Online Diploma in Excellence in Financial Reporting 2021

Cultivating Financial Leaders
PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

This specially-developed fully-online programme meets the needs of professionals who work in financial reporting and will fast-track your journey as a future finance leader.

WHAT IS THE DIPLOMA IN EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING?

The Diploma in Excellence in Financial Reporting addresses technical and communication skills, helping you to make the next move in your career. The diploma’s structure enables you to tailor the programme to fit your specific current or aspirational financial reporting regime (IFRS, FRS, US GAAP), whilst ensuring you upskill in integrated reporting and develop your financial reporting communication skills. By taking the programme, you will:

- develop specialised financial reporting competences in your chosen financial reporting standards
- increase your understanding of integrated reporting
- learn how to communicate financial reporting information effectively, helping you work with and guide the key people in and outside of your organisation.

These skills will empower you on your personal journey to understand and best utilise your financial reporting expertise.

WHO TAKES THE DIPLOMA IN EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING?

The Diploma in Excellence in Financial Reporting is designed for qualified accountants who aspire to develop their career and who are aiming to improve their technical abilities whilst enhancing their communication skills.
The full Diploma in Excellence in Financial Reporting is taught over six months, from March to September. Across the six modules, this programme uses a combination of theory and practical case studies to boost your understanding of your selected financial reporting standards. The programme also covers integrated reporting, focusing on real examples. You will learn the vital practical skills around communicating - both in written format and in person - to boards, superiors, peers and teams. **Modules 1 and 2 are taken by all participants, covering integrated reporting and communication skills.**

Participants will select their elective of either IFRS, FRS or US GAAP and take Modules 3, 4, 5 and 6 in their chosen stream from May to August. All dates below reflect the module webinar dates and assignment due dates, with materials released in advance. These are correct at the time of publication; participants will be contacted in the unlikely event of any changes. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information. Module one will consist of two one hour live webinar from 5pm to 6pm; Module two live sessions will be held from 2pm to 7pm. Module 2 also requires participants to complete some self-study activities before attending the live session; details will be made available on Moodle.

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HOW YOU STUDY

The Diploma in Excellence in Financial Reporting is delivered through a blend of self-study and interactive online webinars to support Module 1 & 2. These webinars will be streamed live and recorded using Zoom, a cloud-based app that works on any device. The live sessions will solely focus on the main topics and will provide you with the guidance needed to successfully approach the module, followed by some time for questions and answers.

Tutorials and programme assessments are all conducted through a virtual learning environment. Our learning management platform Moodle will host all your course materials and activities, such as links to the pre-recorded videos, course notes, and slides, links to your live webinar session, and information on your lecturers and timetable. This platform also allows you to network and share your questions and experiences with your fellow participants.

Your course material consists of a comprehensive either a textbook or manual, which includes review points, examples, and self-test questions. Course material is released on scheduled dates; pre-recorded videos will support module 4 to 6.

HOW YOU ARE ASSESSED

The programme assessment will involve two elements: a presentation and a written home assignment.

• 30% presentation
• 70% written assignment

The presentation will draw on the skills learned in relation to integrated reporting and effectively communicating financial reporting information and will be a short (10 minute) presentation. The selected financial reporting elective (IFRS, FRS or US GAAP) will be assessed by one home assignment. Participants must achieve 50% or above in the final assessment to be eligible for the award of the Diploma. The pass mark is set at 50% with distinction achieved at 70%.

ACCREDITATIONS AND DESIGNATIONS

Participants who successfully complete the diploma are entitled to use the relevant designation based on the reporting standard studied:
• FRS: Dip. FRS
• IFRS: Dip. IFRS
• US GAAP: Dip. US GAAP

Members of Chartered Accountants Ireland/ICAS will be awarded a Diploma in Excellence in Financial Reporting from Chartered Accountants Ireland under the ‘1966 ICAI Charter Amendment Act’. Other participants will be awarded the Diploma in Excellence in Financial Reporting by Chartered Accountants Ireland Executive Education DAC.
CAN I USE THE COURSE TOWARDS MY CPD HOURS?
This programme offers structured and unstructured CPD hours contact time. The exact number of hours that can be claimed as CPD will vary for each individual depending on time expended and the requirements of their professional body.

ENTRY CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY
This programme has been designed to meet the needs of finance professionals and is open to:
• qualified accountants, including members of Chartered Accountants Ireland and other recognised professional bodies
• holders of a degree at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) or equivalent qualification
• applicants with relevant experience in finance, business or another field

Applicants other than members of Chartered Accountants Ireland must provide details showing how their experience or qualifications are relevant, or evidence of membership of their relevant professional body.

APPLICATIONS AND FEES

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These fees are fully inclusive and cover all tuition, materials and assessment. Fees can be paid in full in advance, or we can work with you to schedule a no-interest instalment payment plan.
TUTORS

**Brian Murphy, FCA**
Brian is a Director within Deloitte Ireland’s Consumer and Technology Business Audit department. He has over 14 years audit and general business advisory experience, specialising in external statutory audits under IFRS, US and local GAAP, internal audits (including systems reviews and value for money audits), due diligence and forensic accounting investigations (for both private and public sector organisations). Brian lectures and presents extensively on a range of topics.

**Eric Fitzpatrick**
Eric is the owner of ARK Speaking and Training, and is as an international speaker, corporate trainer, executive speaker coach, and expert in corporate storytelling and sales presentations. Eric helps entrepreneurs, SMEs and large organisations to communicate in a way that is clear, concise and compelling. He is the creator of T.R.U.E. Presentations, a tool that helped one organisation win a contract worth €1 million, is the author of Persuade on Purpose and an ex-international soccer player.

**Brian Feighan, FCA**
Brian is founder and principal of ProTutor. Brian was formerly Head of Asset Finance at Ulster Bank Group and has extensive experience of financial reporting in Real Estate, Investment and Wealth Management. He has also worked in Demica, AIB International Financial Services and EY.

**Prof. Robert Kirk, FCA CPA**
Robert has lectured extensively within Ireland and Great Britain on accounting topics to diverse organisations such as British Gas Plc, The Post Office, NATO and Bank or Ireland. He has also lectured on financial reporting standards to major companies in Bahrain, Cyprus, Ghana, South Africa, the US and Zambia. Formerly a Professor at the University of Ulster, Robert has published 14 books on financial reporting in Ireland and Great Britain.

**Mike Turner, ACA CPA CFA**
Mike is a leading international accounting expert and full-time professional trainer. Over the last decade he has worked closely with governments, top international banks and professional accounting bodies helping them enhance accountancy education. Prior to this Mike was employed by ICAEW, Chartered Accountants Ireland and BPP Professional Education.
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Name

Company/Firm Name

Email address/Contact number

Membership body

- Chartered Accountants Ireland
- ICAS (Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland)
- Other: (proof of membership will be required)

Chartered Accountants Ireland membership number

If you wish for your firm to be invoiced, please provide the relevant details: contact name/address/PO number

FEE PAYMENT

- Members of Chartered Accountants Ireland/ICAS: €2,995
- Non-member: €3,295

I would like to pay by instalments*

I enclose a cheque for €

Or Please charge my Mastercard/Visa Card for €

Credit card no.

Expiry date

Security/CVC code (last 3 digits of number on reverse of card)

Cardholder signature

Office use only:

* The instalment payment option will allow participants to spread the cost of a diploma over four equal payments, with the first payment begin charged at registration, and the remaining payments being charged to a debit/Credit card on agreed dates.

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