

The Diploma in Banking and Financial Services (Malta) (Dip. BFS)

The Qualification

The Diploma in Banking and Financial Services (Malta) is a qualification that caters for the needs of the financial services environment in Malta. This is a qualification in its own right, providing a firm knowledge base of financial services issues from which to go on and specialise.

It also forms the foundation level and attracts 120 credit towards the Foundation Degree in Banking Practice and Management (FdSc) delivered and assessed by *ifs-School of Finance* and validated and awarded by University of Kent. This in turn leads to the BSc(Hons) in Banking Practice and Management awarded by the University of Manchester.

To obtain the Dip. BFS, candidates must (within a maximum period of four years from first registration) successfully **complete six modules** after having followed an approved course of study through the provision of lectures.

The Diploma in Banking and Financial Services (Malta) comprises of the following **seven modules**:

Five Compulsory Modules

- The Financial Services Environment (TFSE)
- Managing Information (MAIN)
- Managing People in Organisations (MPIO)
- Marketing, Sales and Customer Services (MSCS)
- Structure of Accounts (SOAC)

Two Optional Modules (either / or)

- Lending and Securities (LAS)
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM)

Aims of the Qualification

The aims of the Diploma in Banking and Financial Services (Dip. BFS) are to:

- provide an up to date body of knowledge of the local financial services sector, which can serve as a basis for further study and development;
- develop an ability to analyse and evaluate information relating to the financial services sector;
- promote the ability to develop and apply specialist knowledge within particular areas of the financial services sector;
- develop the requisite technical and management skills for a managerial career in financial services; and
- encourage an understanding of an individual's role as part of an organisation within the financial services sector.

Method of assessment

Candidates will have to sit for six, three-hour written examination and submit a piece of course work for each of the following modules:

- The Financial Services Environment (TFSE)
- Managing People in Organisations (MPIO)
- Marketing, Sales and Customer Services (MSCS)

The marks allocated for the above three modules are 80% exam and 20% coursework. Whereas, for the other four modules are 100% exam.

Further Information

Further information on the qualification, books, examinations, etc may be obtained from our website www.ifsmalta.org or by contacting the Institute on telephone number 21240335.

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