

Financial Markets Foundation Course

The Financial Markets Foundation Course (FMFC) is a first level (introductory) qualification intended for anyone entering into a career in the financial markets. It does not assume any prior study or work experience other than a general knowledge of mathematics such as basic algebra and statistics. For those without that quantitative background, pre-course reading with a further bibliography is provided by mail in order to allow candidates to acquire that knowledge directly. The training programme is intended to provide "breadth of knowledge" to make it relevant to people pursuing careers in the front office, middle office and operations areas. The Certificate places an even emphasis on introducing and explaining the key concepts of each subject area and then developing practical knowledge and skills of each area. This reflects the fact that it is both introductory, requiring the introduction and explanation of key concepts, but also intended for market practitioners requiring applied thinking.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The FMFC is intended for job starters in a wide range of job functions and areas. They should have a good command of English and be able to assimilate a compact programme within a condensed period.

COURSE CONTENT, FORMAT AND CERTIFICATE

The FMFC syllabus is organised around two broad subject areas with a final case study to consolidate the learning:

- I. Overview of Financial Markets and Participants: explore the nature of savings and flow of funds in an economy and the principal participants and their motivations.
- II. The Main Financial Securities: the focus here is on the understanding of the principal asset classes and basic valuation models.

The FMFC certificate is a two and one-half day taught course with pre-course reading for those who wish to review algebra and statistics. It is delivered in ten sessions with two additional 60 minute review sessions at the end of days one and two. On the afternoon of the third day, candidates sit the exam, which consists of 50 multiple choice questions. Successful candidates will be granted the FMFC Certificate accredited both by ICMA and the University of Reading.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Dates** • 8-10 June 2016 - 21-23 September 2016
- Speaker** • A member of the training faculty from ICMA Executive Education
- Location** • Centre de Formation Chambre de Commerce
7, rue Alcide de Gasperi, Luxembourg
- Fees** • EUR 2,450,- (+ 3% VAT)
- Contact IFBL** • Customer Service (+352) 46 50 16-1, customer@houseoftraining.lu

