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Abbreviations

AF	Application Form
BC	Blockchain
D	Deliverable
DAPP	Decentralized Application
DG	Directorate General
DLT	Distributed Ledger Technology
EACEA	Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
EQF	European Qualification Framework
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
M	Month
MOOC	Massive Open Online Course
OER	Open Educational Resources
PM	Project Management
PMT	Project Management Team
PT	Points
QA	Quality Assurance
SC	Steering Committee
SME	Small and Medium-sized Enterprise
SSA	Sector Skill Alliance
T	Task
TL	Task Leader
VET	Vocational Education and Training
WP	Work Package
WPL	Work Package Leader

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Blockchain Job Profiles

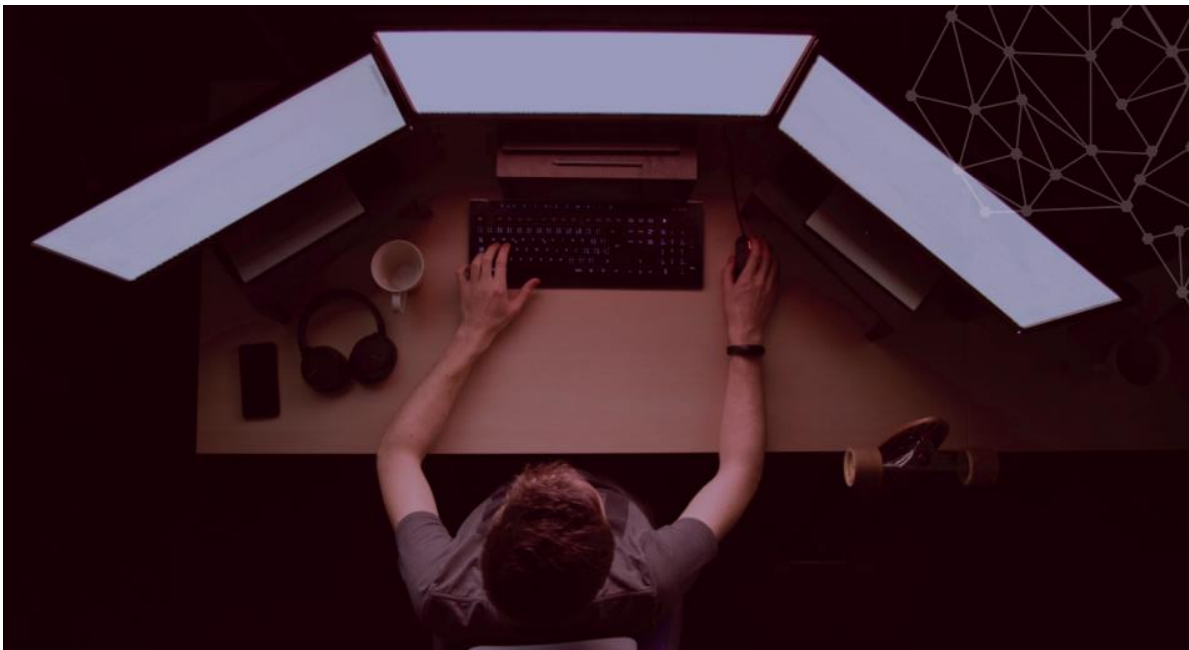


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1 Introduction

CHAISE is a Sector Skills Alliance financed by the Erasmus+ program. The Project's core mission is to develop a strategic approach on blockchain skills development for Europe, as well as to deliver future-proof training solutions, in order to tackle blockchain skill shortages and to respond to the current and future skill needs of the European Blockchain workforce.

1.1 Scope of this Document

This certification strategy specifies the procedure of how the competence of persons is certified by ECQA GmbH.

The certification organization ECQA GmbH is an Austrian company, which is 60% owned by the non-profit organization European Certification and Qualification Association (ECQA).

The object of certification is exclusively / solely the competence of natural persons.

The certification is largely based on the principles of the International Standard ISO/IEC 17024:2012-07 Conformity assessment - General requirements for bodies certifying persons.

2 Competence Requirements

The below table shows, which specific modules lead to the award of what job role. The three possible job role certifications are Blockchain Manager (M), Blockchain Architekt (A) and Blockchain Developer (D).

Table 1: Educational modules for Blockchain job profiles

<i>Transversal Skills (M, A, D)</i>			
1. Introduction to Blockchain Technology			
2. Regulation, Legal Aspects and Governance of Blockchain Systems			
<i>Technical Basics (D, A, M)</i>		<i>Business Basics (M, A, D)</i>	
3. Fundamentals of Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies		4. Blockchain Business Management and Planning	
<i>Technical Blockchain Specialisation (D, A)</i>		<i>Business Blockchain Specialisation (M)</i>	
5. Blockchain Security and Digital Identity		7. Blockchain Platforms	
6. Blockchain System Architecture & Consensus Protocols		8. Marketing and Customer Support	
<i>BC Conception & Use Case Development (A)</i>	<i>BC Engineering & Development (D)</i>	<i>Strategic Business Management (A, M)</i>	<i>Operational Business Management (D, M)</i>
9. Applied Cryptography	10. Smart Contracts and Digital Currency Programming	11. Developing use cases: From ideas to services	12. Game Theory in Blockchain

3 Certification Requirements

In order to obtain a certificate issued by ECQA GmbH, the learner needs to have been rewarded both a practical and a theoretical badge in at least one Module. The ECQA Certificate clearly indicates the outstanding and the obtained Modules.

The path to obtain the theoretical badge, practical badge and full certificate can be seen below. Upon rewarding, the badges will clearly state whether they are only theoretical or practical. It is possible for learners to acquire both badges individually or in combination.

It is necessary to ensure, that all material needed for a learner to pass the exam, can be found in the provided materials. This applies to both theory and practical paths.

3.1 Theory Badge

- The learner can only take the MOOC theory lectures and their respective Multiple-choice questions but no practical exercises. The learner will be awarded a **Theory Badge**.
- The learner can skip the MOOC theory and attend directly to the Multiple-choice questions. The learner will be awarded a **Theory Badge**.

3.2 Practical Badge

- The learners' previous experience will get validated by the validation committee, according to pre-established criteria. The learner will be awarded a **Practical Badge**.
- The learner can attend to the Practical Exercises (PE) at a later date and has previously been awarded the theoretical badge. The learner will be awarded the Practical Badge and can then go on to get the full certificate.

3.3 Complete ECQA Certificate

- Completion of each Module and a positive assessment of the respective practical tasks and MC Questions. The learner will be awarded with the Theory + Practical Badge which together equal the **ECQA certificate**.
- The learner has been awarded the Theory Badge by attending the MOOC+ MCQ but has been awarded the Practical Badge through validation of previous work experience. The learner will be awarded the **ECQA certificate**.

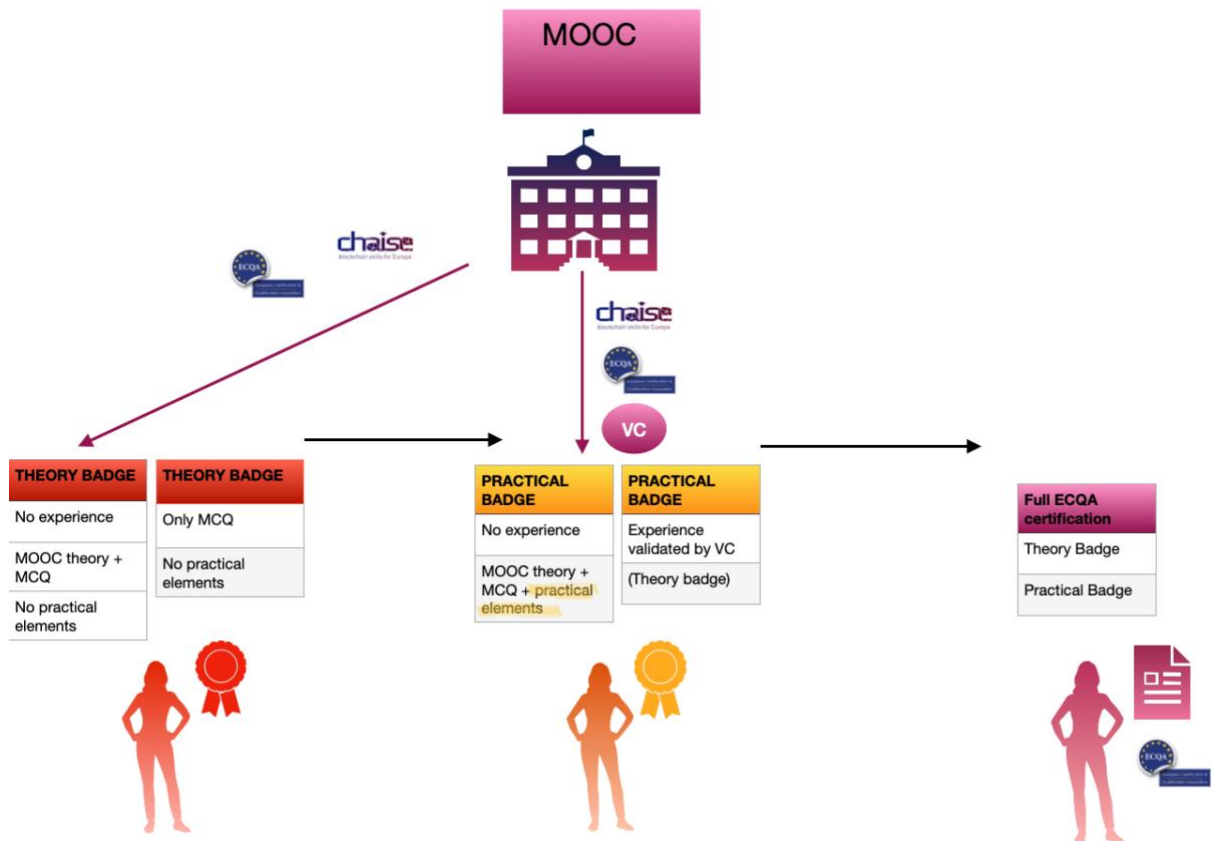


Figure 1: Certification Path

4 Multiple-Choice Exam

The multiple-choice examination is done in writing as a multiple-choice test online, on ECQA GmbH's examination portal Bizexaminer.

The MC exam is treated as an open book exam. All students are allowed to use their material and extra resources. However, collaboration between students is prohibited!

5 Evaluation Criteria

5.1.1 Multiple-Choice Exam

Each question is scored with a maximum of one point each. There are several answer options per

question. For each Module, according to section 2.2.1 to 2.2.6 at least 66% must be achieved, for each respective lecture.

- In order for a question to be correct, all right answered need to be given. No half points are possible.

Further, examining more than one module at once can also be facilitated.

6 Proctoring

During online Piloting

ECQA GmbH provides the exam link to students via e-mail and only those who are present at the identity check will get the link to access the exam. An ECQA GmbH representative will be present during the exam.

7 Overall Assessment and Examination Repetition

In order to pass the multiple-choice examination, at least 66% in all elements (lectures) must be achieved.

Negatively assessed Modules can be repeated at a later date.

8 Issue and Validity of Badges and Certificates

The awarded theory and practical badge hold a validity of 2 years. Within this timeframe, the badges are valid to fulfill the requirements of acting as a prerequisite for the ECQA Certificate. If the Badges are not “used” in time for the award of the certificate, they lose their validity.

The successful evaluation and passing of the requirements for a theory and practical badge, are the prerequisite for the issuance of a full ECQA Certificate.

The awarded certificate is valid for 2 years.

9 Recertification

The certification renewal criteria will be decided and published by the CHAISE consortium on a regular basis, since they need to be adapted to the evolution of competence requirements in the Blockchain field.