

Investment Management Certificate (IMC)

The IMC is an open entry introductory examination for professionals working in the investment management industry. It is administered by the UK CFA Society and is recognised by the Financial Services Authority

January – June 2010



Choose BPP to be your training partner

Personal service

We will support you from initial enquiry through to passing the exam.

Dedicated tutors

Our experienced, professional full-time tutors have all passed the exams they teach towards.

Flexible course options

We offer you more choice, designed to fit around your work and home commitments.

Focused study materials

Our 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 hi-tech training centres.

Classroom study

Our tutors will guide you through all the key topic areas that you need to learn. You will be provided with a printed version of the course slides so you can make your own notes during class. Don't forget to use your:

- **Getting Started Guide** to help you prepare for the course ahead
- **Study Texts** to help you gain a broader understanding of topic areas covered in class
- **Review Exercises** to test your memory and evaluate how much you have retained and learned
- **Practice and Revision Kit** to consolidate your learning and perfect your exam technique
- **BPP Online Learning™** for studying anywhere or anytime
- **Classroom Handouts** for core units including additional exam style questions and financial terminology guide

Choose your path to the IMC

The IMC is recognised by the fund management industry as the entry level qualification of choice for those working in financial analysis and investment management in the UK.

It is often quoted as a prerequisite for posts in investment management companies.

Unit 1 UK Regulation & Markets

- Regulatory Environment
- Taxation
- Markets
- Client Objectives & Financial Planning

+

Unit 2 Investment Practice

- Financial Mathematics
- Accounting
- Economics
- Financial Instruments
- Performance Measurement
- Portfolio Management

Comprehensive programme (7 days in total)

2 days + 5 days

Accelerated programme[▼] (5 days in total)

2 days + 3 days

Evenings[▼] (14 evenings in total)

4 evenings + 10 evenings

=

Investment Management Certificate

[▼] The accelerated and evening courses are designed for those who have a strong background in finance, accountancy or have studied for an MBA or equivalent. If you would like further help and guidance please email financialservices@bpp.com

Distance learning study

If you prefer to study in your own time, why not choose our distance learning option. You will have access to all of the course materials and BPP Online Learning™, as well as having our expert tutor support you via email.

IMC evening courses

You can study towards the IMC by attending evening classes. The evening course is ideal if you cannot take time out of the office during the day or cannot secure study leave from your employer.

Introduction to Financial Maths course

Refresh your mathematical skills before starting your IMC course by booking onto an introduction to Financial Maths course. This one day course focuses on the financial maths elements of the syllabus and gives you the opportunity to undertake guided question practice.

Training and supporting you

For first time exam success

Study Texts

Our study texts contain all the knowledge you need for the exam in a practical and user friendly format.

Question Banks

We provide full answer explanations so you can consolidate your knowledge and develop your exam technique. Available in hard copy and online.

Practice Exams

Our practice exams will ensure you are completely comfortable with the exam process. They are a great way to identify your weakest areas and refocus your revision efforts for first time exam success – practice makes perfect. Available in hard copy and online.

Review Exercises

You can test and strengthen your knowledge with this quick question and answer pocket sized revision tool.

Study Guide and Planner

You can gain invaluable tips on how to organise and plan your study time.

PowerPoint™ Course Slides

(for classroom delegates only)

Our course slides will help you keep track of key areas covered in class.

Tutor Support

Contactable via email, they are always on hand to answer queries or pass on study and exam tips.

Classroom Handouts

We like to keep you sharp and in tune by providing regular questions on the trickiest areas of the syllabus.

Introduction to Financial Maths

Great online tool to refresh your basic knowledge of algebra, graphs and quantitative methods

Syllabus Updates

We want to make sure that you are totally prepared for the exam – so we make all the latest syllabus information available online for you to access immediately.

Exam Approved Calculator

Classroom based and distance learning IMC and Investment Practice delegates will receive the exam approved calculator as part of their study material pack (excluding Unit 1 UK Regulation & Markets delegates), along with a user-friendly calculator guide.

Pass Assurance

We are confident that our study solution will maximise your chances of exam success. Nobody wants to fail their exam so we promise that if you do, and provided you are a classroom delegate, we will give you the opportunity to repeat the equivalent course free of charge.*



BPP Online Learning™

MP3 and MP4 Downloads

Our MP3 and MP4 downloads will allow you to study anywhere at anytime – presentations will cover syllabus areas, subject reviews, exam tips and much more.

Online Tutorials

You will have unlimited access to our range of over forty audio visual tutorials covering key syllabus areas to study at your leisure.

Rapid Email Response

Our tutors are here to help you – email them with your questions and queries and they will get back to you within one business day.

Exam Tips

Our tutors will provide you with help and guidance on how you can achieve your goal of passing first time.

Law Society accreditation

Our IMC classroom courses are accredited by the Law Society for the purpose of continuing professional development (CPD). To find out more, please call our Course Booking Team on **020 8746 4178**

In-house training

Provide your employees with tailored training at a venue of your choice. We are happy to arrange in-house training sessions towards all IMC units. Please contact **020 8746 4178** for more information.

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 the review exercises.
3. You must learn the factual details from the study text as well as the major concepts.
4. We believe practice makes perfect – attempt the questions in the question bank, build momentum by completing the practice exams and identify areas that need further study.
5. We want you to succeed, so contact us for advice and guidance.

What our delegates say ...

Course structure

"Key points for exam questions pointed out throughout sessions, course slides very useful as they summarise points succinctly."

Course tutor

"Is engaging, supportive, entertaining and clear – good at explaining and can make content interesting – excellent."

Course material

"Informative, easily readable and understandable."

Customer services

"Extremely helpful, we completed our booking at a very late stage ... staff at BPP helped ensure we registered and received the materials in time."

To book or for further information please contact us at:

FS Course Booking Team
BPP Professional Education
1st Floor Aldine House
142–144 Uxbridge Road
Shepherds Bush
London W12 8AA

Tel: +44 (0)20 8746 4178
Fax: +44 (0)20 8746 4160
financialservices@bpp.com
www.bppfinancialservices.com

What's your next step?

The IMC is an excellent introductory paper to the fund management industry and investment management processes. With the valuation techniques it teaches you, it also provides an excellent springboard into more advanced qualifications. The **Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®)** examination is a natural follow on and builds on many of the concepts and ideas introduced in the IMC.

You will also find the IMC provides an excellent background to the **CISI Diploma** examinations, where many of the concepts are further explored. You could also follow on with the **CISI Masters in Wealth Management Programme** which is a professional level qualification specifically designed for those who manage or provide advice to high net worth clients. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any of these programmes please contact our Course Booking Team on **+44 (0)20 8746 4178**

NEW: IMC E-books

Study for your IMC course using our e-books and e-review exercises. Not only are they environmentally friendly, they also give you instant access as soon as you've paid for them. No more lugging around text books, you can comfortably study on the move and annotate your notes. Contact **0845 075 1100** to purchase your IMC e-books.

Customer Services Team

Here to help you with:

- access to our training centre if you require special assistance
- delivery of your study materials
- registration to BPP Online Learning™
- your exam enquiries