

Diploma in Corporate Finance

Assess and Advise on
Investment Decisions

Programme Overview

In Corporate Finance, what separates success and failure is sharp judgment, the ability to see an opportunity, to minimise risk and make timely and decisive decisions.

Taking this diploma will help you develop technical skills, knowledge and best practice technique in financial analysis, investment appraisal, financing decisions, corporate valuation, M&A transactions and maximising shareholder value.

What is the Diploma in Corporate Finance?

The Diploma in Corporate Finance will give you:

- A well-grounded foundation in the theory of corporate finance
- Tools, checklists and spreadsheet models that can be used in practice
- Irish and international case studies

Who takes the Diploma in Corporate Finance?

The course is designed for business and finance professionals either working in or aspiring to work in corporate finance. It is ideal for those involved in business financing, valuation and analysis.

The programme also enables experienced corporate financiers to gain formal recognition for their existing skills and expertise in the field.

Why take the Diploma in Corporate Finance?

During the course, you will build a powerful set of skills which will enable you to assess and advise on investment decisions, project financing, corporate valuation and acquisition/divestment decisions.

It will sharpen your critical commercial acumen, shifting value and influence to the top of the business. The course takes an applied approach, drawing on real life case studies.

Programme Content

Module 1	Financial Analysis, Financial Mathematics and Risk	Part 1: Monday 23 March, 3pm-6pm Part 2: Thursday 26 March, 3pm-6pm
Module 2	Investment Decisions	Part 1: Monday 13 April, 3pm-6pm Part 2: Thursday 16 April 3pm-6pm
Assignment 1		Assignment Release: Friday 17 April Support Webinar: Wednesday 22 April, 5pm Assignment Due: Monday 18 May
Module 3	Financing and Treasury Decisions	Part 1: Monday 18 May, 3pm-6pm Part 2: Thursday 21 May, 3pm-6pm
Module 4	Valuation and Capital Markets	Part 1: Monday 8 June, 3pm-6pm Part 2: Thursday 11 June, 3pm-6pm
Additional Module <i>(not assessed)</i>	Financial Modelling	Wednesday 17 June, 3pm-5.30pm
Assignment 2		Assignment Release: Friday 12 June Support Webinar: Wednesday 17 June, 5pm Assignment Due: Monday 13 July
Module 5	Corporate Transactions Part 1	Part 1: Monday 6 July, 3pm-6pm Part 2: Thursday 9 July, 3pm-6pm
Additional Module <i>(not assessed)</i>	Negotiation Skills	Tuesday 21 July, 2pm-3pm
Module 6	Business Restructuring - Corporate Transactions Part 2	Part 1: Monday 27 July, 3pm-6pm Part 2: Wednesday 29 July, 3pm-6pm
Assignment 3		Assignment Release: Friday 7 August Support Webinar: Wednesday 12 August, 5pm Assignment Due: Monday 7 September

Participants report on average 10 hours study per module and approximately a further 15 hours per assignment. It should be noted that this is an average and a guideline.

Programme Details

How you study

The Diploma in Corporate Finance is delivered through a blend of self-study and live online webinars. Online sessions and programme assessments are all conducted through a virtual learning environment.

Our learning management platform Moodle will host all your course materials and activities, such as course notes and slides, links to your live webinar sessions, and information on your lecturers and timetable. This platform also allows you to network and share your questions and experiences with your fellow participants.

Your course material consists of a mix of PowerPoint slides, study guides and other support material for each module. Material is released on scheduled dates. Participants will have one week to review and absorb material before the live sessions with the course lecturer.

Each module will be supported by two live webinars, which will be streamed live and recorded using Zoom, a cloud-based app that works on any device. The live sessions will provide you with guidance needed to successfully approach each module followed by some time for questions and answers.

How you are assessed

The programme is assessed through three practical home assignments. The first assignment will be released after Module 2, the second assignment will be released after Module 4, and the third will be released after Module 6.

- 25% for assignment 1
- 25% for assignment 2
- 50% for assignment 3

Please note participants must achieve 50% or above in the assignments to be eligible for the award of Diploma. Pass mark is set at 50% with distinction achieved at 70%.

Assignment Support Sessions

One week after each assignment is released, we host a one-hour assignment support session. During these interactive live webinars, you will have direct access to your examiner to:

- Clarify the assignment's objectives and expectations
- Ask your questions and receive real-time answers
- Gain tailored guidance to refine your approach

These sessions are designed to boost your confidence and ensure you are fully prepared to complete the assignment, which is due approximately four weeks after its release.

Accreditations and designations

Chartered Accountants Ireland/ICAS members will be awarded a Diploma in Corporate Finance from Chartered Accountants Ireland under the '1966 ICAI Charter Amendment Act'. Others will be awarded the Diploma in Corporate Finance by Chartered Accountants Ireland Executive Education DAC.



Can I use the course towards my CPD hours?

This programme offers structured and unstructured CPD hours contact time. Participants can claim a minimum of 70 structured CPD hours for this programme. Additionally, further hours can be claimed for completing additional course activities, such as reading, preparing for course assessments, and additional study.

Entry criteria and eligibility

This programme has been designed to meet the needs of business and finance professionals, including accountants. Applications are welcomed from:

- Members of Chartered Accountants Ireland or another recognised professional body e. g. ICAS, ACCA, CIMA and ICAEW
- Holders of a degree at Level 8 (on the Irish NFO) or equivalent qualification
- Those with relevant experience in finance, business or another field

See [our website](#) for full details on eligibility rules.

Applications and fees

**Member of Chartered Accountants Ireland
or ICAS**

€3,500 | £3,085

Other professionals

€3,850 | £3,395

Participants who have completed any diploma or certificate programme with the Institute are eligible for a 10% discount. Multiple bookings by a single employer will qualify for a discount of 10% for the second and subsequent booking.

IFS Skillnet Funding Eligibility

We are delighted to inform you that this course is eligible for IFS Skillnet funding. Eligible participants can receive funding for up to 25% of the course fee. Application Process.

To submit your expression of interest for funding, please email claire.madigan@ibec.ie; donna.noonan@ibec.ie. This funding is available to members and non members.



Application Form

Personal Details

Name:

Company/Firm Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Membership Body:

Chartered Accountants Ireland

Other (*proof of membership will be required*)

Chartered Accountants Ireland membership number:

If you wish for your firm to be invoiced, please provide details (*contact name/address/PO number*):

Fee Payment

Member of Chartered Accountants Ireland/ICAS: €3,500 | £3,085

Non-member: €3,850 | £3,395

I would like to pay by:

Instalments*

Credit Card

* The instalment payment option will allow participants to spread the cost of a diploma over four equal payments, with the first payment charged at registration, and the remaining payments being charged to a debit/credit card on agreed dates.

A member of the team will be in contact to process your payment

All data is collected in accordance with the GDPR, and all relevant Data Protection Acts and regulations. We will only use your details for the purposes to which it was collected, and we will always respect your rights and privacy in relation to your data. Special category data is processed in accordance with Article 6 & 9 of the GDPR. Further details on our approach to data protection and how to opt-out is available in our Privacy Statement at www.charteredaccountants.ie/privacy-statement

Please tick the box to indicate that you have read our terms and conditions.

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