

# Green and Sustainable Finance Certificate



## What is the Green and Sustainable Finance Certificate?

The level 4 Green and Sustainable Finance Certificate is the first global, benchmark qualification for the green finance sector. It has been updated for 2020 to encompass broader aspects of sustainability, aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Managing climate-related risks and supporting the transition to a low-carbon world are our most significant global challenges. Achieving these requires the combined efforts of global bodies, national governments and the financial services sector, putting sustainability and stewardship at the heart of finance.

### Key facts:

- The transition to a sustainable, low carbon world is estimated to require **\$6 trillion** per year of investment - 80% of which will come from the private sector;
- The green bond market has grown to over **\$200 billion** of annual issuance (2019).

To support the sector's continued growth, finance professionals need to develop and demonstrate the specific knowledge and expertise needed to help direct investments to support the transition to a low carbon world, address climate-related risk, and explore green finance opportunities.

## Who should study the qualification?

The broad introduction on this qualification makes it suitable for a range of individuals:

**Bankers, insurers, investment managers, central bankers and regulators, risk managers, analysts and consultants** - If you are already a financial services professional, or wish to become one, this qualification can lead to further areas of study or practice in this area.

**Firms** - Firms wishing to increase their staff knowledge in this area could also use this qualification in induction materials.

**UK and global audiences** - The certificate includes broad financial services sector coverage which is relevant internationally.

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## Key features

- **CISI and CBI student membership** - if you register via the CISI, you will become associated with two globally recognised Chartered professional bodies. Join a network of over 50,000 members globally and take advantage of the professional and personal benefits offered by two leading bodies.
- **Globally-recognised qualification** - awarded by the Chartered Banker Institute, delivered in partnership with the CISI.
- **Prepare for a career in green finance** - this qualification provides an overview of the sector and will help kick start your career.
- **Available to all** - there are no entry requirements and no prior knowledge of green finance is assumed.
- **Fast recognition** - the certificate can be studied for using online resources at your own pace (130 hours of study time required), and is assessed via a 1-hour, 50-question test, delivered online with instant results.
- **Access to higher level qualifications** - The certificate may be studied on a standalone basis but also acts as a contributory module to the Professional Banker Diploma offered by the Chartered Banker Institute.

## Syllabus

- Green and sustainable finance in the context of retail, commercial and wholesale banking, central and development banks, insurance and investment sectors
- The science of climate change and the role of the financial system
- Global, international and national policy, regulatory and industry responses
- Climate-related financial risks, and other environmental and sustainability risks
- Key sustainable finance frameworks/principles
- Supporting customers in their transition to sustainability
- Green and sustainable FinTech
- Ethical dimensions

## Studying for this qualification

130 hours of study is required for this level 4 exam. Supported by an updated Green and Sustainable Finance Principles and Practice, the world's first Practitioner Guide, the certificate is delivered via an online study guide which breaks up learning into bite size units. Each unit is followed by a short concept-check test or quiz to ensure understanding of the material.

Learning materials are delivered via the Chartered Banker Institute's learning management solution, which enables learners to access them anywhere, anytime, using most computer, tablet and mobile devices.

Employers can track progress of individuals and cohorts through regular progress reports and learner analytics, enabling timely intervention when necessary. A range of blended support options for employers (eg, tuition, revision workshops) are available on request.

The 12 unit programme can be completed in as little as 12 weeks. However, registration lasts for 1 year, so you can also work through at your own pace.

## Assessment

The qualification is completed by passing a one-hour exam of 50 multiple-choice questions. Exams are booked via the Chartered Banker Institute and are delivered online, via remote invigilation, with instant results.

## Book your exam

Online – [cisi.org/greenfinance](https://cisi.org/greenfinance)  
By phone – +44 20 7645 0777  
Via email – [customersupport@cisi.org](mailto:customersupport@cisi.org)

Don't forget to set your results preferences afterwards at [cisi.org/resultsdashboard](https://cisi.org/resultsdashboard)

Visit [cisi.org/prices](https://cisi.org/prices) for current prices

## Next steps

Upon completion, candidates will be entitled to use the designation Green and Sustainable Finance Professional™. Both the CISI and the Chartered Banker Institute offer a range of qualifications and membership opportunities to suit even the most experienced professionals. After successfully completing this qualification, you are eligible to join the CISI at Associate level. CISI membership can support you throughout your career and help you demonstrate professional excellence.

To further your theoretical and practical knowledge higher level CISI qualifications can be taken.

Visit [cisi.org/qualifications](https://cisi.org/qualifications) for your next steps or for other CBI qualifications please see [charteredbanker.com](https://charteredbanker.com)

CISI membership enables you to develop your career, increase your competence and maintain the highest standards of professional integrity. Our programme of free professional benefits assists you to keep up to date with the financial services sector.

## About the CISI

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