

At a glance:

Qualification gap fill

The FSA recognises specified “transitional qualifications”. These are existing qualifications that satisfy the new RDR qualification requirements. Holders of these qualifications will need to bridge any gap between their qualification and the new FSA/FSSC exam standards by the qualification deadline of the end of 2012.

“Transitional qualifications” include the Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning, Advanced Financial Planning Certificate (AFPC) and Associateship (ACII) (with appropriate life and pensions modules). A full listing can be found in the FSA Consultation Paper CP10/14 on the FSA website: www.fsa.gov.uk

The CII and PFS have developed an exclusive member-only comprehensive qualification gap fill programme to assist advisers in bridging this gap. This includes:

- **Diagnostic tool** – this enables you to map the gaps between the CII exams you hold and the new FSA new exam standards so you know exactly what areas you need to address.

Important note: You will have undertaken additional unrecorded development activity as part of your CPD that may satisfy a gap. Where this is the case, you can record this activity through the tools self-evidencing function and in turn update your records.

CII/PFS members can access the tool at www.cii.co.uk/gap-fill

- **Solutions** – the market's widest programme of targeted solutions to address identified gaps. These will take a range of forms from online learning, webinars, technical updates and events delivered by the CII and PFS.

PFS/CII members will receive access to a range of free solutions to enable them to address any gaps identified.

The following solutions are currently available:

- **PDF learning content** – structured learning reading material applicable to each of the 109 FSA learning points. These can be accessed via the online gap fill tool.
- **Technical events** – a national programme of face-to-face PFS gap fill events. Visit www.thepfs.org.uk/events for details.
- **Podcasts** – online recordings of PFS gap fill events. These can be accessed via the online gap fill tool.

Further information and support

To access our comprehensive FAQs, gap fill tool user guide and 4-step guide to gap fill visit www.cii.co.uk/rdr