

# Accreditation Introduction & Overview

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**KCS accreditation is an independent endorsement of an organisation's kata training, indicating it is aligned with the KCS framework, well organised, effectively managed, professionally delivered and technically robust.**

## About the KCS

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The KCS is a kata qualification framework used by accredited organisations to support kata training programmes and by employees and continuous improvement practitioners as a vehicle to develop kata knowledge and practical skills.

There are seven levels in the KCS framework, grouped into three categories 1) Improvement Kata, 2) Coaching Kata and 3) Kata Culture, covering the entire spectrum of kata knowledge and practice.

The KCS is managed by Lean Competency Services Ltd, which holds the Cardiff University licence to manage and operate the Lean Competency System and associated products.



## Becoming accredited

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To become KCS accredited for the first time, an organisation must have an existing kata training programme or be in the process of developing one.

A submission portfolio is assembled that describes the key components of the training, which is reviewed to ensure that it is aligned to the KCS framework, is able to deliver effective learning and practical capability and can maintain KCS standards over the two year licence period.

Accreditation is suitable for organisations that deliver kata training to its own staff or for consultants delivering to clients' staff.

## Accreditation Fees

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- ✓ Fees are based on the levels to which the organisation is accredited.
- ✓ Fees cover a two year accreditation period.
- ✓ Each level comes with a certificate allocation.
- ✓ Additional certificates may be purchased on a per unit basis if required.