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The Certificate in Corporate Finance

What is the Certificate in Corporate Finance?

The Certificate in Corporate Finance develops the essential foundation knowledge required to work in the corporate finance industry. The syllabus explores corporate finance legislation, regulation and techniques and provides you with an understanding of how corporate finance transactions are developed to meet client needs.

Who should study for the Certificate in Corporate Finance?

Suitable for anyone who wants to work in the field of corporate finance; there are no entry requirements.

Ofqual approval

The Certificate in Corporate Finance is regulated by Ofqual as a level 3 qualification. The Total Qualification Time for this qualification is 162 hours.

On the European Qualifications Framework, this equates to a level 4 qualification. For further information visit cisi.org/eqf

Key features

- The Certificate in Corporate Finance has been recognised by the FCA as an Appropriate Examination to equip individuals with a thorough understanding of corporate finance
- Suitable for a wide range of corporate finance staff; no previous qualifications are required
- Senior industry practitioners are closely involved in the development of the programme ensuring the exams are work related
- Successful candidates can progress to the higher level Diploma in Corporate Finance
- Free student membership
- ACSI designatory letters
- Exams available online via **remote invigilation** or at one of our **global test centres**

Summary syllabus

The Certificate comprises two units:

1. Regulation

- The Regulatory Environment in the UK
- FCA Conduct of Business Sourcebook
- Corporate Governance and Business Ethics
- Takeovers and Mergers
- Prospectuses
- Equity Capital Markets

2. Technical Foundations

- Quantitative Methods for Corporate Finance
- Financial Statements Analysis
- Capital Structure
- Introduction to Business Valuations
- Corporate Transactions
- Corporate Finance Documentation

Studying for the Certificate in Corporate Finance

On average, 80 hours of study is required for each unit.

You can choose to self-study for the exams using CISI learning manuals and elearning or have formal training with one of our Accredited Training Partners (ATP). To find an ATP near you visit, [cisi.org/atp](https://www.cisi.org/atp)

The CISI's learning manual policy requires, where available, the most up-to-date CISI learning manual to be purchased when booking an exam, including by an ATP on your behalf. This applies to all candidates sitting CISI exams in the UK (includes Northern Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey and Isle of Man). Candidates sitting CISI exams outside of the UK will receive the most up-to-date learning manual for that subject in PDF format and this is included in the international exam price.

Candidates who are not currently CISI members receive one year's free CISI student membership and enjoy access to an extensive range of professional benefits. Visit [cisi.org/membership](https://www.cisi.org/membership)

Assessment

Each unit is completed by successfully passing a 1 hour exam consisting of 50 multiple-choice questions. Exams can be taken remotely or at one of our Computer Based Testing (CBT) centres. Visit [cisi.org/cbt](https://www.cisi.org/cbt) to find your nearest test venue and [cisi.org/remotexams](https://www.cisi.org/remotexams) to find out more about sitting remotely.

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Next steps

CISI Membership

If you successfully complete the Certificate in Corporate Finance you will be eligible for Associate membership of the CISI (and the associated designatory letters - ACSi). CISI membership enables you to develop your career, increase your competence and maintain the highest standards of personal integrity. Visit [cisi.org/membership](https://www.cisi.org/membership)

Diploma in Corporate Finance

The Certificate in Corporate Finance is offered by the CISI as part of the corporate finance programme. Following successful completion of the Certificate, you can progress onto the higher level Diploma in Corporate Finance. Visit [cisi.org/dipcf](https://www.cisi.org/dipcf)