

FACT SHEET

Advanced Occupational Diploma:
**Chief Information Officer:
Cybersecurity**



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Chief Information Officer

FACULTY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Advanced Occupational Studies: 2026/2027 Fact Sheet

Programme Title	SAQA ID	Credits	NQF
Advanced Occupational Diploma: Chief Information Officer: Cybersecurity	121968	120	7

Programme description

The Advanced Occupational Diploma: Chief Information Officer – Cybersecurity equips senior cybersecurity leaders with advanced expertise in governance, digital risk, cyber programme oversight, secure enterprise architecture, and organisational security leadership.

A CIO: Cybersecurity provides strategic direction, leads cybersecurity operations, governs risk frameworks, oversees large-scale cybersecurity programmes, ensures legislative compliance, and drives the secure digital transformation of an organisation.

Admission requirements

The minimum entry requirement for this qualification is:

- ▶ Advanced Occupational Certificate: Cybersecurity Practitioner NQF 6 or equivalent

Mode of study | Duration

Day Classes (full time): 12 Months (5 days/week)

Evening Classes (part time): 12 Months, (2 x evening classes per week, 18:00 - 21:00, Mon & Wed or Tues & Thurs as well as 2 x Saturday classes per month)

Programme outline

Modules

- GRC711:** Cybersecurity Governance
- SCL711:** Strategic Cybersecurity Leadership
- CPM711:** Cybersecurity Programme Management
- RGA712:** Cybersecurity Risk Governance
- EAD712:** Enterprise Architecture
- SDL712:** Secure Systems Development

Teaching and Learning Methodology

A blended teaching and Learning methodology is followed. All theory classes will be conducted Virtually through Lecturer-led interactive teaching on a national basis. A flipped classroom approach will be followed in some sessions.

This means that students are introduced to content at home and practice working through it during the applicable session, either the virtual theory sessions or the practical sessions. All students will be allocated to lecturers that are not necessarily based at the campus of enrollment but who will always be subject matter experts. CTU implements a national academic standard and all lecturers have been appointed on the same criteria and use the same

academic content in the teaching and learning process. The adherence to a national academic standard is monitored by the Academic Management team at the Head office. Therefore, all students will continue to receive the same quality of education. Students will attend some practical, group, and research sessions on campus or virtually. The same work and time will be spent on both methods, face to face and VLIT, with students. Extra practical sessions can be booked with the Campus Operational Manager. Students will be expected to attend the practical, group, and research classes on campus a minimum of two days a week, as per the campus schedule.

Textbooks and e-guides

A list of prescribed textbooks will be provided in your e-guides. Students will receive an electronic version of the academic guides (e-guides) for this programme on the Teaching and Learning platform. Access is available to an electronic library of textbooks on O'Reilly, and it is included in the fees. Refer to the [Device Specifications and Stationery List](#) document for more information.

Technology hardware, software and data requirements

Because CTU is embracing the future of education - education beyond the classroom - it is compulsory for students to have their own laptop with the necessary specifications to speed up their journey to success.

Student Support

Student support sessions with the facilitator will also take place on a one-on-one basis either virtually or physically at the campus per appointment or per the academic schedule.

External Summative Assessment and Certification

In order to qualify for the external summative assessment, learners must have a copy of a completed and signed Statement of Work Experience as well as proof of successful completion of the Knowledge Modules and Practical Skills Modules.

Upon completion of this course, students will be awarded an **Advanced Occupational Diploma: Chief Information Officer from the QCTO**.

Chief Information Officer

International Certifications

Included in price

Semester 1

- ▶ CompTIA SecurityX

Semester 2

- ▶ AZ-500: Microsoft Azure Security Engineer

Students own account

- ▶ CISSP*
- ▶ CCSP*
- ▶ CGEIT*

Career fields

Students can be employed in the following career fields:

- ▶ Chief Information Officer (CIO) – Cybersecurity
- ▶ Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)
- ▶ Head of Cybersecurity
- ▶ Cybersecurity Programme Director
- ▶ Governance, Risk & Compliance (GRC) Executive

What is EISA?

The External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA) is an integral and critical component of the QCTO's quality assurance system. It is a single national assessment leading to the awarding of an Occupational Certificate. EISA ensures that the assessment of occupational qualifications, part qualifications and trades is standardised, consistent and credible.

For learners to qualify for entry to EISA, they must provide proof of completion of all required knowledge,

practical and work experience modules as stipulated in the qualification. The statement of results obtained from the Skills Development Provider serves as proof that the candidate has satisfied all the requirements to be admitted to sit for EISA.

Pricing*

Programme	Registration Fees	Tuition fee
Chief Information Officer	R9 000	R78 000

* Excludes external fees and identified textbooks if applicable.

Payment

Visit our website to view the payment method.

[Payment Methods.](#)

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Additional costs

Students must make provision for additional items such as textbooks, stationery, supplementary examinations, research costs and printing, field trips etc.

Disclaimer

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I (Name of student):..... hereby acknowledge that I understand the information stated in this document and fully comprehend the specifics explained above pertaining to this qualification.

Student signature:.....

Signature of legal guardian:.....

Name of legal guardian:.....

Consultant signature:.....

Name of sales consultant:.....

Date:.....

* Please note the original signed copy should be kept on the student record file.

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