

Examinations

Question

What are the qualifications that you are offering?

Answer

1. Operations qualifications: the International Operations Certificate (IOC) – formerly known as IAQ
2. Wealth management and customer facing exams from our Certificate Programme
3. Islamic Finance Qualification

Question

Are there any minimum entry requirements?

Answer

Whilst there are no minimum entry requirements for examinations, students who have not completed A level qualifications may find the material challenging.

Question

What is the cost of the examinations?

Answer

We offer full time students a reduction of 50% and Professionals 25% discount off the listed price. Full details can be found by clicking the following link: www.cisi.org/prices

Question

Do you offer reduced fees for students?

Answer

Yes there is a 50% reduction for students in full-time education.

Question

Is there an instalment plan to cover fees?

Answer

Unfortunately, at present there is no instalment plan to cover examination fees. Please contact your accredited training provider (ATP) for information regarding instalment plans for training. www.cisi.org/trainingproviders

Question

Do you help students obtain loans for their examination fees?

Answer

We do not have this facility at present but we do hope to be able to help with this shortly

Question

How do I pay for the exam?

Answer

You may book your examinations online on our website: www.cisi.org ('CISI Shop') and pay using a credit card. You can also contact our Colombo office directly (+94 (011) 7 247 247)

Question

How long does it take to pass the exams?
/ What is the course duration?

Answer

The study time for each module is approximately three months. However this depends on the subject and individual personal circumstances

Question

How many exams make a qualification?

Answer

This depends on the qualification you wish to take but it is usually three for operations examinations and two for wealth management/fund management. A detailed list is available on our website www.cisi.org/qualifications

Question

Which countries recognise these qualifications?

Answer

The Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI) is the largest and most widely respected professional body for those who work in the securities and investment industry in the UK and in a growing number of major financial centres round the world. Its exams are especially recognised in most countries in the Middle East, including UAE, Lebanon, Oman and Qatar.

Question

Which exam should I take?

Answer

This depends on the area in which you wish to seek employment or the area in which you are already employed. Please see our “Qualifications Navigator” on our website at: www.cisi.org/qualifications for guidance on which programme of examinations is best suited for you.

Question

Where and how do I take the test?

Answer

All examinations (except the Advanced Diploma level qualifications) are delivered online via Computer Based Testing (CBT). Testing is available Monday to Friday at our own CBT centre in our offices at 285 R. A. De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 3. Alternatively Singapore Informatics or the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka also offer examination delivery facilities. Office hours: Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm, Sunday 8am - 5pm.

Question

Do you offer the examinations at other venues in Sri Lanka besides Colombo?

Answer

We only offer testing facilities in Colombo at this time.

Question

How quickly do I get my results?

Answer

Provisional results for exams tested by CBT are displayed on your screen as soon as you complete your test online. Your result will be confirmed online in the results access area of our website within 24 hours of your sitting. Official results and certificates for all qualifications are sent by post within 14 days.

Question

Can I transfer the date of my exam?

Answer

Yes you may make one transfer free of charge if you inform the CISI office more than 14 days before your examination. A transfer request received 48 hours to 7 days before your examination will incur a cost of £20.00. If you inform us later than 48 hours before your examination, the full fee of the examination will be charged.

Question

Will I receive a certificate if I am successful?

Answer

The qualifications registration form (QRF) has to be completed in order for you to receive your certificate. When you complete an entire qualification, you will receive an Award certificate from the institute. If you need individual subject certificates, you can request these on our website by contacting the CISI's client services department: clientservices@cisi.org

Training

Question

Where are the lectures held?

Answer

We have a number of accredited training providers who offer classroom training, details on which can be found on the CISI website at www.cisi.org/trainingproviders

Question

Do we have to take classes?

Answer

We recommend classroom training, but we also have available e-learning materials including a PDF copy of the workbook and an e-learning 'Revision Express' interactive learning tool which provides mock test questions, many of which are to examination standard

Question

What is the cost of the training?

Answer

Please contact the training providers for this information.

Question

Are there classes available at the weekend?

Answer

Please contact the ATPs for their full training schedules but some training will be available outside of local business hours.

Question

Does the teaching operate on a semester basis?

Answer

Yes it does at the ATPs. The examination is however available six days a week at our own testing centre

General

Question

Where are you located?

Answer

The CISI office is located at 285 R. A. De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 03

Question

Where can I obtain more information?

Answer

You may contact us via telephone (+94 (011) 7 247 247) or visit our office from 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 5pm on Sundays for any assistance or information. You may also alternatively visit our website for further information on the CISI website at: www.cisi.org/srilanka