

BIS: Business Information Systems

The NQF BIS programme was replaced by the QCF Management of Information Systems (MIS) Pathway of the Business Management (BM) programme after June 2011. ABE no longer accepts **NEW STUDENT ENROLMENTS** for the Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma in **Business Information Systems** programme. Any registration applications for the BIS programme received after June 2011 will be registered on the new MIS Pathway of the BM programme.

MIS: Management of Information Systems

The MIS programme, which is accredited on the new Qualifications and Credit Framework, is one of the three Business Management (BM) Pathways and shares core compulsory units with the BM programme (see ABE website). The MIS qualification will be examined for the first time in December 2011.

Transfer from BIS to MIS programme

Current BIS students who wish to transfer from the BIS to the MIS programme have two options:

1. If they do **not** wish to complete the BIS qualification they are currently studying, they may transfer their BIS passes to the equivalent MIS qualification which they can complete by passing MIS units. They will be awarded a qualification which is a mixture of NQF BIS and QCF MIS units (see BIS to MIS Transfer Arrangements on the ABE website: <http://www.abeuk.com/qualifications/qcftransitions/transitionarrangements/>).
2. For BIS students who **wish to complete** the NQF BIS qualification level they are currently on, the BIS examinations have been extended to December 2012:

A Students currently on the Certificate in Business Information Systems (CBIS)

Students who are currently on the Certificate in Business Information Systems will have **THREE** examination sessions (December 2011, June 2012 and December 2012) to complete the Certificate.

Progression:

Once students have completed the BIS Certificate they should proceed to the QCF Level 5 Higher Diploma in Business Management (MIS Pathway) to which they will be granted automatic entry. They **may** proceed to the BIS Diploma but they should bear in mind that the NQF BIS examinations will be discontinued **after December 2012** when all students who have not completed their BIS qualification will be transferred to the MIS Pathway of the BM programme.

B Students currently on the Diploma in Business Information Systems (DBIS)

Students who are currently on the Diploma in Business Information Systems will have **THREE** examination sessions (December 2011, June 2012 and December 2012) to complete the Diploma.

Progression:

Once students have completed the BIS Diploma they should proceed to the Level 6 Graduate Diploma in Business Management (MIS Pathway), to which they will be granted automatic entry. They **may** proceed to the BIS Advanced Diploma but they should bear in mind that the NQF BIS examinations will be discontinued **after December 2012** when all students who have not completed their BIS qualification will be transferred to the MIS Pathway of the BM programme.

C Students currently on the Advanced Diploma in Business Information Systems (AdvBIS)

Students who are currently on the Advanced Diploma in Business Information Systems will have **THREE** examination sessions (December 2011, June 2012 and December 2012) to complete the Advanced Diploma.

Progression:

Students who complete the BIS Advanced Diploma by December 2012 examination session can proceed to the QCF Level 7 Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management (Business Management Pathway).

After the December 2012 session:

Students who have not completed the BIS Advanced Diploma will automatically be transferred over to the QCF Level 6 Graduate Diploma in Business Management (MIS Pathway). Previous BIS Advanced Diploma unit passes will be credited to the student in the QCF MIS programme.

