

Certified Banker

With 3 years banking or finance related work experience

Postgraduate Diploma for Certified Banker

< QF Level 6 >

CB (Stage II)

With 2 years banking or finance related work experience

Professional Diploma for Certified Banker

< QF Level 5 >

CB (Stage I)

With 1 year banking or finance related work experience

Advanced Diploma for Certified Banker

< QF Level 4 >

An HKIB Individual Member who fulfils the CB programme entry requirements

Programme Structure

Subject to the development of the ECF programmes and other updates, this structure and the QF status may change accordingly.

Obtain 60 credits from TWO modules of any ONE of the specialist streams and attain a pass in the case study examination of the respective specialist stream

Credit Management

(QR Registration no. 16/001005/L6)

- Bank Lending (Credit: 30)
- Credit Risk Management (Credit: 30)

Treasury Management

(QR registration no. 16/001006/L6)

- Bank Asset and Liability Management (Credit: 30)
- Treasury Markets and Operations (Credit: 30)

Operations Management

(QR registration no. 16/001007/L6)

- Banking Law and Practice (Credit: 30)
- Operational Risk Management (Credit: 30)

Obtain 60 credits from any TWO Elective modules

(QR registration no. 18/000082/L5)

- Business and People Management (Credit: 30)
- Corporate Finance Services (Credit: 30)

- Finance of International Trade (Credit: 30)
- Financial Planning (Credit: 30)
- Technology Management and Innovation in Banking (Credit: 30)
- ECF Modules ▲

Obtain 20 credits from Core and 40 credits from Elective modules

(QR registration no. 18/000081/L4)

CORE MODULE

- Fundamentals of Banking (Credit: 10)
- Professional Ethics and Compliance (Credit: 10)

ELECTIVE MODULE

- ECF on AML/CFT (Core Level) ▲ (Credit: 20)
- Fundamentals of Accounting (Credit: 10)
- Fundamentals of Treasury Markets (Credit: 10)
- Introduction to Banking Law (Credit: 10)
- Risk Management (Credit: 10)

▲ The ECF programme covers a wide range of areas, such as Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) and Retail Wealth Management (RWM). Details of the integration of other ECFs in CB programme will be announced in due course.

Remark 1: Credits are benchmarked against the QF credits (please find details of QF credit in the HKQF website at <http://www.hkqf.gov.hk>).
Remark 2: For current CB (Stage I) and CB (Stage II) candidates, please refer to the "Conversion and Transition Arrangement for ABP / AHKIB & CB" for details.

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CERTIFIED BANKER

Common Qualification Benchmark



What is Certified Banker

The Certified Banker (CB) is a professional qualification developed and offered by The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB) to help banking and financial practitioners at all levels raise their professional standards with skills relevant for the fast-changing banking environment. It also provides a common qualification benchmark that is recognised by regulators and leading authorised institutions. This new programme is an enhancement and replacement for the Associate of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (AHKIB™) qualification, which was launched over two decades ago.

ECF Subjects Integrated

The programme of CB encompasses both generic and specialist topics. It also integrates the programmes developed by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's Enhanced Competency Framework (ECF). The ECF programmes, which are the building blocks of CB are administered by the HKIB.

Qualifications Framework (QF)

The CB qualification contains three progressive QF Levels (i.e. Advanced Diploma, Professional Diploma and Postgraduate Diploma). Candidates with less experience can start their training journey by studying the Advanced Diploma Programme for Certified Banker (QF Level 4). The three qualification levels have been accredited by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) and are recognised under the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (HKQF). Postgraduate Diploma for Certified Banker is the first and only Specification of Competency Standards (SCS)-based banking qualification which is accredited at QF Level 6 in Hong Kong. This is at the same level as a Master's degree.



Qualifications and Designations

Certified Banker is a three-level qualification. Individual Members who successfully complete a particular level with relevant years of working experience in the banking and financial services sector will be entitled to use the respective CB designations.

QUALIFICATIONS	DESIGNATIONS
Postgraduate Diploma (Stream) for Certified Banker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit Management • Treasury Management • Operations Management 	Certified Banker (with 3 years banking or finance related work experience)
Professional Diploma for Certified Banker	Certified Banker (Stage II) (with 2 years banking or finance related work experience)
Advanced Diploma for Certified Banker	Certified Banker (Stage I) (with 1 year banking or finance related work experience)

Benefits

BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES	BENEFITS TO EMPLOYERS	BENEFITS TO THE INDUSTRY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A common qualification benchmark recognised by regulators & employers • Clear study path to achieve professionalism and career development • Enhanced mobility within the industry with a strong professional qualification • A more streamlined training journey • Optimised value of participation in ECF programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A common qualification benchmark • A more streamlined training journey • Effective use of training budget • Fulfilment of regulatory expectations and requirements • Increased recruitment efficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A transparent set of professional standards for attracting talent to the industry • Align standards to support capacity building • Higher competency of individual practitioners to ensure the quality and sustainability of the talent pool • Enhanced industry reputation locally and globally

Eligibility

The CB programme is suitable for current banking and financial practitioners who wish to deepen their industry knowledge for career advancement as well as post-secondary full time students who wish to join the banking profession after graduation.

Entry Requirements

Candidates of CB (Stage I) need to be an HKIB Individual Member and fulfill one of the following entry requirements:

- A Bachelor's Degree in any discipline awarded by a recognised university or equivalent; OR
- An Associate Degree (AD) / Higher Diploma (HD) in a banking and finance discipline or equivalent; OR
- Mature applicants with either:
 - At least five years of banking and finance work experience; OR
 - Two years of banking and finance work experience with a recommendation from the employer.

Remark 1 Full time students of the stated Diploma or Degree programmes will also be considered.

Remark 2 Holders of an ECF (AML/CFT) grandfathered certificate are eligible to apply for ECF on AML/CFT (Core Level) module exemption.

Remark 3 Holders of the Professional Certificate in Treasury Markets (i.e. ECF on Treasury Management (Core Level)) offered by LiPACE of OUHK are eligible to apply for "Fundamentals of Treasury Markets" module exemption.

Candidates of CB (Stage II) need to be an HKIB Individual Member and fulfill one of the following entry requirements:

- The Advanced Diploma for Certified Banker offered by HKIB; OR
- A Bachelor's Degree in a banking and finance related discipline awarded by a recognised university plus one year of banking and finance work experience; OR
- A relevant professional qualification plus one year of banking and finance work experience; OR
- Mature applicants with at least ten years of banking and finance work experience.

Remark 1 Applicants who do not possess a pass in "Professional Ethics and Compliance" or module(s) of the same nature at HKIB are required to sign up for the training and obtain a pass in the corresponding examination at HKIB.

Remark 2 Holders of the Professional Certificate for ECF on Retail Wealth Management (RWM) offered by HKIB are eligible to apply for "Financial Planning" module exemption.

Fee Structure

The fee structure will be aligned to other HKIB courses and programmes, with membership, training and examination fees applicable.

Enquiry

For further assistance, please visit our website at hkib.org. You can also contact us via email at application@hkib.org or by phone on 2153 7800.



The mission of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers is to enhance and sustain professionalism in banking. The Institute has been providing professional training and certification services to the banking community in Hong Kong for more than five decades. The vision of the Institute is not only to enhance the banking profession in the territory, the team also endeavours to develop a strong community of banking professionals across different geographies and help set industry standards across the region.

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