

ICMA executive education

The combination of over three decades of market experience and academic expertise gives ICMA a unique advantage in the provision of quality training and education for the financial markets

Since the inception of its European Seminar in 1974, the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) has been committed to providing high quality ICMA Executive Education to its members and to the market at large. The establishment by the Association of the ICMA Centre at the University of Reading in 1991, and its subsequent financial support, has succeeded in creating an institution which is setting the standards in financial markets training and education.

All ICMA's Executive Education training courses are under the academic supervision of the ICMA Centre and its faculty, a team comprising highly qualified academic, professional and industry experienced staff.

The full suite of ICMA Executive Education programmes caters for front office, middle office and operations staff from introductory to specialist levels of learning.

Programme Recognition

ICMA Executive Education courses are accredited under the Solicitors Regulation Authority (formerly The Law Society's) CPD Scheme. Solicitors may claim CPD credit for their attendance on the full suite of programmes.



Course participants can also qualify for credit hours under the guidelines of the CFA Institute Continuing Education Programme.

The two premier professional certificates, the IFID and the OCP are both recognised qualifications for the front office and operations areas. Both are "Recommended Exams" on the Wholesale Banking list and have also met the "Appropriate Exam" standards for their respective areas, compiled by the FSSC (Financial Services Skills Council, United Kingdom).

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Other courses

ICMA also offers a suite of courses focusing on sales and presentation skills for the financial markets:

Successful Sales

Mastering Mandates

Management & Mentoring

For full details and registration visit:

www.icmagroup.org and go to the Education section.

Introductory programmes

Financial Markets Foundation Course (FMFC)

This certificate provides a comprehensive introduction to the financial markets, covering the principal participants, main financial instruments and operations.

Securities Operations Foundation Course (SOFC)

This certificate aims to provide new entrants with thorough knowledge of the life cycle of a securities transaction and an understanding of the processing and operations function.

2 ½ day classroom courses, plus half day exam

Venues: London, Luxembourg and other European centres to be announced

Intermediate programmes

International Fixed Income and Derivatives (IFID) Certificate

Established and continually evolving for over thirty years, the IFID Certificate is a proven, internationally recognised standard of competence that puts emphasis on developing practical skills for trading, investment and risk management. It can be embedded into employers' appraisal requirements to ensure that staff are fully up-to-date with knowledge of the key fixed income instruments, derivatives and markets.

5 day residential course plus exam OR distance learning plus exam (both have a maximum six month study period).

Venue: Barcelona (2 courses per year, April & October)

Operations Certificate Programme (OCP)

This certificate is for practitioners and managers who would benefit from a broader knowledge of the various operational functions in the industry. It aims to develop the candidate's ability to follow the lifecycle of a securities transaction from clearing and settlement through to asset servicing and beyond. Candidates who gain this qualification are therefore recognised to have achieved a level of professional competence that ensures they can quickly adapt and add value to the business.

5 day residential course plus exam

Venue: Brussels (1 course per year, March)

Specialist courses

Primary Market Certificate (PMC) Programme

Primarily aimed at people working in the origination, syndication and transaction management areas of investment banks or securities houses as well as lawyers and borrowers, this certificate examines the entire life cycle of bond issuance, from considering the financing choices through to the closing of transactions in the marketplace. Theoretical principles and practical case studies provide candidates will all the requisite tools to add value to their company's activities in the Primary Markets.

5 day classroom including exam

Venues: Bahrain and London (2 courses per year, May & November in London)

The following specialist courses are scheduled publicly in financial centres worldwide throughout 2010 and available for in-house delivery.

Collateral Management

Inflation-linked Bonds and Structures

Commodities—An Introduction

Investment Funds Administration

Commodities—Investment Solutions

Operational Risk Fundamentals

Corporate Actions

Securities Lending & Borrowing

Derivative Operations

Securitisation—Understanding the Mechanics

Global Custody

Technical Analysis

For full descriptions of each course, including specific learning objectives, course outlines and course tutors, visit: www.icmagroup.org and click on the Education button.
