Mission and Overview

Disaster Recovery Institute International (DRI) is the oldest and largest nonprofit that helps organizations around the world prepare for and recover from disasters by providing education, accreditation, and thought leadership in business continuity, disaster recovery, cyber resilience, and related fields. Founded in 1988, DRI has certified 15,000+ resilience professionals in 100+ countries and at 95 percent of Fortune 100 companies. DRI offers 15 individual certifications, including the globally-recognized CBCP certification, and certifies organizations as resilient enterprises. DRI offers training programs ranging from introductory to masters level across a variety of specialties in multiple languages; online and in-person continuing education opportunities; and an annual conference dedicated to the resilience profession.

Certification and Education

DRI International provides certification in business continuity, risk management, cyber resilience, healthcare, audit, and public sector. Certification is a two-part process – demonstration of knowledge, accomplished through passing a qualifying examination, and confirmation of experience. Various levels of certification are offered, from associate to masters. Advanced certification leads to greater career flexibility, greater income, and increased professional recognition.

The first step toward any DRI certification is education. Courses are offered in the classroom at locations worldwide, online, and even can be brought directly to your organization. DRI International teaches in 14 languages and in over 50 countries. Experienced instructors provide both theory and practice, with real-world examples.

Professionals We Serve

Our offerings are designed to meet the needs of public and private sector professionals, including:

- Business Continuity
- Disaster Recovery
- Cyber Resilience
- Emergency Management
- Risk Management
- Disaster Management
- Crisis Management
- Audit
- Facilities Management
- Technology

Conferences and Events

DRI hosts an annual event designed for the business continuity community, by the business continuity community. Event content addresses the topics business continuity management (BCM) professionals care about most and provides a first-rate educational experience that informs and inspires. This is a unique opportunity to hear and speak with the leading experts in risk and resilience – real industry leaders from around the globe in both the public and private sectors talking about their actual experiences in response and recovery.

Each year at the conference, the DRI Awards recognize individuals and companies who are considered innovators and leaders within the profession by their peers.

DRI has held recent events in the United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, India, Italy, Mexico, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Spain, Brazil, Malaysia, Switzerland, Belgium, Singapore, the Philippines, Japan, and China.

The DRI International Collegiate Conference Series is held in conjunction with higher education institutions. It is a full-day program with presentations from experts in the private and public sector as well as from academia.
Collaborations
As the leader in business continuity training, DRI has collaborated with public and private entities around the world.

DRI provides independent analysis and standard-neutral, technical advice for governments and international organizations as the voice of the resilience profession. DRI is a Standards Development Organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), an International Organization Liaison Observer to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Technical Committee 292 that manages ISO 22301, a National Initiative for Cybersecurity Careers and Studies (NICCS) Training Provider, and a United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction ARISE Initiative Partner. Our certification programs are recognized by various government agencies including the U.S. Federal Government via the Montgomery GI Bill and the GSA Schedule.

With the aim to educate not only those in our field but also the general public, DRI has served as an expert source for The New York Times, The Financial Times, BBC, USA TODAY, CNBC, MSNBC, Fox News, Bloomberg, Forbes and more.

DRI Foundation
DRI supports charitable activities through the DRI Foundation. Its mission is to provide financial, educational, and volunteer aid to those who have been impacted by disasters. The Foundation strives to provide training and employment to those who have specific needs that will further the goal of creating a more prepared and resilient world.

The Foundation is also committed to supporting veterans through the Veterans Outreach Program, which is designed to help veterans achieve success as they transition into careers in business continuity and related fields. Additionally, the Foundation’s Women in Business Continuity Management committee supports female professionals with scholarships, networking, and learning opportunities.

Resources
DRI connects with and informs the business continuity community in a variety of ways, including:

- **DRI Account** – a free, online information portal, including articles, reports, presentations, webinars, as well as the ability to apply for and maintain certifications online.

- **DRI’s Professional Practices** – a body of knowledge developed and maintained by experts, the Professional Practices are the most-used standard in the world for business continuity program development, implementation, and maintenance.

- **DRI’s International Glossary for Resilience** – the most comprehensive business continuity glossary, this living document was developed in collaboration with international industry leaders and is available free of charge.

- **Drive/Blogs** – Our Drive blog and email newsletter features updates on DRI news and recent developments in the industry. Regional blogs, in English and Spanish, offer insights and information on issues specific to Latin America, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

- **Webinars** – Regular webinars showcase expert panels on topics of interest. View webinars live or later online.

- **Social Media** – DRI has an active and vibrant presence on Twitter (@DRI_Intl), LinkedIn, and Facebook

- **Committees** – DRI relies on input from industry leaders who contribute to committees formed by DRI and the DRI Foundation, including Veterans Outreach, Women in Business Continuity, Volunteerism, New Leaders in Resilience, and Healthcare.