



# CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS OPERATIONS



ICMA Executive Education is a joint partnership between the International Capital Market Association and the ICMA Centre, Henley Business School, University of Reading



## INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE **FINANCIAL MARKET**

### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

The CDS market has been growing rapidly since its introduction in the late 1990s, with the market estimated to be worth in excess of \$593 trillion at the end of 2014. With a constantly changing market companies now find CDS to be a vital instrument in their daily activity. This course is aimed at developing delegates' knowledge in the secure and controlled processing of credit default swaps within a financial institution. The programme is equally relevant to both the buy-side and sell-side of the industry.

Completing this course will help you:

- Cover the lifecycle of a CDS transaction
- Understand the events that can occur during the lifetime of a CDS contract
- Find out about current initiatives and trends in the processing of CDS transactions

Attendees of this course should possess a basic understanding of credit derivative products (in particular single name CDS) and debt/fixed income securities. These topics are covered in the **Credit Default Swaps (CDS) - Pricing, Applications & Features** course.

## COURSE CONTENT

The course content is divided into several topic areas, which are then broken down into multiple subtopics:

### 1. Pre-Trading

- Legal Documentation: Necessity, Coverage
- Static Data: Purpose, Importance, Use
- Assessing Clients' Needs

### 2. The CDS Trade Lifecycle

- Trade Execution
- Trade Capture: Methods & Components
- Trade Confirmation: Issuers & Receivers, Confirmation Terms
- Trade Confirmation: Methods, Matching Status

### 3. Post-Trade Events

- Settlement of Premium
- Trade Compression
- Credit Events
- End-of-Life

### 4a. Collateral Management for CDS

- Collateral: Purpose & Importance
- Collateral Management Processing Overview

### 4b. Regulatory & Market-Practice Initiatives

- T+0 Trade Processing
- Centralised Clearing

## COURSE FORMAT

The course is a one day classroom-based programme, taking place in London at various times during the year. This is a non-examined course but delegates will receive a certificate of attendance, issued jointly by ICMA and Henley Business School, University of Reading.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is suitable for staff that are new to the subject of CDS operations, as well as for those that are currently working within a CDS operations function, who require an understanding of the overall lifecycle (and associated events) relating to such transactions. The programme is also suitable for anyone wishing to gain a thorough understanding of CDS processing, including regulators, clearing organisations, risk managers and lawyers.

## COURSE DIRECTOR

Mike Simmons is an operations specialist and the Programme Director for ICMA's Operations stream of training courses. He has been involved with the capital markets and operations throughout his career, focusing originally upon securities settlement and more recently on the broader aspects of operations. Mike is the author of several books on operations including 'Securities Operations: A Guide to Trade & Position Management'. In addition to the CDS - Operations course, Mike is the Programme Director for the Operations Certificate Programme (OCP), the Securities Operations Foundation Course (SOFC) and teaches various specialist operations courses.

## PROGRAMME RECOGNITION

As a result of the continuing high standard of content within our training, candidates who study ICMA Executive Education qualifications will receive a designated number of credit hours which can be used towards study with the CFA.



## ICMA EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

For many years ICMA Executive Education has been regarded as the benchmark in training for both the front office and operations areas of business. Our qualifications and specialist programmes are internationally recognised and are required training by many of our member firms. ICMA Executive Education is unique in that ICMA and the ICMA Centre, Henley Business School, University of Reading work together to deliver training courses, taught by current and former financial markets practitioners which blend practical and academic know-how, so that candidates have a thorough understanding of the topics being discussed.

Seven examined qualifications are offered:

- Financial Markets Foundation Qualification (FMFQ)
- Securities Operations Foundation Qualification (SOFQ)
- Introduction to Fixed Income Qualification (IFIQ)
- Introduction to Primary Markets Qualification (IPMQ)
- ICMA Fixed Income Certificate (FIC)
- Operations Certificate Programme (OCP)
- Primary Market Certificate (PMC)

All are recognised as certificates of competence in the capital markets and are successfully completed by large numbers of international participants each year. In addition to our examined qualifications we also offer a selection of non-examined specialist programmes throughout the year. These programmes look at a single topic from the syllabus of one of our advanced qualifications, but are explored in much greater depth to a targeted audience. The training is extremely focused and provides an opportunity to network and discuss the issues affecting the financial markets with your industry peers.

ICMA Executive Education is able to provide any of its public qualifications and specialist programmes on an in-house basis.

## ICMA CENTRE

The ICMA Centre, University of Reading has an international reputation for providing quality teaching programmes tailored to the capital markets industry. Established in 1991 with funding provided by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA), the Centre is housed in a purpose-built modernist building with state-of-the-art facilities including two dealing rooms. In 2008, ICMA enabled an expansion to the building that now includes an additional 50 seat dealing room, 170 seat lecture theatre as well as new seminar rooms and a dedicated research area.

## THE INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL MARKET ASSOCIATION

The International Capital Market Association (ICMA) represents financial institutions and other participants in the international capital market worldwide with over 530 members in 61 countries. ICMA's market conventions and standards have been the pillars of the international debt market for 50 years, providing the framework for good market practice which facilitates the orderly functioning of the market. ICMA actively promotes the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the capital markets by bringing together market participants including regulatory authorities and governments.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

For further information and to register for any of our programmes, please visit:

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