



Corporate Finance qualification (CF qualification)

Designed specifically for professionals working in the international corporate finance market to deliver the practical skills required by this profession.

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Why choose the Corporate Finance qualification?

The Corporate Finance qualification (CF qualification) gives you the opportunity to gain a highly regarded and widely recognised qualification. It offers you:

- › demonstrable skills, competency and **professional status** with the CF designation after your name
- › the only **specialist examination** tailored to the demands of corporate finance
- › **real life** best practice, examined via business case studies
- › **globally recognised** status and prestige with students participating in the programme from over 50 countries worldwide
- › a qualification tiered in **three stages** so your progress in the exam can mirror the progress in your career
- › **senior practitioner** led tuition at the Advanced Diploma stage

Choose BPP to be your training partner

- › **BPP is the provider of choice for training towards the CF qualification**
- › **Personal service** – we will support you from initial enquiry through to exam success
- › **Dedicated tutors** – our experienced, professional, full-time tutors have an unrivalled knowledge of the exam and the critical factors for exam success
- › **Our course** – is practical, interactive and encourages group participation and discussion
- › **Flexible course options** – we offer you more choice, designed to fit around your work and home commitments
- › **Focused study material** – the study packs are exam focused, fully integrated, easy to use and up to date
- › **State of the art facilities** – you will be taught at one of our modern training centres



Classroom study

Our unique phased approach has been put together to maximise your chance of exam success. For the Diploma and Advanced Diploma stages, it is designed to reflect the case study nature of the exam and uses a combination of lecturing and case studies to sharpen your technical knowledge as well as ensuring you are well equipped for the exam. We use past exam papers to maximise the effectiveness of your studies, monitor your progress and ensure that you stay prepared for the exam. Students will have the opportunity to sit a marked mock exam at the Diploma and Advanced Diploma stage.

Our unique Advanced Diploma programme is purely taught through case studies and group work and benefits from a partnership with corporate finance practitioner facilitators, as well as your dedicated BPP tutor team so you'll get real life experience. Phase two of the Advanced Diploma is taught residentially (at an off-site location) so you'll be focused and prepared for the examination.

Distance learning study

Our distance learning course enables you to study effectively and efficiently, keeping you motivated every step of the way and meeting your study requirements. Our programme offers continued support, but with the added flexibility of fitting your study around your lifestyle and work commitments.

BPP's distance learning programme:

- › covers the **whole syllabus**, so you do not miss out on any of the core subject areas
- › provides support from our **highly qualified tutors** to keep you prepared for the exams

BPP is pleased to offer distance learning options for the Certificate and Diploma stages of the CF qualification. For the Advanced Diploma, although we recommend classroom study, we are happy to discuss distance learning options upon request.

All study materials (including ICAEW study materials) are supplied to you by BPP Learning Media. Their aim is to provide comprehensive, easy to read and exam focused materials of the highest quality for our delegates.

Your path to the CF qualification

	SII (Securities & Investment Institute) Certificate in Corporate Finance	ICAEW Diploma in Corporate Finance	ICAEW Advanced Diploma in Corporate Finance
Summary	Introduction to key concepts and local regulatory knowledge	The corporate finance technical toolkit	Higher level application and consolidation of technical knowledge
Suitable for	Those new to corporate finance	Newly qualified accountants and graduates with at least six months practical experience of corporate finance. Must have successfully passed the Certificate stage or hold a relevant exemption. To attend the accelerated learning programme candidates must have at least 18 months work experience in corporate finance or hold the ACA qualification.	Corporate finance manager level, with one to three years experience of corporate finance. Delegates must have successfully passed the Diploma stage.
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > UK Financial Services and Markets Act > FSA's Conduct of Business Rules > Equity capital markets > The Takeover Code > Basic accounting > Basic quantitative techniques > Introduction to corporate finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Professional foundations of corporate finance > Financial statement analysis and international financial reporting > Changes in control > Valuation > Debt and equity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Changes in control and restructurings > Mergers and acquisitions > Debt and equity > Strategic financial management and advice
Study time	Approx 100 hours	Approx 200 hours over four months	Approx 300 hours over four months. Most will be self study, but as group work is core to this stage, classroom tuition is essential.
Assessment	Two one hour units: Corporate Finance Regulation and Corporate Finance Technical Foundations. Each unit is examined via 50 multiple choice questions.	One four hour exam based around a case study that will encompass the main competency areas of the syllabus.	One four hour exam based around a case study that will encompass the main competency areas of the syllabus.
Exemptions and credits	Holders of an FSSC appropriate examination (e.g. the ACA qualification) will be granted full credit against this stage and may proceed to the Diploma stage.	For a limited time period, holders of the SII Diploma with passes in Corporate Finance, Investment Analysis and Interpretation of Financial Statements will be granted full credit against this stage and may proceed to the Advanced Diploma stage. The Diploma in Corporate Finance counts towards one of the three papers needed to pass the SII Diploma.	None
Study materials included	Getting Started Guide** BPP Study Book** PowerPoint™ Course Slides* Review Exercises** Question Bank**	ICAEW Study Books** ICAEW Study Guide** ICAEW Sample Case Studies** BPP Solutions to Sample Cases* PowerPoint™ Course Slides* BPP Supplementary Question Bank** Mock Exam*	ICAEW Study Books** ICAEW Study Guide** ICAEW Sample Case Studies** BPP Solutions to Sample Cases* Mock Exam*
Study support	Dedicated tutor support Mock exams BPP Online Learning™	Dedicated tutor support Practice case studies Marked mock exam BPP Online Learning™	Dedicated tutor support Practice case studies Marked mock exam BPP Online Learning™
Course duration	3 days	Phase one – Financial statements analysis (3 days) Phase two – Valuation (3 days) Phase three – Debt and equity and changes in control (3 days) Phase four – Exam preparation (3 days) For more experienced students an accelerated learning programme is also available.	Kick off day (½ day) Phase one – Changes in control and restructurings, mergers and acquisitions (3 days) Phase two (residential) – Debt and equity, strategic financial management and advice and mock examination (4 days)



Faculty membership

When you enrol for the CF qualification Diploma level course (classroom and distance learning), you'll automatically become a member of the ICAEW Corporate Finance Faculty. This membership connects you to the world's largest and broadest community of professionals involved in corporate finance, including 6,000 members and over 75 member firms.

For more information on the Corporate Finance Faculty please visit www.icaew.com/corpfinfac

Tutors top tips for revision and passing exams

1. You should **plan and organise** your studies away from distractions and take regular breaks so your mind stays fresh.
2. We say **active revision is better than passive revision**, test your memory by giving yourself quizzes and using question practice.
3. You must **understand** the technical concepts as well as how these may be applied in a practical scenario.
4. We believe, **practice makes perfect** – attempt the questions in the question bank, build momentum by completing the practice and identify areas that need further study.
5. We want you to succeed, so **contact us** for advice and guidance.

The SII Diploma

Did you know that if you successfully complete the Diploma level of the CF qualification, then this will count towards one of the three required SII Diploma modules.

To find out more about the SII Diploma, call our course enrolment team on

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What our delegates say about ...

Course structure

"Excellent coverage, well explained and good use of examples and case studies."

Course tutor

"Very good clarity and explanation was excellent. Availability of tutors also appreciated."

Course material

"Well set out, easy to understand and make notes."

Customer services

"Very helpful staff when booking and the facilities were great."

What the industry says about the CF qualification



Chris Ward

Global Head of Corporate Finance, Deloitte

"This qualification is designed by corporate finance practitioners for corporate finance practitioners, and as such will play an important role in raising standards. There is no doubt that it will be much sought after not only by students and trainees who want a respected set of initials after their name to crown their achievements, but also by employers who will miss out in the war for talent if they do not offer to prospective employees the opportunity of earning this qualification."

About the ICAEW

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW) is the largest professional accountancy body in Europe with over 128,000 members. The Corporate Finance qualification is offered in conjunction with the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, see www.cica.ca for more information. For specific information on the Corporate Finance qualification, please visit www.cfqualification.com or call **+44 (0)1908 248 293**