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We’ve focused on the essentials, so your employees will cover more relevant content in a shorter timeframe and progress more quickly.

Our professional qualifications are highly flexible and designed to fit around busy work commitments. Our programmes can integrate with your in-house learning, providing recognition and accreditation to your training and staff development initiatives. Many of our qualifications are included in the Apprenticeship Standards in financial services.

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A range of mandatory, role-based and specialist qualifications for banking & finance professionals.

Expert

The Expert stage provides the pathway to Chartered status and is designed for those in, or aspiring to, senior roles.

All qualifications at this stage are included in the Professional Qualifications Framework. They are designed to meet the regulatory requirements for practitioners in retail, business, commercial and corporate banking, as well as other financial services industries.

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Supportive and Specialised knowledge

Our qualifications also support staffing needs in relation to specific roles, including those in the areas of compliance and risk.

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To be awarded Chartered status candidates must have a minimum of 60 credits at Level 4 or 5, including Professionalism, Conduct and Ethics (5PCE). Qualifications at this stage provide a good foundation for further progression and those holding a Certificate level qualification are eligible to apply for Associate status of The London Institute of Banking & Finance.

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Study Experience

Our qualifications are delivered predominantly via online distance learning with a range of resources available to students, depending on the level and complexity of each programme, including:

- Online and printed learning materials
- Comprehensive week-by-week study guides
- Video and audio downloads
- Online discussions, webinars and tutorials
- Access to Knowledgebank, our e-library

Our student services team is also on hand to provide advice and guidance to students on navigating their studies, registering for assessments and dealing with changing circumstances.

Student Membership

At the Professional Stage of our qualifications framework and above, all students become members of The London Institute of Banking & Finance for the duration of their studies. The cost of membership is included in the registration fee.

Membership gives students access to a range of services that can further support their development, help them build their professional networks and demonstrate their professional credentials.

Chartered status

Chartered status is a mark of senior standing in the banking and finance industries. It demonstrates to employers, customers and regulators that the holder has reached the peak of professional education in their field. Chartered professionals make a commitment to ongoing development and the highest standards of conduct and ethics.

Chartered Associate status is awarded on completion of the Chartered Associate programme or the Level 6 Diploma in Financial Advice and is maintained through completion of high quality annual CPD.

Apprenticeships

We have worked with employer groups on the development of Apprenticeships in financial services, covering entry and higher levels. Our qualifications are included in a range of Apprenticeship Standards providing valuable evidence of achievement against knowledge competencies.

If you are considering starting or expanding an Apprenticeship programme, then we can help you to navigate the requirements, deliver maximum value from your Apprenticeships levy and achieve the best outcomes for your organisation.
At a glance
why partnering with us makes sense

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