

At a glance: Alternative assessment

The alternative assessment option is designed for experienced advisers who would prefer a non-examination route to meeting the new Level 4 qualification requirements. Individuals opting for this will need to demonstrate achievements of all the learning outcomes for the new exam standards.

The detail of this qualification route is still being finalised for launch in November 2010, but will typically involve one-to-one personal assessment and a three-stage process:

- **Pre-assessment diagnostic tool** – free access to PFS/CII members, to ensure the adviser understands the requirements and what will be involved
- **Evidence submission** – details of qualifications held and CPD undertaken
- **Assessment day** – to include: a short knowledge test, professional discussion, a case study, scenario discussion, role play and a technical interview with an independent assessor to establish equivalent knowledge and skills levels.

This will be an intensive assessment, only suitable for advisers who have a full and detailed understanding of the new exam standards and who are able to demonstrate this knowledge. It is also the most expensive option at £1,950 (plus VAT) due to the requirement to employ an independent qualified assessor.

On successful completion the Diploma in Regulated Financial Planning qualification will be awarded.

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