

CII Level 7 Certificate in Insurance Market Specialisation

Qualification specification



Thank you for considering study with the CII. This specification summarises the purpose and the content of this qualification to help you decide whether it meets your learning needs. The qualifications section of the CII website, unit syllabus documents and CII policies provide further detail on the features summarised here.

Qualification overview

The **CII Level 7 Certificate in Insurance Market Specialisation** is an advanced level qualification, specifically designed for those working in the insurance market.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is particularly appropriate for:

- Practitioners who wish to develop their research skills and apply them in a specific subject area of relevance to the insurance market.
- Those who have conducted sufficient initial research to reach a clear idea regarding the scope of a research proposal and the research resources available. Ideally the subject matter chosen should be capable of being researched through relevant interviews and be supported by a wide range of information sources.

Benefits for individuals and employers

The CII Level 7 Certificate in Insurance Market Specialisation will allow you to:

- create learning matched precisely to your job role, responsibilities and aspirations;
- develop your knowledge of issues particularly relevant to insurance practitioners;
- gain real understanding of a key chosen topic through in-depth research and analysis, with potential to add business benefits for your employer; and
- indicate to your employer, clients and peer group your commitment to professional development, helping you achieve your career ambitions.

Summary of content

The qualification consists of one compulsory unit which is assessed by a 10,000-11,000 word dissertation on an insurance topic of your choice.

Entry and professional completion requirements

Entry requirements

In line with other CII qualifications there are no entry requirements for this qualification.

However, we would recommend that you hold the following minimum qualifications or their equivalent: the Diploma in Insurance or 3 A levels or equivalent, as these are good indicators that you will have the necessary study skills required to complete the qualification. This qualification is at Level 7 – approximately Masters level – so experience of study at degree level would be highly beneficial.

Additional completion requirements

There are no additional completion requirements for this qualification.

Qualification structure

Single compulsory unit

You will need to complete the following unit.

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Learning and assessment

Learning materials provided

For units in this qualification, students typically have access to the following materials as part of their enrolment or for an additional price:

- Exemplar research proposal and dissertation
- Support from a dissertation guide (an expert practitioner)
- Revisionmate online learning materials covering key guidance on research and dissertation writing

Study time

Specific study time guidelines are provided for each unit on its webpage and in the CII qualifications brochure. The notional Ofqual 'Total Qualification Time' for this qualification is 180 hours.¹ This represents the time a student might typically take to complete the qualification.

Assessment format

The unit is assessed by completing a 10,000 – 11,000 word dissertation on a topic of your choice relevant to the London insurance market.

The qualification award will be graded fail/pass/distinction.

Further information on learning and assessment for each unit

Please ensure that you refer to the individual unit syllabus for unit-specific details:

- learning outcomes and assessment criteria

This is available in our syllabus menu on the qualification webpage: www.cii.co.uk/im-specialisation

Please also select your unit from the webpage to find out about any unit updates.

Important assessment policies

¹ 'Total Qualification Time' is a term that awarding organisations are required by Ofqual (the qualifications regulator in England) to use to describe the size of qualifications. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/awarding-organisations-understanding-our-regulatory-requirements>

Details of terms and conditions which apply to candidates entering for assessments with the CII are set out on the CII website. By entering any assessment with the CII you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions and our assessment policies, which can be found in our dissertation policies page: <http://www.cii.co.uk/qualifications/assessment-information/dissertation-policies/>

Fair access to our qualifications

The CII acts at all times to ensure that no unfair barriers apply to those seeking to gain the qualifications it offers. If, due to disability or illness, you may require adjustments in order to access an assessment, please read the access arrangements and reasonable adjustments policy and contact the CII Customer Service team as soon as possible to discuss how we can meet your needs. Further details are provided here: www.cii.co.uk/exampolicies/#Accessibility

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