

# The Job of the Information / Data Quality Professional

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# IAIDQ Overview



Chartered in January 2004, IAIDQ is a non-profit 501c(6) professional society of people passionate about improving information and data quality

## Vision

By cultivating information excellence throughout the data and information lifecycle, the IAIDQ will help transform organizations and society, improving the quality of life everywhere

## Mission

IAIDQ is advancing the quality of information and data around the world by building a community, supporting learning and sharing knowledge for the benefit of all information consumers

## IAIDQ Attributes

- Guided by recognized data quality experts
- Member-driven & led by volunteers
- Value-focused, vendor-neutral
- Global reach

## Current Membership

- 350+ members and targeted mailing list of 1500 Professionals and growing
- 30 countries represented
- Covering 5 continents

# IAIDQ Board of Directors



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# IAIDQ Products and Services



- Annual conference bringing together professionals and practitioners from Industry and Academia
- Monthly “Ask the Expert” Webinars
- Industry Benchmark Studies e.g.
  - The State of Information and Data Governance
  - 2009 Information / Data Quality Salary and Job Satisfaction Report
- Communities of Practice locally and in interest groups, e.g. British Isles
- Targeted Data Quality related web properties (eg IAIDQ.org, IQ Trainwrecks, CIQP Blog)
- Newsletter, IQ Discussion Forum, LinkedIn Groups, Bibliography etc.

# IDQ Certification Overview



## Establish a professional certification credential for IDQ practitioners

Goals – “do for Information Quality what Black Belt did for Six Sigma”

- Advance the IDQ profession by establishing a standard of practice that will set the direction for
  - training and skill development programs,
  - career ladders plan,
  - university curricula, etc.
- Elevate the stature of the IDQ discipline and profession
- Enhance the quality of products and services provided by IQ professionals
- Drive the maturity of IDQ discipline and industry

### Unique attributes

- Defined by a diverse group of practitioners, academics and consultants
- Validated by a broad segment of practitioners worldwide
- Not specific to a methodology, vendor or tool
- Exam-based, with work experience requirements
- Conforms with industry standards for professional certifications (ISO, NOCA/NCCA)
- Focused on IDQ (vs. Data Mgmt or Information Mgmt)

# Who will benefit?

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Individuals - Professionals

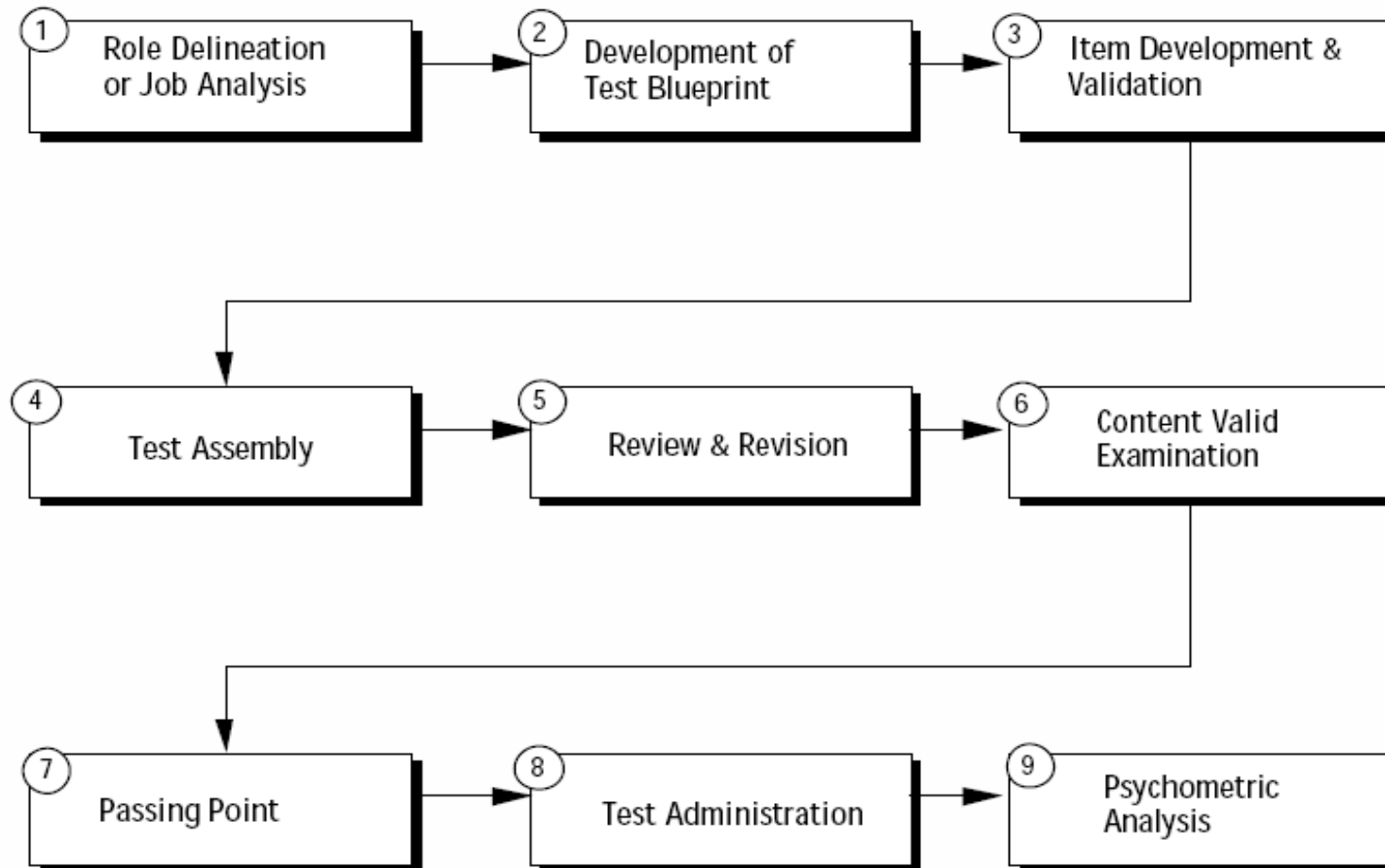
Organizations – Businesses

Information Management Industry

Information Consumers at large

# Exam Development Roadmap\*

## 9 Step Approach





# CIQP Profile



The IAIDQ Certified Information Quality Professional (CIQP) is an individual who demonstrates broad expertise in and practical knowledge of information quality concepts, methods, skills and principles.

The CIQP designation confirms that the holder has mastered the core information quality competencies and subscribes to the Information Quality Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.

By maintaining their credential through re-certification, CIQP confirm their commitment to ongoing professional development in order to keep their skills current.

IAIDQ CIQP hold any of a wide range of positions in their organizations, as individual contributors or as managers.

- They conduct, lead, champion or participate in information quality projects.
- They work in any of the functions or disciplines within their organization or are part of a specialized information quality team; yet all perform information quality activities as part of their job responsibilities.
- This information quality work is either part-time within a broader organizational role, or full time.

## Structure

- Domains
  - Tasks
    - Knowledge areas
    - Skills

## Summary

- 6 Domains
- 29 Tasks
- Approx. 300 knowledge areas and skills

# IDQ Profession

## Six Performance Domains



Information Quality  
Strategy and Governance

Information Quality  
Environment and Culture

Information Quality  
Value and Business Impact

Information Architecture  
Quality

Information Quality  
Measurement  
& Improvement

Sustaining Information  
Quality

# IQ Strategy and Governance



- Develop information quality strategy and roadmap to manage information as an asset
- Define information quality principles, policies and standards to guide decision making and organizational behaviors
- Define and implement a data governance model to establish a management system for information assets
- Enforce conformance to information quality principles, policies and standards to optimize the value of information assets
- Define a communication strategy to gain support for the established strategy and governance
- Build relationships with senior leaders to champion and enforce the information quality mandate

# IQ Environment and Culture



- Develop people at all levels in information quality to create organizational knowledge, skills and capabilities
- Establish recognition practices to sustain the information quality environment and culture
- Embed information quality values and methods into business operations to achieve desirable behaviors
- Establish information quality accountabilities and roles to enable effective decision making and process execution
- Educate stakeholders in information quality to raise awareness and drive cultural adoption

- Evaluate data and business issues to increase the value of information assets
- Define and prioritize information quality initiatives and projects to provide the basis for investment decisions
- Obtain decisions to sponsor and execute information quality initiatives and projects
- Provide stakeholders with results of these quality initiatives and projects to demonstrate the value to the business

# Information Architecture Quality

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- Participate in establishing data standards and rules for information architecture to achieve understanding and usage of information throughout the enterprise
- Assess the quality of information architecture components to identify defects
- Lead improvement processes to drive quality, stability and reuse of the information architecture
- Coordinate ongoing maintenance of business meta data to assure consistent data usage and meaning

# IQ Measurement and Improvement



- Gather additional business and data quality rules to complete the understanding of business requirements
- Determine data quality targets by reviewing business objectives to prioritize improvement efforts
- Measure actual data quality levels to identify data and process improvement opportunities
- Determine root causes of issues to identify most effective way to fix and prevent the problem
- Coordinate implementation of improvement efforts to eliminate data errors and resolve data issues
- Improve processes and establish controls to permanently eliminate the root causes of problems

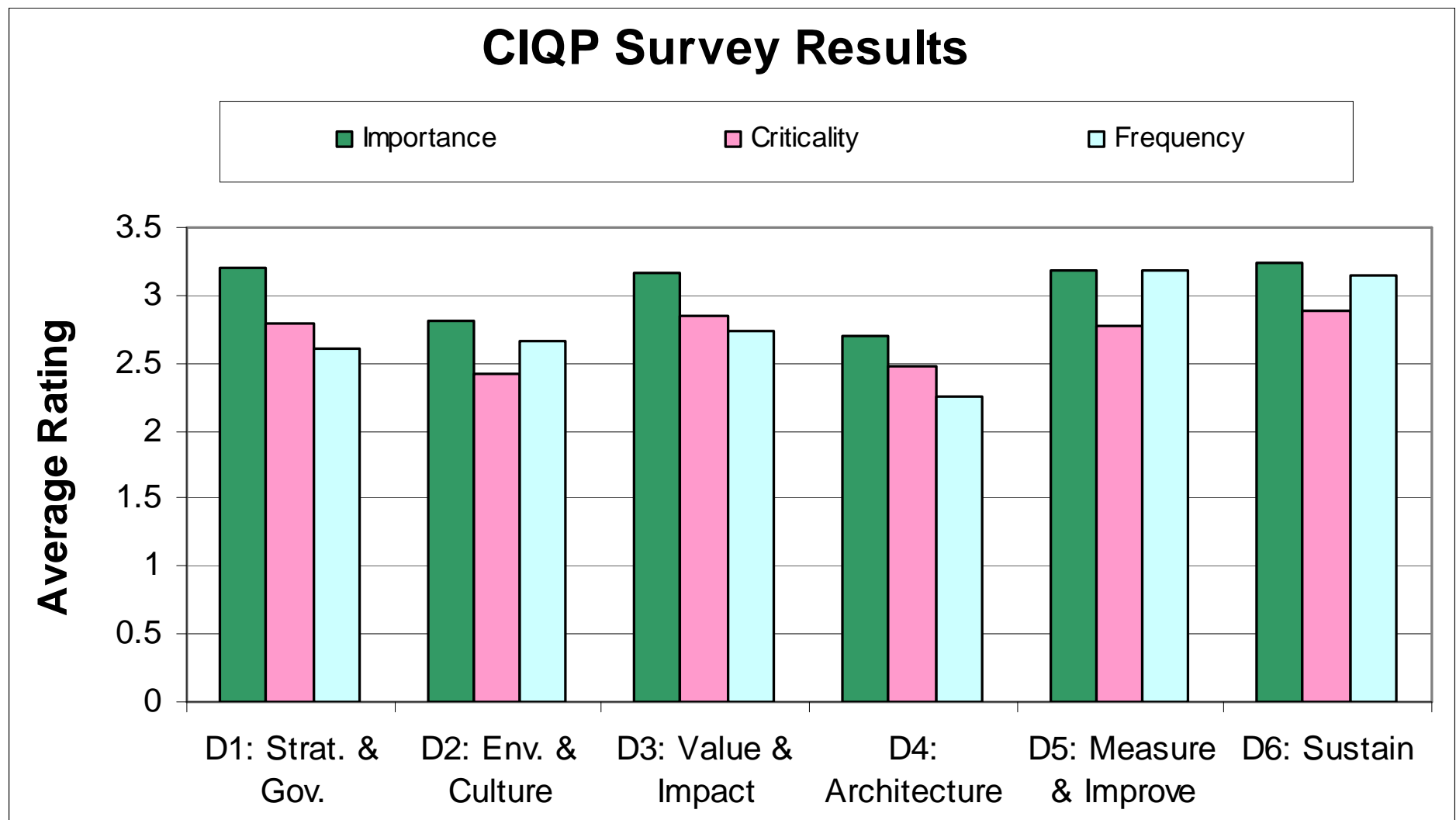


# Sustaining Information Quality

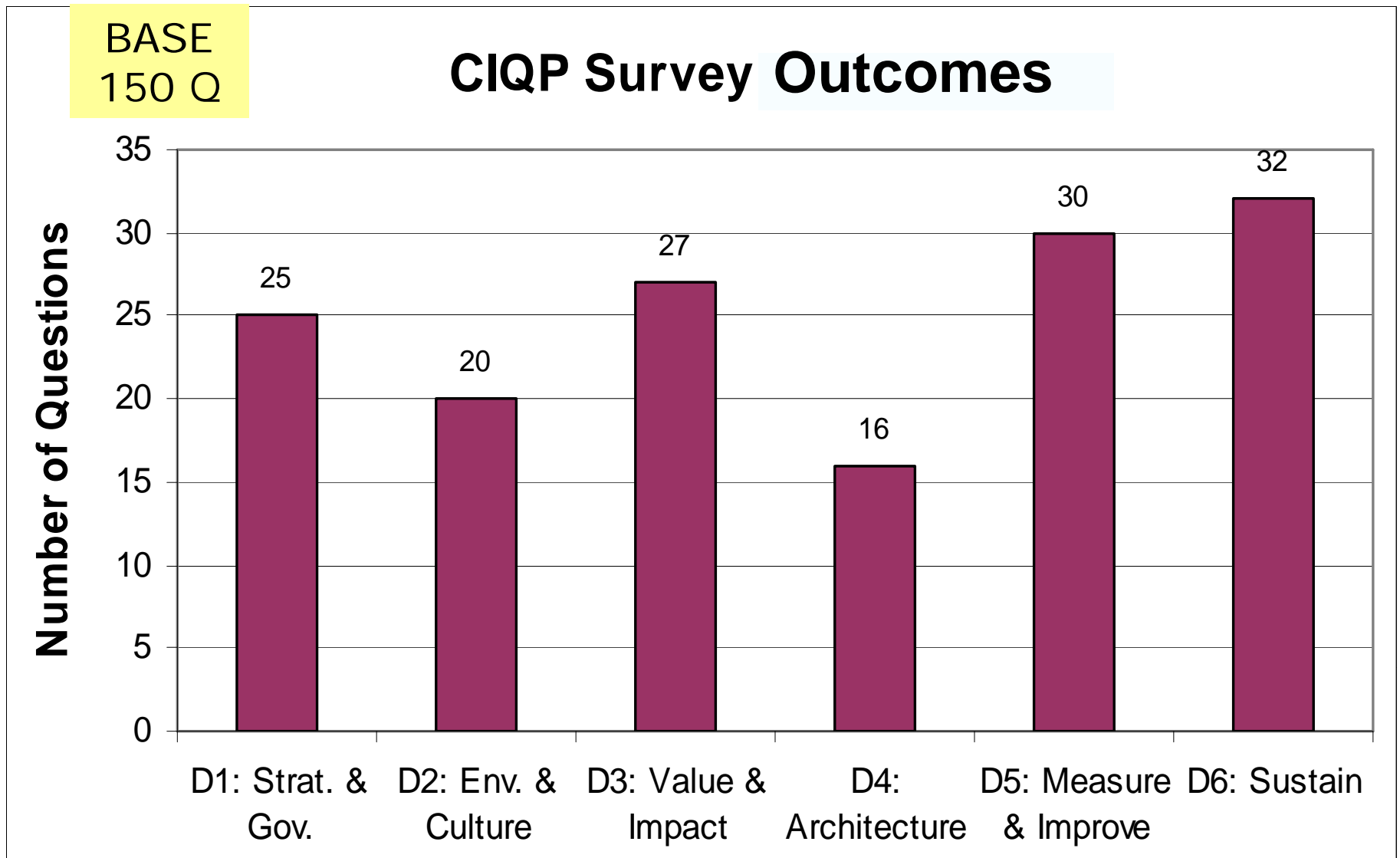


- Answer questions about data content to increase business customers' knowledge and understanding of the data
- Continuously monitor and report data quality levels to assure continued health of the data
- Participate in the system development lifecycle to ensure incorporation of information quality practices in IT and business processes
- Participate on data conversion and migration projects to ensure implementation of information quality best practices

# Domain Comparisons



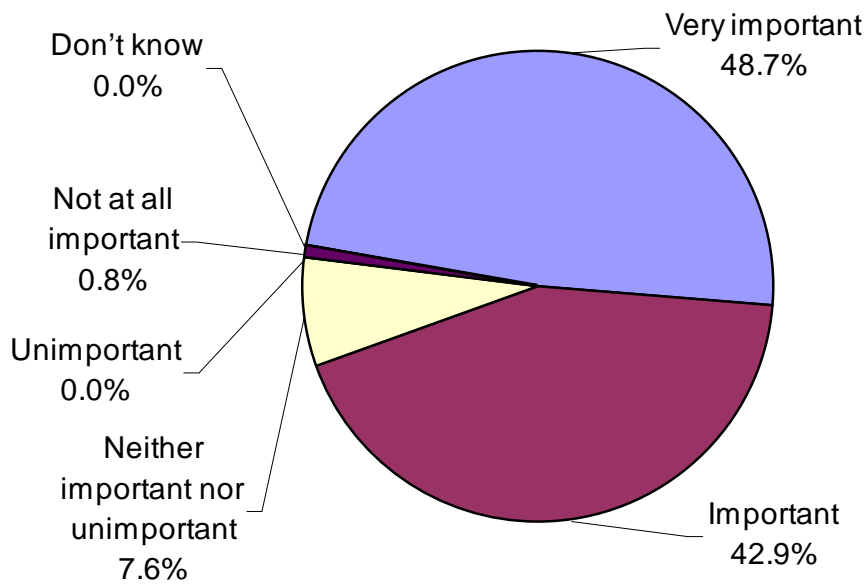
# Exam Question Distribution Across Domains



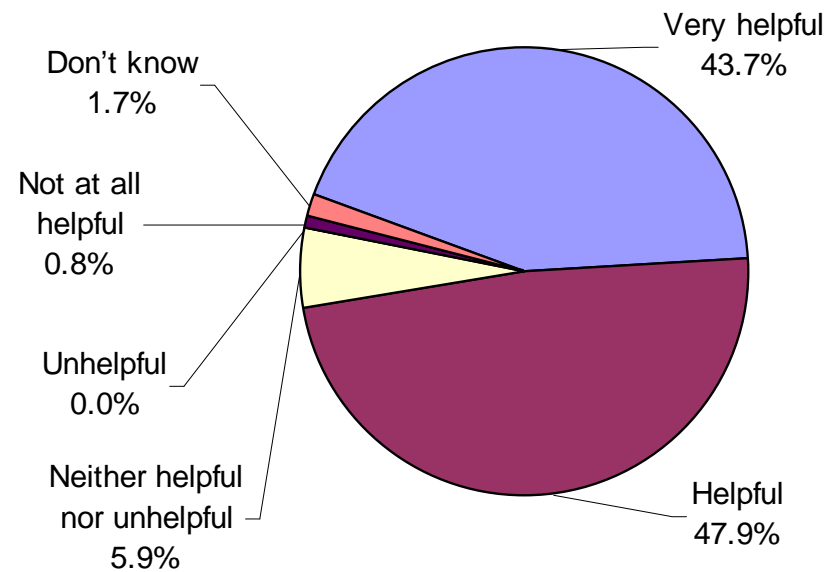
# Feedback Job Analysis Survey



**Importance of IQ/DQ as a Distinct Profession  
(n=119)**



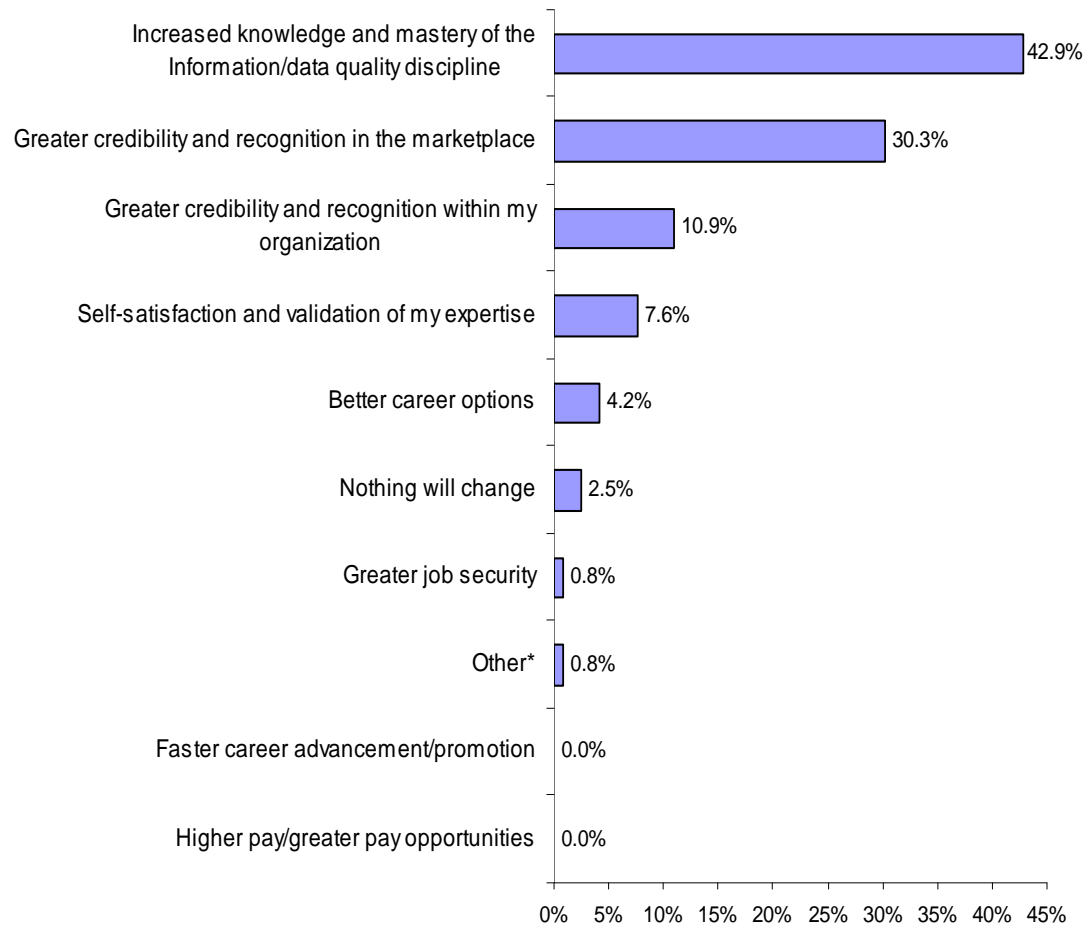
**Helpfulness of IQ/DQ Certification in Establishing  
the Profession (n=119)**



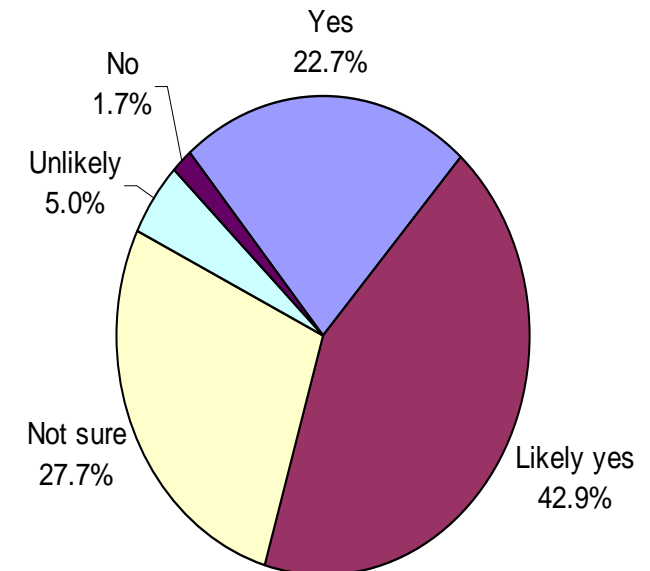
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## Most Important Benefit Expected of IQ Certification (n=118)



## Intention to Take the CIQP Exam (n=119)



# Next Steps



- Exam Development – Completed
- Review and Passing Point Determination
- Exam Offering
- Get engaged !