# **Financial services qualifications**

2017 Information for candidates

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Financial planning
Investments and securities
Life and pensions
Mortgages and equity release





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### The Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) Professionalism in practice

As the premier professional body for the insurance and financial planning professions, the CII promotes higher standards of integrity, technical competence and business capability.

With over 120,000 members in more than 150 countries, the CII is the world's largest professional body dedicated to these sectors.

Success in CII qualifications is universally recognised as evidence of knowledge and understanding. Membership of the CII signals a desire to develop broad professional capability and subscribe to the standards associated with professional status.

The CII works with businesses to develop bespoke, company-wide solutions that ensure competitive advantage by enhancing employees' technical and professional competence.

Individually, CII's members are able to drive their personal development and maintain their professional standing through an unrivalled range of learning services and by adhering to the CII's Code of Ethics.

#### www.cii.co.uk







### Contacting the CII

If you have any queries regarding the qualifications in this brochure please contact Customer Service.

The CII is committed to delivering a first-class service and, to this end, we welcome feedback on any aspect of your relationship with our organisation.

Please forward any views you may have on the service you receive, whether they are positive or otherwise.

We take all such comments seriously, answer them individually, and use them to help ensure that we continually improve the service we provide.

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### 2 Make the most of your career with CII qualifications

The CII financial services framework is driven by what's happening in the market, addressing a broad range of regulatory and professional qualification requirements.

Whether you're a financial planner, paraplanner, intend to become a mortgage adviser, or work in a related support role, CII qualifications develop knowledge and capability to support you throughout your career. For examples of qualification routes matched to different job roles visit www.cii.co.uk/fs-routes

### Quality assurance at every level

Being registered with Ofqual in the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF), CII qualifications and examinations are quality assured. They are available at four levels of difficulty, catering for a range of knowledge and experience.

Levels can be understood in the following terms:



= GCSE standard (grade A\*–C)



= A-level standard



= First year of a degree standard



= Honours degree

You can access further information on Ofgual and the RQF online at www.ofgual.gov.uk

### Our suite of financial services qualifications now includes:

Financial planning	Investments and securities	Life and pensions	Mortgages and equity release						
Award in Long Term Care Insurance	Certificate in Investment Operations	Award in Life and Pensions Foundations	Certificate in Mortgage Advice						
Award in Pensions Update	Certificate in Securities Advice and Dealing	Award in Financial Administration	Certificate in Equity Release						
Certificate in Paraplanning	Certificate in Discretionary Investment Management	Certificate in Financial Services*	Certificate in Advanced Mortgage Advice						
Certificate in Pension Transfers		Certificate in Regulated Financial Services Operations							
Diploma in Regulated Financial Planning									
Diploma in Financial Planning									
Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning									

Further information on these qualifications can be found on the pages overleaf. To compare the key components and requirements of all the CII's financial services qualifications visit **www.cii.co.uk/fs-keyfacts** 

### Award in Retail Banking withdrawal

The Award in Retail Banking is being withdrawn at the end of April 2017. For more information on the Award visit www.cii.co.uk/award-retailbanking

\* The Certificate in Financial Services is also suitable for those working in financial planning operational or technical support roles.

Studying for a qualification can sometimes seem quite daunting, especially if you've been out of formal education for a while. But there's no need to worry about making the right choices, the study time or the exams. If you plan properly, and take advantage of all the support the CII has to offer, your journey should be a smooth one.

### Your guide to studying with us

When starting study with the CII there are a number of steps to take and decisions you'll need to make. As a guide we recommend you consider the following:

### **Enjoy unique member benefits**

Joining the PFS/CII gives you an advantage by creating a platform for your study. It gives you privileged access to technical information including an archive of past exam papers for written exams and online technical library.

You get discounts on CII study materials and exam entry, saving up to 38%. Membership also supports you in your working life. For example, adviser members can apply for their free Statement of Professional Standing (SPS), and qualified members receive free access to a regulator approved CPD programme.

See the inside front cover for more details.

### Non-CII qualifications can count

If you hold a degree or professional qualification in a relevant subject, for example, accounting, business, law, finance, management or maths, you could receive credits that count towards completion of a CII qualification. In doing so, you'll avoid duplicating learning already completed and obtain your CII qualification more quickly.

For further information visit **www.cii.co.uk/prior-learning** where you'll find full guidance on the rules, requirements, fees and an application form.

### Plan your unit pathway

Apart from single-unit 'Awards', CII qualifications require completion of a number of different units, each covering a specific topic.

Some qualifications are designed to meet Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) appropriate qualification requirements, and are, therefore, made up of specific combinations of units. We suggest these are completed in sequence as they often build upon one another.

Others, like the Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning, allow you to self-select units according to your individual circumstances.

Completion requirements for all qualifications can be found on **pages 4–11** and further information on each unit can be found on **pages 12–13**.

### Create a personalised learning programme

You can make studying simpler by taking advantage of the available support, and by selecting study and revision materials that best suit your preferred style of learning.

Exam results show that a blended learning approach, using a combination of learning and revision materials, substantially increases your chance of first-time exam success.

Find out more about available learning materials on pages 14-17.

#### Take exams when you're ready

Multiple-choice question exams tested at online centres are offered throughout the year, typically weekly, so pick your choice of time and location. Written exams are typically available twice-yearly in April and October.

Get the dates for your diary on pages 18-19.

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### Diploma in Regulated Financial Planning

**PFS** member

designation\*

**RQF** Level

Next step

qualification

More details and

to enrol online

www.cii.co.uk/dip-rfp

Advanced Diploma in

**Financial Planning** 

DipPFS

#### **Overview**

The Diploma in Regulated Financial Planning meets the FCA's qualification requirements in full for those advising on retail investment products.

The Diploma develops core technical knowledge and financial planning capabilities, covering:

- (R01) Financial services, regulation and ethics;
- (R02) Investment principles and risk;
- (R03) Personal taxation;
- (R04) Pensions and retirement planning;
- (R05) Financial protection; and
- (R06) Financial planning practice.

Holders of unit R01 may be authorised to advise under supervision by their firm while they work towards completion of the full Diploma.

### **Entry requirements**

None.

#### **Completion requirements**

To complete you need to obtain **100 CII credits** by passing the following six compulsory units: R01–R06.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on these units, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment methods.

#### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- · Study text with updates
- RevisionMate online study support
- Blended learning package
- Key fact booklets
- Question packs
- Audio revision
- Learn interactive tutorial
- Revision courses.

See pages 14–17 for further details, including unit availability and fees.

### Award in Pensions Update (R08)

The CII Pensions Update Programme, which leads to the completion of the RQF Level 4 Award in Pensions Update, offers a complete continuing professional development (CPD) solution that helps planners, paraplanners and those in related roles, stay up to speed with the reforms introduced in April 2015.

The programme comprises unit (R08) Pensions update and includes a study text, online revision support and first exam entry, all for a single fee. Visit **www.cii.co.uk/pensionsupdate** for further information or find out more about unit R08 from **page 12**.

### Diploma in Financial Planning

**PFS** member

designation\*

**RQF** Level

More details and

to enrol online

www.cii.co.uk/dip-

financialplanning

Next step

qualification

Advanced Diploma in

**Financial Planning** 

DipPFS

### Overview

The Diploma in Financial Planning meets the FCA's qualification requirements for those advising on retail investment products (subject to additional gap fill, see www.cii.co.uk/gapfill for more information).

With 37 units to choose from, the Diploma in Financial Planning can develop core technical knowledge and understanding across a broad range of key advisory areas. These include the Diploma in Regulated Financial Planning units listed left, the Diploma units listed below and Advanced Diploma units opposite:

- (J02) Trusts;
- (J03) The tax and legal aspects of business;
- (J05) Pension income options;
- (J07) Supervision in a regulated environment;
- (J09) Paraplanning;
- (J10) Discretionary investment management;
- (J11) Wrap and platform services;
- (J12) Securities advice and dealing;
- (R07) Advanced mortgage advice; and
- (R08) Pensions update.

### **Entry requirements**

None, but one of the following CII qualifications, or equivalent, must be held in order to complete: Certificate in Financial Services, Certificate in Regulated Financial Services Operations or withdrawn Certificate in Financial Planning.

### **Completion requirements**

To complete you need to obtain 140 CII credits, of which:

- At least 80 CII credits must be at Diploma-level (units J02, J03, J05, J07, J09–J12, R01–R04, and R06–R08). The following can also count towards this requirement:
  - Credits from withdrawn CII AFPC units; and
  - One Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning unit (AF1–AF6) or a maximum of 30 non-specific Advanced Diploma credits.
- The remaining credits can come from any CII financial services units, excluding unit LF1, subject to a maximum of 30 Advanced Diploma-level credits or 30 non-specific Advanced Diploma-level credits being used overall.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on these units.

### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- · Study text with updates
- RevisionMate online study support
- · Revision courses.

See pages 14-17 for further details, including unit availability and fees.

### Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning

PFS member

designation\*

**RQF** Level

More details and

to enrol online

www.cii.co.uk/adip-

financialplanning

qualification

PFS Fellowship

or graduate and

(see opposite)

postgraduate courses

Next step

APFS

### Overview

The Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning builds on existing skills and knowledge, enabling advisers to develop specialist planning capabilities and offer a sophisticated and comprehensive approach to financial management.

Completion leads to Chartered Financial Planner status, see right for details.

The Advanced Diploma requires completion of at least four of the following six financial planning units:

- (AF1) Personal tax and trust planning;
- (AF2) Business financial planning;
- (AF3) Pension planning (final exam Apr 18)\*;
- (AF4) Investment planning;
- (AF5) Financial planning process (compulsory); and
- (AF6) Senior management and supervision.

These units build on Diploma-level learning. Visit this qualification's webpage for examples of topic-specific study routes.

\* Visit www.cii.c.uk/fp-developments for details of enhancements being made to CII Level 6 pensions exams.

#### Entry requirements

None, but one of the following qualifications must be held in order to complete:

- Diploma in Financial Planning; or
- Diploma in Regulated Financial Planning.

### Completion requirements

To complete you need to obtain 290 CII credits, of which:

 At least 120 CII credits must be at Advanced Diploma-level (units AF1-AF6). Where you already hold withdrawn CII AFPC units these will count towards this requirement.

These must include compulsory unit AF5 (holders of AFPC unit (H25) Holistic financial planning satisfy this requirement).

- A further 40 CII credits must be at Diploma-level or above.
- The remaining credits can come from any CII financial services units, excluding LF1.

Turn to **pages 12–13** for further information on these units, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment methods.

#### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- Case study workbook
- · RevisionMate online study support
- Audio revision
- Revision courses.

See pages 14-17 for further details, including unit availability and fees.

### Beyond the Advanced Diploma

#### Chartered status

Advanced Diploma holders are eligible for Chartered Financial Planner status, which is now held by over 5,000 individuals, subject to having five years' experience (not necessarily post-qualification).

Independent research confirms that Chartered status resonates best with the public in terms of recognition, trust and confidence. It therefore helps place the financial advice sector on a par with other professions, such as accountants and solicitors and distinguishes holders from their competitors and peers.

The CII also offers corporate Chartered status to qualifying financial planning firms, further enhancing the visible professionalism of the advice sector. The eligibility criteria for corporate Chartered status include requirements relating to the holding of Chartered status by individuals. Visit www.cii.co.uk/chartered for further information.

### **PFS Fellowship**

Those wishing to continue their studies can work towards Fellowship of the Personal Finance Society. A total of 350 CII credits are required to obtain the Fellowship, this must include obtaining 290 CII credits through completion of the Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning. The remaining 60 credits can come from any of the units offered within the CII financial services qualifications framework.

### Fast track and direct entry graduate and postgraduate courses

The CII has partnered with a panel of UK universities to give Advanced Diploma holders fast-track and/or direct entry routes to a programme of graduate and postgraduate degree courses. These range from Bachelor degrees in financial services and management practice to Masters in wealth management, finance, marketing and business administration. Course formats includes both full-time and part-time study and, in some instances, distance learning.

Visit www.cii.co.uk/degreecourses for further information.

### Specialist options

### Group risk exam (GR1)

Developed in conjunction with Group Risk Development (GRID) this is the only dedicated examination for the group risk market. Unit GR1 develops understanding of all aspects of the group risk sector, including the background of UK group risk products and the employee benefits market in general. It covers specific product features and explores the roles of intermediaries, insurers and reinsurers.

It can be sat on a stand-alone basis by anyone wanting to develop their knowledge of this important market or as study towards other CII qualifications such as the Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning. Visit www.cii.co.uk/shop/GR1 for further information.

### Award in Long Term Care Insurance (CF8)

This single unit qualification develops knowledge and understanding of long term care insurance contracts, and the legal, taxation and regulatory issues relevant to advising on this class of business.

Candidates who pass this unit and hold any of the following qualifications (or equivalent) will meet the FCA's appropriate qualification requirements for advising on long term care insurance products: the Diploma in Regulated Financial Planning, Diploma in Financial Planning and Certificate in Financial Planning.

Visit www.cii.co.uk/award-ltc for further information.

\* PFS/CII membership and Continuing Professional Development requirements apply.

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### Certificate in Paraplanning

### Overview

This qualification meets the specific needs of paraplanners, or those aspiring to be paraplanners. It offers a dedicated qualification route that develops core technical knowledge in a number of key advisory areas and specialist report writing skills that help with the provision of sound professional advice.

The Certificate comprises four compulsory units:

- (R01) Financial services, regulation and ethics; **or**
- (CF1) UK financial services, regulation and ethics;
- (R02) Investment principles and
- (R03) Personal taxation; and
- (J09) Paraplanning.

### **Entry requirements**

None.

#### Completion requirements

To complete you need to obtain **80 CII credits** by passing compulsory units: R01 or CF1, R02, R03 and J09.

For this qualification only, holders of the following withdrawn CII units will satisfy the RO2 and RO3 compulsory unit requirements:

- (J06) Investment principles, markets and environment or (G70) Investment portfolio management = R02; and
- (J01) Personal tax = R03.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on these units, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment methods.

#### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- · Study text with updates
- RevisionMate online study support
- Blended learning programme
- Key fact booklets
- Question packs
- Audio revision
- · Learn interactive tutorial
- Revision courses.

See pages 14-17 for further details, including unit availability and fees

### Certificate in Pension Transfers

### Overview

**PFS** member

designation\*

**RQF** Level

CertPFS (Paraplanning)

More details and

to enrol online

www.cii.co.uk/cert-

paraplanning

Next step

qualification

Diploma in Regulated

Financial Planning or

Advanced Diploma in

**Financial Planning** 

The Certificate in Pension Transfers provides the in-depth knowledge and practical skills needed by anyone seeking to advise on the transfer of safeguarded benefits, an increasingly important part of the advice process following the Government's pension reforms.

The RQF Level 4 Certificate includes new Level 6 unit (AF7) Pension transfers. Visit www.cii.c.uk/fpdevelopments for details of related developments at Level 6.

Pending FCA approval expected in Feb 2017, the Certificate is intended to satisfy the appropriate qualification requirements for those wanting to undertake pension transfer activities. For the latest position please monitor www.cii.co.uk/cert-pensiontransfers

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**RQF** Level

## More details and to enrol online

www.cii.co.uk/certpensiontransfers

### Next step qualifications

Diploma in Regulated Financial Planning or Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning

The Certificate comprises four compulsory units:

- (R01) Financial services, regulation and ethics;
- (R02) Investment principles and risk;
- (R04) Pensions and retirement planning; and
- (AF7) Pension transfers Study text available July, first exam October.

### **Entry requirements**

None

#### **Completion requirements**

To complete you need to obtain **70 CII credits** by passing compulsory units: R01, R02, R04 and AF7.

Turn to **pages 12–13** for further information on these units, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment methods.

#### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- Study text with updates
- RevisionMate online study support
- Blended learning programme
- Key fact booklets
- Question packs
- Audio revision
- Learn interactive tutorial
- Revision courses

See pages 14–17 for further details, including unit availability and fees.

### Certificate in Investment Operations

**CII** member

designation

Not available

**RQF** Level

More details and

to enrol online

www.cii.co.uk/cert-

Next step

Operations

qualifications

**Financial Services** 

investmentoperations

Certificate in Regulated

### Overview

The Certificate in Investment
Operations is an introductory
qualification that provides the essential
knowledge and skills needed by a wide
range of operational staff working with
investments. It develops a general
understanding of financial services and
provides a practical insight into one of
three areas of investment operations.

Importantly, the Certificate also satisfies the FCA qualification requirements for overseers of certain investment operations functions.

The Certificate comprises two compulsory units and one elective:

- (R01) Financial services, regulation and ethics; or
- (CF1) UK financial services, regulation and ethics; and
- . (FA4) Collective investment scheme administration; or
- (FA5) Individual savings accounts administration; or
- · (FA6) Investment client servicing

### Entry requirements

None.

#### Completion requirements

To complete you need to obtain **25 CII credits** by passing compulsory units: R01 or CF1 and one unit from: FA4-FA6.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on these units, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment methods.

#### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- · Study text with updates
- · RevisionMate online study support
- Key fact booklets
- Question packs
- Audio revision
- Learn interactive tutorial
- Revision courses.

See  ${\bf pages~14\hbox{--}17}$  for further details, including unit availability and fees.

# Certificate in Securities Advice and Dealing

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### **Overview**

The Certificate in Securities Advice and Dealing satisfies the FCA's appropriate qualification requirements for those advising and/or dealing in securities and is also suitable for those working in a support role who want to develop their knowledge of this sector.

The Certificate comprises four compulsory units:

- (R01) Financial services, regulation and ethics;
- (R02) Investment principles and
- · (R03) Personal taxation; and
- (J12) Securities advice and dealing.

# PFS member designation\* CertPFS (Securities)

**RQF** Level

More details and

to enrol online www.cii.co.uk/certsecurities

## Next step qualification

Diploma in Regulated Financial Planning

Diploma in Financial Planning holders should note that also passing unit J12 satisfies the FCA's appropriate qualification requirements for advising on and/or dealing in securities.

### Entry requirements

None.

### **Completion requirements**

To complete you need to obtain **70 CII credits** by passing compulsory units: R01–R03 and J12.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on these units, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment methods.

### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- · Study text with updates
- · RevisionMate online study support
- Key fact booklets
- Question packs
- Audio revision

· Revision courses.

Learn interactive tutorial

See pages 14–17 for further details, including unit availability and fees.

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### **Life and pensions**

# Certificate in Discretionary Investment Management

### **Overview**

This qualification develops the wealth strategy and portfolio management skills required for effective discretionary investment management, and satisfies the FCA's appropriate qualification requirements for this class of business.

The Certificate is also relevant for those monitoring the outsourcing of this activity and for those in investment-related support roles who wish to develop their knowledge of investments.

The Certificate comprises two compulsory units:

- (R01) Financial services, regulation and ethics; **and**
- (J10) Discretionary investment management.

### Entry requirements

None.

### **Completion requirements**

To complete you need to obtain **40 CII credits** by passing compulsory units: RO1 and J10.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on these units, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment methods.

#### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- Study text with updates
- RevisionMate online study support
- Key fact booklets
- Question packs
- Audio revision
- Learn interactive tutorial
- Revision courses.

See pages 14–17 for further details, including unit availability and fees.

### Award in Life and Pensions Foundations

### **Overview**

PFS member

designation\*

CertPFS (DM)

**RQF** Level

More details and

investmentmanagement

to enrol online

www.cii.co.uk/cert-

Next step

qualification

Financial Planning

Diploma in Regulated

The Award in Life and Pensions Foundations is an introductory-level qualification that provides an understanding of key life and pensions topics, including: customer needs and solutions across pensions, protection, investments and savings; the sector's value to society and the economy; and the importance of professional conduct and maintaining a customer focus.

The Award is particularly suitable for those who are new to the sector, although is also suitable for those in existing roles looking to demonstrate and enhance their knowledge of the sector. The Award is also relevant for those in associated industries and support roles who require an introduction to life and pensions.

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Award in Financial Administration or Certificate in Financial Services

**CII** member

designation

Not available

**RQF** Level

More details and

www.cii.co.uk/award-

to enrol online

The Award comprises one compulsory unit: (LF1) Life and pensions foundations.

### **Entry requirements**

None.

### Completion requirements

To complete you need to pass compulsory unit LF1.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on this unit, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment method.

### Learning support

Study materials for this qualification include:

- Study text with updates
- RevisionMate online study support.

See pages 14-17 for further details, including unit availability and fees.

### Award in Financial Administration

### Overview

The Award in Financial Administration is an introductory qualification providing a vital grounding in the financial services sector, the process of investment planning, and the administration of life or pensions business, depending on the unit selected.

Importantly, it satisfies the FCA qualification requirements for overseers of certain administrative life and pensions functions.

The Award comprises two compulsory units:

- (R01) Financial services, regulation and ethics; or
- (CF1) UK financial services, regulation and ethics; and
- (FA1) Life office administration; or
- (FA2) Pensions administration.

### **Entry requirements**

None

#### Completion requirements

To complete you need to obtain **25 CII credits** by passing compulsory units: R01 or CF1 and FA1 or FA2.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on these units, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment methods.

### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically includes:

- Study text with updates
- · RevisionMate online study support
- Key fact booklets
- Question packs
- · Audio revision
- · Learn interactive tutorial
- · Revision courses.

See pages 14–17 for further details, including unit availability and fees.

### Certificate in Financial Services

### Overview

**CII** member

designation

Not available

**RQF** Level

Next step

Services

qualifications

Certificate in Financial

More details and

www.cii.co.uk/award-

financialadministration

to enrol online

The Certificate in Financial Services has been developed to meet the needs of those working in operational and technical support roles, and offers targeted learning routes.

### The new Life and Pensions route

develops knowledge and understanding of the sector's role and its activities; key customer needs, solutions and products; and how individuals and organisations work within a regulatory and legislative environment.

It is particularly suitable for those working in the life, pensions and long term savings sector, including customer operations back-office staff and contact centre team leaders.

The General route develops fundamental knowledge of the financial services sector, including regulation, legislation, customer service, administration, marketing in financial services and key products.

### CII member designations\*

Life and Pensions route: Cert CII (Life and Pensions)

General route: Cert CII (FS)

### RQF Level

### More details and to enrol online

www.cii.co.uk/certfinancialservices

### Next step qualifications

Diploma in Financial Planning

It's ideal for those providing operational support to financial planners, paraplanners and technical support staff.

### Entry requirements

None.

### Completion requirements

To complete the life and pensions route you need to obtain **45 CII credits** by passing compulsory units: LP1, LP2 or withdrawn FA7 and LP3.

To complete the general route you need to obtain **35 CII credits**, which must include compulsory units R01 or CF1 and LP2 or withdrawn FA7.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on these units.

### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- Study text with updates
- RevisionMate online study support
- Revision courses.

See  ${\bf pages~14\hbox{--}17}$  for further details, including unit availability and fees.

<sup>\*</sup> PFS/CII membership and Continuing Professional Development requirements apply.

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### **Mortgages and equity release**

**CII** member

designation\*

Cert CII (MP)

**RQF** Level

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to enrol online

www.cii.co.uk/cert-

mortgageadvice

qualification

Mortgage Advice

Certificate in Advanced

Next step

# Certificate in Regulated Financial Services Operations

**CII** member

designation\*

Cert CII (FS)

**RQF** Level

Next step

**Planning** 

qualification

Diploma in Financial

More details and

www.cii.co.uk/cert-rfso

to enrol online

#### **Overview**

The Certificate in Regulated Financial Services Operations (previously known as the Certificate in Financial Services, product-specific route) develops fundamental knowledge of the financial services sector, including regulation, legislation, and overseeing and administering financial products across a range of areas.

It's ideal for those involved in or overseeing the operational delivery of life, pensions or investment products, in addition to other financial services support roles.

This three unit route offers an ideal next-step for holders of the Award in Financial Administration or Certificate in Investment Operations, requiring completion of one further unit.

### **Entry requirements**

None

### **Completion requirements**

To complete you need to obtain **35 CII credits**, which must include compulsory units R01 or CF1 and two units from: FA1, FA2, FA4-FA6.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on these units, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment methods.

### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- Study text with updates
- · RevisionMate online study support
- · Revision courses

See pages 14–17 for further details, including unit availability and fees.

### Certificate in Mortgage Advice

### **Overview**

The Certificate in Mortgage Advice is relevant for those intending to become mortgage advisers or those working in a support role. It develops an understanding of the sector, the mortgage process and enables advisers to meet individual client needs.

Completion of the Certificate meets the FCA's appropriate qualification requirements for mortgage advisers.

The Certificate in Mortgage Advice comprises two compulsory units:

- (R01) Financial services, regulation and ethics; **or**
- (CF1) UK financial services, regulation and ethics; and
- (CF6) Mortgage advice.

### **Entry requirements**

None

### Completion requirements

To complete you need to obtain **35 CII credits** by passing compulsory units: R01 or CF1 and CF6.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on these units, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment methods.

### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- Study text with updates
- RevisionMate online study support
- Blended learning programme
- Key fact booklets
- Question packs
- Audio revision
- Learn interactive tutorial
- · Revision courses.

See pages 14–17 for further details, including unit availability and fees.

### Certificate in Equity Release

### Overview

The Certificate in Equity Release is relevant for anyone seeking to advise on equity release products (both home reversion plans and lifetime mortgages), and for those who work in a support role in this sector.

Holders of the Certificate meet the FCA's appropriate qualification requirements for advising on this class of business.

The Certificate in Equity Release comprises three compulsory units:

- (R01) Financial services, regulation and ethics; **or**
- (CF1) UK financial services, regulation and ethics;
- (CF6) Mortgage advice; and
- (ER1) Equity release.

### **Entry requirements**

None.

### Completion requirements

To complete you need to obtain **50 CII credits** by passing compulsory units: R01 or CF1, CF6 and ER1.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on these units, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment methods.

#### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- Study text with updates
- · RevisionMate online study support
- · Blended learning programme
- Key fact booklets
- Question packs
- Audio revision
- Learn interactive tutorial
- Revision courses.

See pages 14–17 for further details, including unit availability and fees.

### Certificate in Advanced Mortgage Advice

**CII** member

designation\*

Cert SMP

**RQF** Level

More details and

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### Overview

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Next step

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Mortgage Advice

Certificate in Advanced

The Certificate in Advanced Mortgage Advice goes beyond the FCA's minimum qualification requirements and enables mortgage advisers to continue developing their advice capabilities. It also brings advisers and those working in support roles up to speed with recent changes to the mortgage process arising from the Mortgage Market Review.

The Certificate is an ideal next-step for candidates who hold the Certificate in Mortgage Advice or Certificate in Equity

Release, only requiring completion of one further unit where units R01 and CF6 are held.

The Certificate in Advanced Mortgage Advice comprises three compulsory units:

- (R01) Financial services, regulation and ethics;
- (CF6) Mortgage advice; and
- (R07) Advanced mortgage advice.

### Entry requirements

None

### Completion requirements

To complete you need to obtain **55 CII credits** by passing compulsory units: R01, CF6 and R07.

Turn to pages 12–13 for further information on these units, including recommended minimum study hours and assessment methods.

### Learning support

Unit study materials for this qualification typically include:

- Study text with updates
- RevisionMate online study support
- Blended learning programme
- Key fact booklets
- Question packs
- Audio revision
- · Learn interactive tutorial
- · Revision courses.

See pages 14-17 for further details, including unit availability and fees.

12 Qualification units

(CF8) Long term care

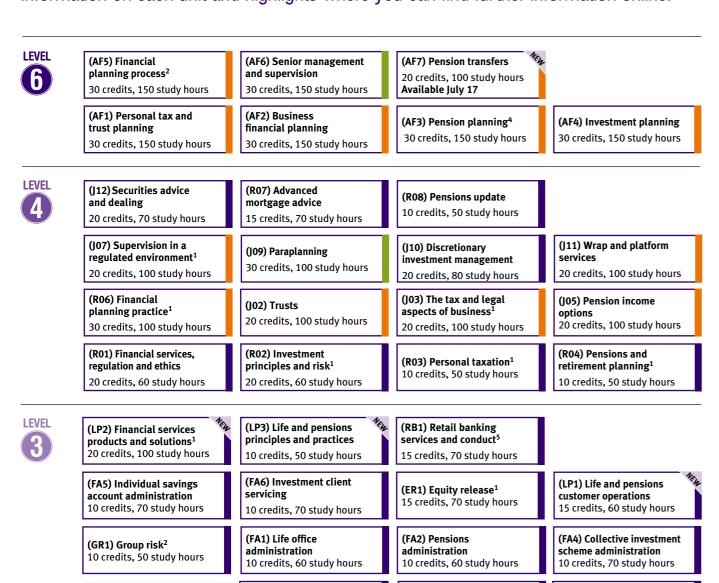
15 credits, 80 study hours

insurance

(CF6) Mortgage advice

20 credits, 100 study hours

Once you've selected your chosen qualification and understood the completion requirements, you'll need to plan your unit pathway. This section gives you more information on each unit and highlights where you can find further information online.





(LF1) Life and pensions foundations<sup>3</sup> 40 study hours

(CF1) UK financial services,

15 credits, 60 study hours

regulation and ethics1

#### Notos

1 This unit is treated as equivalent to a withdrawn CII unit. Refer to 'CII credit awards for similar units' opposite for more information.

(R05) Financial protection1

10 credits, 50 study hours

- 2 Not Ofqual registered.
- 3 Unit LF1 does not award any CII credits.
- 4 Unit AF3 is being withdrawn and will be examined for the final time in April 2018. Visit www.cii.c.uk/fp-developments for further details.
- 5 Unit RB1 is being withdrawn and will be examined for the final time in April 2017.

### Assessment method

Each unit covers an individually assessed topic. Assessment methods vary and depend on a unit's level and subject matter.

#### Written exam

Tested in April and October and also January and July for R06.
Results are released after nine weeks (six weeks for R06).

#### Online exam

Multiple-choice questions, tested year-round, typically weekly, at online exam centres, with immediate notification of results online.

#### Coursework assignments

Three assignments, each typically 2,000 to 3,000 words, which need to be passed within a 12 month enrolment period.

### Unit syllabuses

CII units are based on the published syllabuses which set out the learning outcomes expected of candidates during the assessment. It is essential that you familiarise yourself with these before commencing study.

Syllabuses may also specify entry guidance, where existing knowledge gained from previous study is required, and identify published material designed to help candidates prepare for exams or coursework assessment.

Visit www.cii.co.uk/qualifications (and select your qualification) to download unit syllabuses.

### CII credit awards for similar units

Due to the extent of syllabus overlap, certain combinations of current and withdrawn CII units will result in only one award of credits. If a withdrawn equivalent is held you may not need to complete a current unit in order to satisfy a qualification's completion rules.

Where two of these units are held, the higher of the two credit figures will be added to your CII Learning Account. However, should you wish, you may still choose to sit an 'overlapping' unit in order to enhance your knowledge (for which you will gain no credits).

Visit www.cii.co.uk/similar-units for details.

Units	Assessment method	Nominal pass mark*
LF1, FA1, FA2	1 hour exam comprising 50 MCQs	70%
FA4-FA6		
LP2	2 hour exam comprising 75 MCQs	
RB1		
LP1	90 minute exam comprising 15 MCQs plus 35 MCQs linked to 7 case studies	
LP3	90 minute exam comprising 50 MCQs	
CF6	3 hour exam comprising 100 MCQs and 5 case studies, each comprising 5 MCQs	
CF8, ER1	2 hour exam comprising 50 MCQs and 5 case studies, each comprising 5 MCQs	
J02, J03, J05, J07	2 hour exam comprising 15 compulsory written short answer questions	55%
J11	2 hour exam comprising compulsory written short answer questions and 2 essay-style questions	
J09	3 written coursework assignments, each typically 2,000 to 3,000 words	65%
J10	2 hour exam comprising 70 MCQs and 4 case studies each comprising 5 MCQs	R01–R04, J10, J12,
J12	2 hour exam comprising 60 MCQs and 3 case studies each comprising 5 MCQs	R07, R08: 65% CF1, GR1, R05: 70%
CF1, R01, R02	2 hour exam comprising 100 MCQs	C11, GR1, R03. 7070
GR1, R03-R05	1 hour exam comprising 50 MCQs	
R07	2 hour exam comprising 55 MCQs and 4 case studies, each comprising 5 MCQs	
R08	1 hour exam comprising 40 MCQs and 1 case study comprising 5 MCQs	
R06	3 hour exam comprising 2 written case studies on financial planning practice. Candidates receive the case studies two weeks before the exam	55%
AF1–AF4	3 hour case study based exam. 160 marks spread over 3 compulsory questions	
AF5	3 hour exam. Candidates receive a 'fact find' two weeks before the examination. The exam tests key aspects of the financial planning process as applied to the client scenario	
AF6	3 written coursework assignments, each typically 2,000 to 3,000 words	55%
AF7 (first exam Oct 17)	2 hour exam comprising 3–4 compulsory written short answer questions and 2 case study based questions	60%

<sup>\*</sup> The nominal pass mark is shown, however, the actual pass mark may vary from one session to another to ensure that the pass standard remains constant.

Once you've chosen your unit you can purchase a study option. Blended learning offers a complete learning, revision and exam package, whilst other study options provide core learning support.

Study options	Units	Cost	per unit				
		Member	Non-membe				
Blended learning and exam package	AF1, AF3, AF4	£273	£334				
Units AF1, AF3 and AF4	R01, R02, R03, R04, R06	£263	£338				
The package for these units includes: Case study workbook with updates; RevisionMate online study support (which includes the latest exam guide), audio revision, an exam entry and 20% off any revision course for the unit selected. <b>Note</b> : this package is only available to purchase from August through	CF1, CF6, R05	£205	£244				
to April, when audio revision is offered for these units.  Units R01–R06  The package for these units includes: study text with updates, RevisionMate online study support (which includes the lastest exam guide), key fact booklet,							
Learn interactive tutorial, audio revision, question pack (excl. R06), 20% off any revision course for the unit selected.							
Units CF1 and CF6	Package prices inc		ınt on individual				
The package for these units includes: study text with updates, RevisionMate and online study support (which includes the latest exam guide), key fact booklet, Learn interactive tutorial, an exam entry and 20% off any revision course for the unit selected.	member and non-member prices.						
See overleaf for information on revision aids.							
<b>Important note:</b> We recommend you sit the exam during your study option's testing/enrolment period (see opposite page for details). However, <b>exams can be sat up to 18 months from the point of purchase</b> and a study option renewal service is available if needed.							
Study text and exam package	LF1	£86	£98				
This includes a study text with updates (see 'study text with updates' below)	LP1-LP3, RB1	£160	£195				
and first exam entry. See important note above regarding exam entry expiry.	R08	£138	£185				
Study text with updates	CF1, CF6, CF8,	£70	f85				
Available in either printed or ebook format, study texts offer structured self-study that develops understanding and learning of the exam syllabus. Chapters clearly define learning outcomes and include self-test questions.	ER1, GR1, FA1, FA2, FA4–FA6, LP1–LP3, R05	_, .					
Includes electronic updates to the study text, and access to a host of online study support services through our RevisionMate study tool.	R01-R04, R06, R07, J02, J03, J05, J07, J10-J12	£92	£127				
	AF7 available in Jul 17	£144	£168				
Coursework assessment including study text with updates	109	£408	£496				
In addition to the provision of a study text, electronic updates and RevisionMate study support, this option includes the marking of the three 2,000 to 3,000 word coursework assignments (first submissions only) which must be passed within the 12 month enrolment period.	AF6	£443	£530				
See opposite for more information.							
Case study workbook with updates	AF1-AF4	£144	£168				
Offering structured self-study that gives guidance on key areas and practice in answering case study questions, similar to those you will complete in the exam. Includes electronic updates and access to a host of online study support services through our RevisionMate study tool.							

### Study option guidance

### Certificate-level units, R0 units, J10 and J12 – multiple-choice question exam

Available to purchase year-round, core study texts are based on tax year specific unit syllabuses, which are tested from 01 September through to 31 August, typically weekly. Unit RB1 is the only exception, which is tested from 01 May through to 30 April.

During these times you can access online study text updates and should sit the exam whilst your material remains current. Study material reflecting the new tax year can be purchased from July each year, for examination from September – please ensure you purchase materials for the period in which you plan to sit the exam.

### J02, J03, J05, J07, J11, AF1-AF4 and AF7 - written exam

Available to purchase year-round, core study texts are based on tax year specific unit syllabuses which are tested twice a year in April and October.

Study texts for these units come with a 12 month enrolment period, during which time you can access online study text updates and you are sent any new study text editions that are published (regardless of whether or not you hold a pass in the unit). This ensures your material is applicable to at least two exam sessions.

#### J09 and AF6 – coursework assessment

Available to purchase year-round, this option also includes a study text based on a tax year specific unit syllabus. All three assignments, including any resubmissions, must be submitted within a 12 month enrolment period in order to complete the unit. Otherwise, you will need to re-enrol and complete three new assignments. You can access online study text updates during your enrolment.

To access our must-read guidelines and instructions and FAQs, visit:

- J09: www.cii.co.uk/cert-paraplanning
- AF6: www.cii.co.uk/adip-financialplanning

The following resubmission fees for failed J09 and AF6 assignments apply:

£127 members, £174 non-members

### **Delivery of material**

#### Printed

Once we have received your order you should allow 5 days for delivery of printed material within the UK and 21 days outside the UK. Study options delivered to a UK address will need to be signed for and include email/SMS delivery notifications and online tracking. To be kept updated on the progress of your delivery please ensure you have provided us with a valid email address and mobile number.

#### Electronic

For material delivered electronically, such as ebooks, we aim for same-day delivery for orders received before midday, Monday to Friday. Once available you'll receive an email with instructions on how to access your material.

### Study option renewal

You can extend the life of your study text or case study workbook enrolment once your course has expired. This option is renewable on an annual basis and you will be sent a letter inviting you to update your material. Turn to page 3 of the bacs and cheque application form at the back of this brochure for fees or visit www.cii.co.uk/qualifications (select your qualification then unit).

### ebooks

Study texts and key fact booklets are available in ebook format, allowing you to study on the move and reduce your carbon footprint. The cost (incl. VAT) is the same as the equivalent printed study text, so when ordering just choose which version you want.

Once ordered, you'll be given access to a variety of formats (downloaded from RevisionMate) suitable for the majority of popular devices, such as iPad and Kindle. ebooks require appropriate ereader software to be installed on your portable device or computer.

Please note that once downloaded ebooks are non-refundable. ebooks are not supplied as PDF files and cannot be printed.

Study text ebooks give you access to the same benefits as the printed study text, with the same enrolment period, updates to content and access to RevisionMate.

Non-EU candidates: ebooks attract VAT in the EU and therefore prices shown include VAT at the current rate of 20%. ebook enrolment fees for non-EU candidates, which exclude VAT, can be found online at www.cii.co.uk/ebooks

Further information and free sample chapters can be found online at www.cii.co.uk/ebooks

### RevisionMate study support

Available to candidates with a current study option enrolment, RevisionMate gives free access to an unrivalled suite of support tools designed to maximise the chances of exam success.

These typically include:

- Online study text provided for quick reference
- Study planner build a routine and manage time most effectively
- Study tips get practical guidance on achieving the most from your studies
- Student discussion forum share common queries and learn with peers
- Quiz questions check understanding of the study text
- Exam guide practice exam technique by downloading the latest CII exam guide.

For more information visit www.cii.co.uk/revisionmate

### Exam entry fees

With the exception of units RB1, LF1, LP1-LP3, R08, J09, AF6 and blended learning enrolments, there is a standard exam entry fee per unit.

See page 19 for details.

### Order securely online

ders can be placed online by visiting www.cii.co.uk/qualification and selecting your qualification then unit

**16 Revision support** 

You can supplement core learning by accessing a range of revision aids, developed to maximise your chance of passing.

Revision aids	Units	Cost per unit				
		Member	Non-member			
Exam guides  For written exams these comprise a past paper with examiners' comments on candidates' performance and key points for inclusion in your answers. For online-tested units these comprise a complete mock exam and answers, highlighting syllabus areas covered and useful hints.  Study option enrollees can download the latest exam guide for free from RevisionMate. Alternatively, these are available to purchase online at www.cii.co.uk/qualifications (supplied as PDF files for you to print off).	Available for all units Free for new units LF1, LP1, LP2 and LP3. AF7 available in Feb 17	£12 (incl. VAT)	£13 (incl. VAT)			
<b>Key fact booklets</b> Key fact booklets summarise the key information contained in the study text and are perfect for studying on the move. Available as either printed pocket-sized booklets or in ebook format. The cost of ekey fact booklets includes VAT, see the ebooks section on <b>page 15</b> for more information.	CF1, CF6, ER1, FA1, FA2, R01-R06	£26	£31			
Question packs  Delivered online through RevisionMate, question packs provide comprehensive, flexible and interactive self-testing of the unit syllabus. Number of questions per pack: R01–R05 300, CF1 and R08 200 and CF6 250 (varies according to the number of questions in the exam).	CF1, CF6, R01–R05, R08	£26 (incl. VAT)	£31 (incl. VAT)			
Audio revision	R01–R06, R08	£44 (incl. VAT)	£48 (incl. VAT)			
MP3 audio material for RO units covers the key elements of each subject and lasts between 3–5 hours, depending on the unit. The AF options cover key Diploma learning points that underpin application at Advanced level, together with exam technique guidance. Each lasts between 5–8 hours, depending on the unit selected.  Delivered online via RevisionMate, audio files are simple to download and are great for making use of time spent when travelling. Produced by Patterson Audio.	AF1, AF3, AF4	£70 (incl. VAT)	£76 (incl. VAT)			
Learn interactive tutorial  This elearning course provides highly interactive study and is backed by a revision assessment tool for you to check understanding as you progress.  Minimum system requirements:  Operating system: Windows/OSX/Android/iOS  Web browser: Latest versions of IE/Safari/Firefox/Chrome.  To check compatibility with a computer or device you can access a course demo at www.cii.co.uk/elearning	CF1, CF6, R01–R06	£44 (incl. VAT)	£48 (incl. VAT)			

Non-EU candidates: ebooks, Learn, exam guides, question packs and audio revision all attract VAT in the EU and, therefore, prices shown include VAT at the current rate of 20%. Fees for non-EU candidates, which exclude VAT, can be found online at www.cii.co.uk/ebooks

Delivered by our expert tutors, CII revision courses offer valuable support in the weeks leading up to the exam.

Revision courses	Units	Cost p	oer unit
		Member	Non-member
Revision days	CF1, CF6	£230	£270
CII revision courses provide expert tutor support ahead of the exam and are designed to improve your chances of passing.	R01–R06, R08,	£265	£310
Courses enable you to:	J02, J03, J05,		
Explore the syllabus in detail	J07, J10–J12		
Clarify areas of concern in the syllabus			
Discover what the examiner is looking for			
Discuss common mistakes and how to avoid them			
Learn useful revision and exam techniques.			
Two day revision workshops  Two day workshops provide all the benefits of the one day course but offer	R01-R04, R08, J02, J03, J05,	£420	£505
increased opportunity to interact with the tutor and fellow students, plus	J07		
allotted time to practise exam technique and to gain feedback on your answers.	AF1-AF6	£450	£550

### When?

Revision courses for written exams are usually scheduled 3–4 weeks before the April and October exam sessions (incl. January and July for R06). Courses for online-tested exams are offered throughout the year according to demand.

### Where?

Courses are held throughout the UK, and whilst locations vary according to demand, venues include: London, Birmingham, Bristol, Doncaster and Glasgow.

### Making your choice

The latest course dates and locations can be viewed online at www.cii.co.uk/examsuccess

Alternatively you can contact Customer Service on +44 (0)20 8989 8464 to find out what's available where.

### Order securely online

Orders can be placed online by visiting www.cii.co.uk/qualifications and selecting your qualification then unit.

Those who attended a CII revision course in 2016 improved their chances of exam success by up to 48%.

Source: CII Statistics 2016

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### 18 Exam entry

This section contains fee information for all exams and important dates and deadlines for written exams. Detailed information on multiple-choice tested exams can be found online.

### Written exam deadlines

The information below applies to written exam units R06, J02, J03, J05, J07, J11 and AF1-AF6.

		January 2017	April 2017	July 2017	October 2017
Exam entry The following entry deadlines apply (after which changes to entries won't be accepted)	• At normal fee	R06 only <b>16 Dec 16</b>	All units 22 Feb 17	R06 only <b>02 Jun 17</b>	All units 30 Aug 17
	At late fee	R06 only <b>03 Jan 17</b>	All units 17 Mar 17	R06 only <b>16 Jun 17</b>	All units 22 Sep 17

#### Once entered for an exam:

- an exam entry confirmation will be sent within seven working days from receipt of your application
- an exam admission permit will be sent ten working days before the exam begins or six weeks for non-UK applicants.

Exam sittings	Exams are scheduled on the following dates	16 Jan 17	03–05 Apr 17	03 Jul 17	09–11 Oct 17
Exam results  Results are released online at www.cii.co.uk/results (you will need to log in using your CII PIN and password) and sent by 1st class post on the following dates	UK exam centre	R06 only <b>24 Feb 17</b>	R06 only 12 May 17 All units excl. R06 02 Jun 17	R06 only 11 Aug 17	R06 only 17 Nov 17 All units excl. R06 08 Dec 17
	• Non-UK exam centre	n/a	R06 only 12 May 17 All units excl. R06 09 Jun 17	n/a	R06 only 17 Nov 17 All units excl. R06 15 Dec 17

#### Important information for written exam entrants

- Please contact Customer Service if you do not receive your exam entry confirmation or exam admission permit, either by emailing admissionpermitenquiries@cii.co.uk or calling +44 (0)20 8989 8464.
- When you receive your exam admission permit you must read it in full and check whether any change has been made to the date or times of the units for which you have entered and that the units shown on your permit are those that you intend to sit. If there is any discrepancy you should contact Customer Service immediately.
- By taking a CII exam you are agreeing to the regulations stated on the exam admission permit as well as those detailed at www.cii.co.uk/exampolicies

### Order securely online

Orders can be placed online by visiting www.cii.co.uk/qualification; and selecting your qualification then unit

### Written exam timetable

The following dates apply to exam units R06, J02, J03, J05, J07, J11 and AF1–AF5, AF7 in 2017. The CII reserve the right to make changes to the published dates where necessary.

Exam unit	Date	Time
Diploma		
(R06) Financial planning practice	16 Jan 03 Apr 03 Jul 09 Oct	09:30
(J02) Trusts	03 Apr 09 Oct	14:00
(J03) The tax and legal aspects of business	05 Apr 11 Oct	14:00
(J05) Pension income options	03 Apr 09 Oct	14:00
(J07) Supervision in a regulated environment	04 Apr 10 Oct	14:00
(J11) Wrap and olatform services	05 Apr 11 Oct	14:00
Advanced Diploma		
AF1) Personal tax and rust planning	03 Apr 09 Oct	09:30
(AF2) Business planning	03 Apr 09 Oct	09:30
(AF3) Pension planning	04 Apr 10 Oct	09:30
(AF4) Investment planning	05 Apr 11 Oct	09:30
(AF5) Financial planning process	05 Apr 11 Oct	09:30
(AF7) Pension transfers	10 Oct	14:00

### Online exams

Exam dates for online-tested units are released online up to four months in advance. These are scheduled year-round at over 40 centres across the UK.

Visit www.cii.co.uk/online for more information.

### Exam expiry for packages

Where an exam entry is bought as part of a package, we recommend you sit the exam during your study option's testing/enrolment period (see page 15 for details). However, exams can be sat up to 18 months from the point of purchase and a study option renewal service is available if needed.

### Exam entry fees

The following fees are for exams sat in 2017.

Units	Member	Non-member
CF1, CF6, CF8, ER1, GR1, FA1, FA2, FA4–FA6, LP1–LP3*, R05	£90	£110
LF1*	£43	£49
R01–R04, R06, R07, R08*, J02, J03, J05, J07, J10–J12	£97	£138
AF1-AF6, AF7	£127	£174

<sup>\*</sup> For units LF1, LP1-LP3, RB1 and R08, first exam entry is included in the study text enrolment fee.

#### Late entry fee

For written exam entries (R06, J02, J03, J05, J07, J11 and AF1-AF6) received after the normal closing date, up to two weeks before the session, the normal fee is payable together with a late entry fee of £84 per unit. This is subject to space being available at the exam centre.

### Change of session, unit or centre

### Change after entry:

£45

#### Certificate-level units, R0 units, J10 and J12

Changes must be requested at least 21 days before the date of the exam for which you have entered. Multiple changes will be covered by a single fee provided they are submitted together.

#### Units R06, J02, J03, J05, J07, J11, AF1-AF5 and AF7

Changes must be requested before the relevant closing date for exam entry at normal fee. Multiple changes will be covered by a single fee provided they are submitted together.

#### All units

In respect of all units, no changes, apart from your address or name (which must be supported by original or certified evidence), can be made to your exam entry after the deadlines specified on this page. After the relevant deadline has passed should you wish to withdraw, you will not receive a refund except in the case of illness.

### Post-results review of marking

A post-results review of marking service is available to those who are unsuccessful in a written exam. Further details including fees payable can be found at www.cii.co.uk/exampolicies

### **20 Important information**

# Personal Finance Society (PFS)/CII membership

If you are not already a PFS or CII member, you can become a member when you enrol for your chosen qualification. If you wish to apply for membership and it is not clear from your application form that you work in the financial planning sector, please provide brief details of the nature of your work and the proportion of your time spent on financial planning matters on a separate sheet of paper.

For membership fees see **page 2** of the application form at the back of this brochure.

## Personal Finance Society (PFS) regions and local institutes

If you apply for PFS membership you will join a Society region and a local institute.

Provided below are a list of local institutes. Please select the one which is most convenient for you and enter details in the space provided on the application form. You will be assigned to a region on the basis of your choice of institute.

#### List of local institutes:

Aberdeen; Bedford & Milton Keynes; Birmingham; Blackburn & Burnley; Bolton; Bournemouth; Bradford; Bristol; Cambridge; Cardiff; Carlisle; Chelmsford & S Essex; Cheltenham & Gloucester; Chester & North Wales; Coventry; Edinburgh; Exeter; Folkestone, Canterbury & E Kent; Glasgow; Guernsey; Guildford; Halifax; Hull; Inverness, the Highlands & Islands; Ipswich, Suffolk & N Essex; Isle of Man; Jersey; Kendal; Leeds; Leicester; Lincoln; Liverpool; London; Luton & St Albans; Manchester; Mid Kent; Middlesbrough; Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Northampton; Northern Ireland; North Downs; Norwich; Nottingham; Perth & Dundee; Peterborough; Plymouth & Cornwall; Preston & Blackpool; Reading; Royal Tunbridge Wells; Sheffield; Shropshire & Mid Wales; Southampton; Stoke-on-Trent; Stratford-upon-Avon; Sussex; Swansea & West Wales; Watford; York.

The area covered by the Insurance Institute of London (IIL) is defined as all London postal districts except the following: N9, N11, N14, N21, NW9, E4, E6, E7, E10, E11, E12, E13, E15, E16, E17, E18, W3, W4, W5, W6, W7, W12, W13, SW20, SE20, SE25. There is an additional subscription fee for IIL members of £3.

## Written exam centres – UK, Channel Islands & Isle of Man

Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Every effort is made to ensure you receive your preferred choice, however, if a centre you choose is not available for a particular sitting you will be allocated to your second choice or another convenient centre.

It is intended that all centres will be available in April and October.

Important notes in respect of unit R06: only those centres marked with an asterisk and shown in bold are also available in January and July.

Centre	Code	Centre	Code
Aberdeen	010	Leicester	046
Belfast	015	Lincoln	047
Birmingham*	005	Liverpool	002
Bolton	080	London*	001
Bournemouth	018	Manchester*	003
Bristol*	021	Middlesbrough	051
Cambridge	022	Mid-Kent	050
Cardiff	024	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	800
Carlisle	025	Northampton	052
Chelmsford	026	Norwich	007
Chester	028	Nottingham	053
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