4.5 Professional Bodies and Certification

Anyone can claim to be an IT specialist, unlike the medical or teaching profession, there is no requirement to be registered or undertake particular qualifications. However, professional bodies such as BCS (British computer society) seek to raise the status of IT Professionals. It sets standard of behaviour and supports professionals in achieving recognition of their qualifications as well as skill developed through working in the industry.

List the benfits and disadvantages of registering with a professional body:

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| Benefits | Disadvantages |
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Research and write about a real professional body certification (review CISCO and BCS websites) answer:

* What is the purpose of the award?
* How does achieving it benefit the individual?
* How does the company employing staff who hold the award benefit?