

# Islamic Finance Qualification (IFQ)

The IFQ offers you a unique qualification in a niche area of the financial services industry. Islamic finance is now one of the fastest growing sectors of the financial marketplace – driven by the new wealth of the Middle East and by the needs of the Muslim community both in the UK and across the globe.

You can obtain this unique qualification administered by the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI), via Computer Based Testing, so you can take the exam at a time of your choice. Our two day training course will fully prepare you for the examination, containing 100 questions examined in two hours.

# About Islamic Finance

Many experts are estimating the growth of the Islamic finance industry at 15–20% per annum with some predicting that in the future, the Islamic finance sector could become a major competitor to conventional financial services.

As a result of these developments, financial institutions have developed a vast range of products designed to serve the growing market. Several “Islamic equity” investment funds have also been launched, with both FTSE and Dow Jones providing indices to monitor the market’s growth. Islamic finance is important in helping the City of London maintain and develop its status as the leading global financial centre. Presently, it is estimated that Islamic banks and financial institutions manage some US\$700 billion of funds all over the world†.

## What is the IFQ?

The IFQ has been jointly developed by the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI), formerly known as the SII, and Ecole Supérieure des Affaires (ESA), one of the leading business schools in the Middle East. It is the first international benchmark vocational qualification in the area of Islamic finance.

## What’s covered in the IFQ?

The qualification will provide you with:

- knowledge of the principles of Sharia’a (Fiqh al Muamalat) and its application to Islamic banking and finance
- knowledge of the types of Islamic finance contracts and products from a technical and Sharia’a perspective
- understanding of the practices in Islamic finance markets and the principles of investment selection
- knowledge of the high ethical standards required in the Islamic finance industry
- an understanding of the influence of Sharia’a in a business context
- preparation for you to hold key positions in the Islamic finance and Takaful (Islamic insurance) industries

Full details of the IFQ syllabus can be found on the CISI website. Please visit [www.cisi.org.uk](http://www.cisi.org.uk)

## Why should you study with BPP?

BPP has considerable experience in providing training towards globally recognised qualifications such as the CFA® examination, the CISI Diploma and the Corporate Finance qualification. Having developed this course in consultation with industry experts, we believe we are best placed to offer you high quality training towards the IFQ.

In addition, with BPP you will receive:

- **personal service**  
We will support you from initial enquiry through to passing the exam.
- **focused study material**  
The study packs are exam focused, easy to use and up-to-date.
- **state-of-the-art facilities**  
You will be taught at our hi-tech training centre.

## Dates and Prices

Dates	(2 days commencing)	Prices	BPP Prof Education	BPP Learning Media	Total
	1st Mar, 17th June	IFQ (inc.workbook)	<b>£534.63</b> (£455.00 + £79.63 VAT)	<b>£125.00</b> (£125.00 + Nil VAT)	<b>£659.63</b> (£580.00 + £79.63 VAT)
	Training will take place at our training centre in London, EC2M 5PD	IFQ (exc.workbook)	<b>£534.63</b> (£455.00 + £79.63 VAT)	<b>£50.00</b> (£50.00 + Nil VAT)	<b>£584.63</b> (£505.00 + £79.63 VAT)

†Standard & Poors Islamic Finance Outlook 2008. \*All tuition and courses are supplied by BPP Professional Education. \*All study materials are supplied by BPP Learning Media.

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