

Certified Banker

< QF Level 6 >

With 3 years banking or finance related work experience

Postgraduate Diploma for Certified Banker

CB (Stage II)

With 2 years banking or finance related work experience

Professional Diploma for Certified Banker

CB (Stage I)

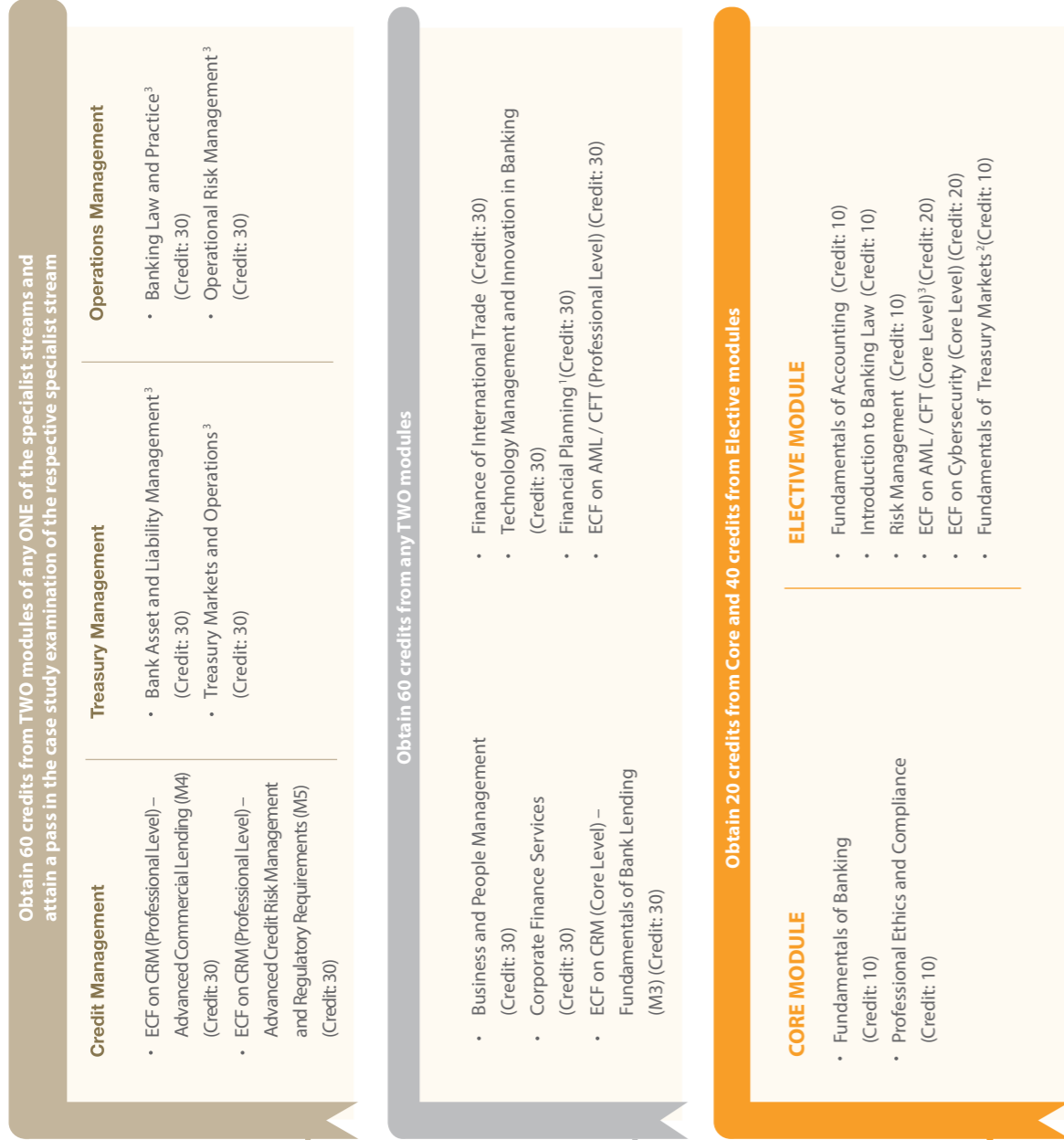
With 1 year banking or finance related work experience

Advanced Diploma for Certified Banker

An HKIB Individual Member who fulfils the entry requirements

Programme Structure

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



Note : ¹"Financial Planning" can be exempted by using the ECF on Retail Wealth Management (Core and Professional levels) qualification.
²"Fundamentals of Treasury Markets" can be exempted by using the ECF on Treasury Management (Core level) qualification offered by TMA.
³"WAM Eligible Training Programmes"

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Common Qualification Benchmark



What is Certified Banker

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.

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 administered by HKIB, are the building blocks of CB.

Qualifications Framework (QF)

The CB qualification contains three progressive Levels (i.e. Advanced Diploma, Professional Diploma and Postgraduate Diploma). With HKIB having been appointed by the Education Bureau as a Professional Qualifications Assessment Agency (PQAA) under the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (HKQF), HKIB is authorised to issue professional qualifications up to QF Level 6, which is the same standard as a Master's degree.

Government Subsidies

Portions of the CB programmes also qualify for a government subsidy scheme: Pilot Programme to Enhance Talent Training for the Asset and Wealth Management Sector (WAM Pilot Programme) for the maximum claim of HKD10,000.
<http://www.wamtalent.org.hk>



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Awards and Professional Qualifications

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

AWARDS	PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
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) (QR registration no. 20/000543/L6) Validity period: 1/8/2020 - 31/7/2025 
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 qualifications 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

Entry Requirements

Candidates need to be an HKIB Individual Member and fulfil the following respective entry requirements for each programme:

Certified Banker (Stage I)

- Associate degree (AD) / Higher diploma (HD) students in any disciplines; OR
- Equivalent qualifications or above; OR
- Mature applicants* with 3 years of relevant banking experience with recommendations from employer.

Certified Banker (Stage II)

- Certified Banker (Stage I) holders; OR
- Holders of bachelor's degree in banking or finance related discipline (QF L5); OR
- Holders of bachelor's degree in any disciplines with 3 years of relevant banking experience (QF L5); OR
- Holders of associate degree / higher diploma in banking or finance (QF L4) with 3 years of relevant banking experience; OR
- Equivalent qualifications or above; OR
- Mature applicants* with 6 years of relevant banking experience (2 years at supervisory level) with recommendations from employer.

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- Certified Banker (Stage II) holders; OR
- Two ECF Certificates (QF L5) and fulfilled entry requirement for Certified Banker (Stage II); OR
- Holders of bachelor's degree in banking or finance related disciplines (QF L5) with 6 years of relevant banking experience (2 years at managerial grade); OR
- Equivalent qualifications or above; OR
- Mature applicants* with 10 years of relevant banking experience (3 years at managerial grade) with recommendations from employer.

Remark: Learners with direct entry to Certified Banker (Stage II) or Certified Banker would be required to complete two CORE modules, namely, Fundamentals of Banking, and Professional Ethics and Compliance (no exemption would be granted for this module) and pass the examination.

**Mature applicants (aged 21 or above) who do not possess the above academic qualifications but with relevant banking experience and recommendation from their employers will be considered on individual merit.*

Fee Structure

For the latest fee structure, please refer to the HKIB website.



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