

"As a globally recognized standard, the I.S.P. brings tremendous value to my work as an educator, writer, researcher, and speaker."

**Stephen Ibaraki, I.S.P.,
Senior Faculty Member,
Capilano College, North Vancouver**

"In my IT management position at one of the world's largest corporations, I proudly display the I.S.P. designation. That it's 'Made in Canada' is pretty good too."

**Cesar Pinto, I.S.P., Director,
Computing Systems,
Lockheed Martin Corporation,
Bethesda, MD, USA**

"I encourage my staff to obtain their I.S.P. because it demonstrates to our customers a commitment to professional practices and continuing competence."

**Ted Barnicoat, I.S.P.,
Chief Information Officer
Trimac Corporation, Calgary**

CANDIDATE MEMBERSHIP IN CIPS

CIPS offers a pre-certification Membership privilege to individuals who have met the educational requirements, but have not yet attained the required number of years of professional experience, as outlined in the I.S.P. criteria.

More information on how to apply for Candidate Membership, upon graduation, can be found in the "Standards" section of the CIPS Web-site at www.cips.ca

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Founded in 1958, CIPS represents more than 8,000 Information Technology professionals in 30 cities across the country.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS PROFESSIONAL

I.S.P.

*The Credential
that Matters*



Canadian Information Processing Society
L'association canadienne de l'Informatique

One Designation

The I.S.P. is the only professional designation for Information Technology (IT) professionals in Canada. It was introduced in May, 1989, by the Canadian Information Processing Society (CIPS). Until then, IT practitioners were without the benefits such a designation offers.

WHY IS THE I.S.P. IMPORTANT?

For the individual, I.S.P. certification bolsters your:

- Profile and credibility
- Professional image
- Career development.

For the profession, the I.S.P. establishes and maintains the highest standards of:

- Professional practice
- Ethics and conduct
- Protection of public safety.

Employers and clients know that they can expect professional conduct, competence, accountable service, and a knowledge of the latest and best practices from every I.S.P. holder.

AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

The I.S.P. is an internationally recognized designation. In today's global economy, success for Canadian companies depends on professionals acquiring and maintaining universally accepted standards.

Working with the world's leading IT professional organizations, CIPS represents the interests of Canadian practitioners in ongoing discussions concerning the harmonization of international IT standards.

Many Criteria

WHO QUALIFIES?

To initiate the process of seeking I.S.P. certification, you must meet one of the following combinations of education and industry experience:

Education	Yrs. of Professional Exp.
CIPS-accredited 4-yr. university degree (C.Sc., MIS, Software Engineering)	2
CIPS-accredited 3-yr. university degree (C.Sc., MIS, Software Engineering)	3
Non-accredited 4-yr. university degree (C.Sc., MIS, Software Engineering)	4
Non-accredited 3-yr. university degree (C.Sc., MIS, Software Engineering)	5
CIPS-accredited 3-yr. college program	4
CIPS-accredited 2-yr. college program	5
CIPS-accredited 1-yr. post-diploma IT program	7
Non-accredited 3-yr. college program*	6
Non-accredited 2-yr. college program*	7
ICCP exams**	5
British Computing Society — Diploma level exam	5
British Computing Society — Professional Graduate level exam	4
Professional experience only***	12

- * Only publicly-funded college programs with significant IT content are eligible.
- ** For individuals who do not hold a relevant degree or diploma, passing the ICCP's (Institute for Certification of Computer Professionals) Certified Computing Professional exams is a practical way to show mastery of the required body of knowledge.
- *** Must have entered field prior to 1976.

Two Governances

CIPS works with Canadian provincial governments and provincially-legislated educational institutions to both maintain and recognize the I.S.P.'s strict standards of achievement and conduct.

ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION

Since 1980, CIPS has provided accreditation reviews to university Computer Science, Management Information Systems, and Software Engineering programs, as well as Information Technology programs at colleges and technical schools.

Accreditation provides Canada's post-secondary educational institutions with the benefit of an independent review by distinguished academic and business leaders.

PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION

The I.S.P. is now recognized as a registered professional designation in Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, and New Brunswick.

Other provinces are making rapid progress in securing registration of the I.S.P.

Provincial registration acknowledges that I.S.P. holders have the necessary credentials for protection of the public and the right to represent their profession to all levels of government.

THE I.S.P. PROCESS

Having obtained the accepted academic and professional criteria, you must then:

1. Complete an application form;
2. Submit references from 2 qualified sponsors;
3. Agree to adhere to the CIPS Code of Ethics; and
4. Pay the required application fee.

Providing the only professional IT designation in Canada

