

Accelerate your career in Corporate Finance

CORPORATE FINANCE QUALIFICATION AND PROGRAMMES



Develop your corporate finance expertise

Helping businesses and investors make the most of their commercial opportunities is a highly valuable skill. As a specialist working in corporate finance you will do just that, enabling change, development and the pursuit of growth.

Every business opportunity today is challenged by the complexities of markets, demanding regulations and uncertain risk. Ambition and imagination need to be matched with recognised expertise, experience and responsibility.

Working in partnership with the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI) we have created the most progressive series of programmes that develop and recognise corporate finance expertise.

From the Certificate in Corporate Finance to the full Corporate Finance (CF) qualification and beyond, our programmes equip the most talented individuals with practical knowledge, skills and expertise. Add to your day-to-day business experience and enhance the value you can bring to the organisations you work with.

PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF TEAMS

Our corporate finance programmes will ensure employees are on a progressive and structured path that will enable them to build and leverage their knowledge, skills and experience to become recognised corporate finance experts.

DEVELOP YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Develop your knowledge, skills and expertise in corporate finance. Enhance your status, accelerate your career prospects and progress towards recognition as a leading industry specialist. You can join the programmes at a stage that's relevant to your previous experience and qualifications.



Corporate Finance Programmes

CF QUALIFICATION

Confirmation of expertise and experience

The Corporate Finance qualification can also be gained via the experience route

DIPLOMA IN CORPORATE FINANCE

Advanced corporate finance knowledge, skills and expertise

CERTIFICATE IN CORPORATE FINANCE

Essential basic knowledge in corporate finance

PROGRAMME TITLE	UNITS/PAPERS	STUDY TIME*	PRICE
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Certificate in Corporate Finance Unit 1: Corporate
Finance Regulation
Unit 2: Corporate
Finance Technical
Foundations

Approximately 160 hours £175 per unit (excludes tuition and course materials)

Diploma in Corporate Finance Paper 1: Corporate Finance: Techniques and Theory

Paper 2: Corporate Finance: Strategy and Advice

Paper 1: Approximately 200 hours

Paper 2: Approximately 300 hours

Paper 2: £391 (excludes tuition

and course materials)

Paper 1: £330

Corporate Finance qualification

Application to ICAEW

No further study is required. Evidence of work experience will be requested

No charge to Diploma in Corporate Finance holders

Corporate Finance qualification

qualification
experience route for senior corporate finance practitioners only

No written exam

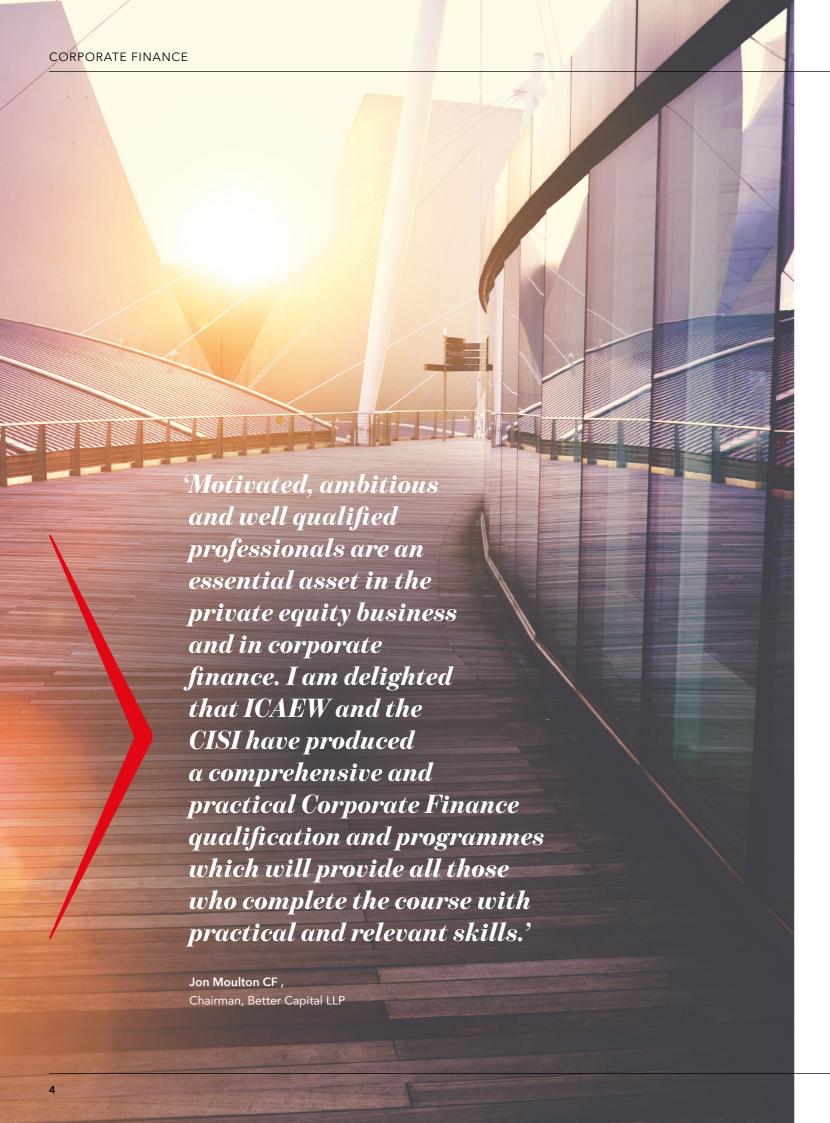
– applicants are
required to complete
the Examination
of Experience

Two to three days to compile submission. No study time required Experience route £788 + VAT for ICAEW members and £985 + VAT for non-members

Holders of the ACA and other business related qualifications may find less study time is required.

ONGOING SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO MAINTAIN EXPERTISE AND LEADERSHIP

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CERTIFICATE IN CORPORATE FINANCE

The Certificate in Corporate Finance is an important first step which develops the essential basic knowledge required for working in corporate finance. This certificate meets the FCA's mandatory exam requirements for those advising on investments in the course of corporate finance business.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Suitable for anyone who wants to work in the field of corporate finance; there are no entry requirements. ICAEW Chartered Accountants do not need to study for this certificate before starting the Diploma in Corporate Finance.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The certificate consists of two units:

Unit 1: Corporate Finance Regulation

Unit 2: Corporate Finance Technical Foundations

The Certificate in Corporate Finance is typically achievable in six months. For full syllabus details please visit icaew.com/cfstudyroute

DIPLOMA IN CORPORATE FINANCE

The Diploma in Corporate Finance will equip you with advanced corporate finance knowledge, skills and expertise. It will enhance the value you bring to the organisations you work with and help accelerate your career. The syllabus has been developed by corporate financiers and offers a practically grounded, transaction-oriented programme that will give you a strong working knowledge of corporate finance – from the Listing Rules and the Code, through to how to structure a private equity deal, or finance a large capital project. This diploma will enable you to execute a broader range of corporate finance work more efficiently and at a lower risk to your organisation. The diploma has been recognised by the FCA as meeting the mandatory qualification requirement to equip those who require advanced corporate finance knowledge, skills and expertise.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Suitable for ICAEW Chartered Accountants or holders of the Certificate in Corporate Finance. For details about alternative entry requirements if you are outside the UK, please visit icaew.com/cfstudyroute

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The diploma consists of two papers:

- 1. Corporate Finance: Techniques and Theory, covering:
 - Financial Statement Analysis
 - Valuation
 - Debt and Equity
 - Mergers, Acquisitions and Disposals
- Regulation, Governance and Ethics
- 2. Corporate Finance: Strategy and Advice, covering:
- Corporate Strategy
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate Performance and Reconstructions

For full syllabus details please visit icaew.com/cfstudyroute

BENEFITS OF THE DIPLOMA IN CORPORATE FINANCE

- Practical, transaction-oriented diploma, awarded by two world-renowned and leading institutions: ICAEW and the CISI.
- Confers the prestigious post-nominal letters 'CF' following award of the diploma and confirmation of three years' relevant corporate finance experience.
- The syllabus has been streamlined to allow progressive learning after completion of the Certificate in Corporate Finance.
- Supplement 'on-the-job' learning the syllabus will develop your core technical, commercial and ethical skills and knowledge. You will learn fundamental techniques, theories and issues so that you can handle complex strategic corporate finance situations.
- Two exam sittings for each paper every year (June and December) will enable you to complete the diploma at a pace that suits you.
- Achievable in a year.
- Receive one year's membership of the ICAEW Corporate Finance Faculty and student membership of the CISI.

CORPORATE FINANCE QUALIFICATION (CF)

The Corporate Finance qualification confirms the expertise and experience of leading specialists in corporate finance. It enhances your credibility and supports your status as a highly valued professional. Once you gain the qualification, you will be eligible to use the CF designatory letters.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Once you have successfully completed the Diploma in Corporate Finance (new syllabus) and acquired at least three years' corporate finance work experience, you will be awarded the CF designation. This ensures that your work and study are combined and that you are effectively using the practical knowledge gained from the programmes.

For further details please visit icaew.com/cfstudyroute

RECOGNITION FOR SENIOR CORPORATE FINANCIERS

We offer the opportunity for Senior Corporate Finance practitioners to obtain the Corporate Finance qualification via an experience route, in acknowledgement of the depth of their experience and their contribution to the profession. Those applying through this route will be expected to have at least five years' experience and provide evidence that they have played the lead advisory role in no fewer than six transactions over the past five years.

Experience route benefits include:

- Based on experience CF designation gained by a demonstration of your experience and expertise rather than a formal exam.
- Flexible you can complete your application at any time through the year and in your own time.
- No time required out of the office there are no exams to sit.
- Rigorous applications will be reviewed by our panel of corporate finance experts, ensuring professional sector expertise.
- Career enhancing recognition at a senior level as a specialist in the field of corporate finance.
- Prestigious successful applicants are awarded the CF designation to show their achievement.
- Ongoing support and guidance discounted membership of the ICAEW Corporate Finance Faculty available (please see application form for prices).

For further information about this route, please visit icaew.com/academy/cf

THE PROFESSIONAL NETWORK FOR CORPORATE FINANCE

The ICAEW Corporate Finance Faculty is a vital resource while you complete the Corporate Finance qualification and develop your corporate finance career.

- The faculty is the largest network of professionals involved in corporate finance, including 7,000 members and more than 80 member organisations.
 As a centre of professional excellence it contributes to policy development, practical initiatives and many consultations by international organisations, governments, regulators and other professional bodies.
- Connect with an international membership drawn from major professional services groups, specialist advisory firms, companies, banks, private equity, venture capital, law firms, brokers, consultants, policy-makers and academic experts. More than 40% of the faculty's membership is from beyond ICAEW.
- Build your personal professional network and boost your continuing professional development (CPD) via the faculty's wide range of services and media to its members, including its magazine 'Corporate Financier'.

Diploma in Corporate Finance students will receive one year's free membership to the faculty. Applicants for the Corporate Finance qualification experience route can take advantage of a 20% discount.

For further information about the professional network, please visit icaew.com/academy/cf

'I am delighted that ICAEW and the CISI have combined their expertise to bring us a qualification that is relevant, up to date and suitable for corporate finance practitioners.'

Sue Nyman CF,
Director, National Corporate Finance,
Grant Thornton UK LLP



HOW TO APPLY

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Training, developing and supporting accountants throughout their career, we ensure that they have the expertise and values to meet the needs of tomorrow's businesses.

Our profession is right at the heart of the decisions that will define the future, and we contribute by sharing our knowledge insight and capabilities with others. That way, we can be sure that we are building robust, accountable and fair economies across the globe.

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