

## Completing the BCS International Diploma during the 3-month lockdown

We caught up with Craig Ferriday to tell us how he has been using his time during the lockdown period to study with AssistKD and gain his BCS International Diploma in Business Analysis.

*Craig begins "After completing a contract with a main stream financial services provider on 28th February I flew off to the Philippines with my partner that night, with the intention of doing nothing more than a bit of island hopping for the next couple of months. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 situation began to worsen while we were there and we ended up returning to the UK after just 3 weeks. Contract opportunities were limited at the time so I decided it was a good time to do some upskilling. I contacted AssistKD who were very helpful with information on the BCS International Diploma in Business Analysis."*

Craig started by completing four courses (Business Analysis Practice, Requirements Engineering, Modelling Business Processes and the Foundation in Business Analysis) using AssistKD [online learning materials](#). During the Covid lockdown, BCS has provided online proctored exams which enabled Craig to sit the relevant examinations.

*Craig continues "Due to Covid-19 the usual classroom courses with written exams were unavailable at the time, so my choices for the modules were a tutor led virtual classroom course or a self-study package, each with newly introduced multiple choice exams at the end. I chose the self-study package due to the flexibility afforded, suiting my schedule much better."*

By the end of May, Craig was ready to sit his oral examination so participated in a [Virtual Oral Preparation workshop](#) with one of the AssistKD expert trainers.

*Craig adds: "My four chosen modules were invigilated via my computers webcam using an online system. Once I'd passed the 4 modules I had to tackle the oral exam. I'd not taken any exams like this before so chose AssistKD's tutoring service for this which I'd very much recommend as preparation and definitely played a part in my success on the day."*

On the 9th June Craig sat his BCS oral examination and was delighted to find out that he had passed. Congratulations to Craig from everyone at AssistKD - we wish him every success with his future career.

Craig adds *"I've now returned to my previous client on a new contract and would say the qualification has definitely helped with securing this. Thanks AssistKD."*

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