Step up
to a career in financial services

The CISI in Africa

With active programmes in 12 African countries and formal recognition in seven countries on the continent the CISI has a strong footprint in Africa. We have partnered with the African Securities Exchanges Association (ASEA) where our Capital Markets Programme is the certification of choice and we are committed to working together to promote professionalism and develop talent to support capital market growth.

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Develop a strong knowledge of financial services
Make your CV stand out – with an internationally-recognised qualification
Give yourself a head-start in your career in finance
Get started with the CISI

Evolved from the London Stock Exchange, the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI) is the largest and most widely respected professional body for securities and investment practitioners globally. We offer a range of qualifications which are designed to help young people learn about and enter the financial services industry. Our industry recognised study pathways will provide you the specialist understanding needed to start out and progress in your chosen discipline.

The knowledge you gain can be immediately transferred to business activities and client-facing advisory functions, helping you to stand out amongst your peers. With representation in over 12 countries and international offices in India, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and the UAE our international presence continue to grow strongly. We have a global community of more than 40,000 members in 116 countries.

Benefits of a CISI qualification

- Written by practitioners for practitioners
- Globally portable
- Remote learning
- Instant results with computer based testing
- Vocational – work based, not academic
- Recognition and employability
- Globally portable

The first step towards your professional career

Fundamentals of Financial Services

The Fundamentals of Financial Services is an important first step in developing the essential basic knowledge required for working in financial services. You will learn about the professional sector and commonly used financial products, such as shares, bonds and insurance and it will provide you with an understanding of financial terminology.

Key syllabus areas

- Ethics and Integrity in Financial Services
- Introduction – saving and borrowing
- Banking
- Equities/Shares/Stocks
- Bonds
- Other areas of Financial Services

Award in Bancassurance

The Award in Bancassurance is an important first step in developing your career in bancassurance. It provides an introduction to bancassurance and its core financial, life assurance and insurance products. It also introduces you to how to identify client’s needs, the importance of the client fact find and ethical behaviour.

Key syllabus areas

- The financial services and insurance and the Bancassurance sector
- The main insurance products
- Savings and investment products
- Retirement planning products
- The importance of the client fact find and how to identify client needs
- What constitutes good and ethical client practice

International Introduction to Investment

The International Introduction to Investment provides a broad introduction to the financial services industry and looks at how economic activity is determined and managed from a global perspective.

Key syllabus areas

- The Financial Services Industry
- The Economic Environment
- Financial Assets and Markets
- Equities / Stocks
- Bonds
- Derivatives
- Investment Funds
- Regulation and Ethics
- Other Financial Products

What next?

Register for your exam

Step 1: Register online at cisi.org/register
Step 2: Book your exams: online – cisi.org/africa by phone – +254 711 400994 via email – cisi.kenya@cisi.org
Step 3: Complete the qualifications registration Form at cisi.org/srf

Visit cisi.org/prices for current prices

Study support

Upon registering for the exam, you will receive the most up-to-date workbook for International Introduction to Investment (Africa) in PDF format. You will also gain access to “MyStudy” CISI’s online platform for members in which you can find sample papers, study tips and exam information. Visit cisi.org/mystudy

Membership

Student membership of the CISI is available to all candidates who sign up to take a CISI exam. Once you book your exam, and complete your Student Registration Form (SRF), you will become a student member of the CISI. If you successfully complete the International Introduction to Investment you will be eligible for Affiliate membership of the CISI. As an Affiliate member, you demonstrate a commitment to professionalism, integrity and excellence. It shows colleagues and clients that you want to develop your knowledge and progress in your career.

Undertaking higher level CISI qualifications demonstrates a commitment to a high standard of professional knowledge, and makes candidates eligible to progress in membership grades from Affiliate, Associate (ACSI), Member (MCSI) to Chartered Member (Chartered MCSI).

Choose your career pathway


Level 2

- Fundamentals of Financial Services
- International Introduction to Investment
- Award in Bancassurance

Level 3

- Capital Markets & Corporate Finance
- Islamic Finance
- Operations
- Compliance & Risk
- Wealth Management

“Africa’s growing finance sector is looking to recruit young people who possess good communication, numeracy and interpersonal skills. Our globally recognised qualifications bring academic and vocational elements together. While developing academic knowledge of individuals we also focus on building the talent and skills the industry is looking for”

Kevin Moore, Chartered FCSI, Global Business Director at the CISI