



Certified Banker (CB) Frequently Asked Questions Examinations

- 1. Where can I obtain information on the examinations, such as examination format, duration, regulations, etc.?**

All the examination-related information is published in the CB Handbook, which is available for download at the HKIB website. Candidates should read the CB Handbook before applying for the examinations.
- 2. Can I change the examination date?**

Under no circumstances will change of examination date be allowed. However, if candidate is sick on the examination date and cannot sit for the examination, candidate should inform the Institute and provide supporting document (e.g. sick leave certificate) for our reference. Candidate will be permitted to sit for the next subsequent examination.
- 3. Can I appeal on my examination results?**

Candidates may request for rechecking or remarking of their examination scripts within ONE MONTH after the issue of examination results, by submitting a written request and administrative fee may be applied. Please refer to the CB Handbook or contact the HKIB staff for details.
- 4. Will there be any exemptions under the new CB Programme?**

Starting from 2017, the Institute will only accept exemption applications with regards to recognised qualifications that are pre-approved. HKIB will further explore collaboration opportunities with a range of different institutions and universities on qualifications that will be approved for exemption from CB subjects.
- 5. How can I obtain the designation of Certified Banker?**

To be elected as Certified Banker, candidates should a) complete Postgraduate Diploma for Certified Banker and b) have three years of banking or finance related working experience.

Certified Banker (CB) Frequently Asked Questions Training Programmes

1. Can I collect the textbook in advance?

A briefing session for CB candidates would be held before the training programmes. You would collect the textbook in advance at the briefing session once the programme of enrollment is confirmed. The briefing session is usually around one week before the programme commence.

2. Are there any self-study programmes/ materials in CB for me to study?

Before proceeding to the examinations of the required subjects in each stage of CB, candidates must first complete the respective subject training programmes. There are two options for you to choose to prepare for the examination.

- i. Tuition Programme or
- ii. Tutorial Programme

	Tuition Programme (Per subject)	Tutorial Programme (Per subject)
CB (Stage I) Subjects	15 hours	6 hours
CB (Stage II) Subjects	30 hours	9 hours
CB Subjects	30 hours	9 hours

For application to tutorial programme, at least 2 years of relevant work experience / senior officer grade or above is highly recommended.

3. What are the criteria of attaining the designation of CB (Stage I)?

- i. Attainment of “Advanced Diploma for Certified Banker”; and
- ii. One year’s banking or financial related working experience.

4. After attained the CB (Stage I), is there any other designation for participants to achieve higher qualification?

Participants could go forward for higher qualification, i.e. CB (Stage II) and CB.

5. How can I get the designation of CB (Stage II)?

- i. Attainment of Professional Diploma for Certified Banker; and
- ii. Two years’ banking or financial related working experience.

6. How can I get the designation of CB?

- i. Attainment of Postgraduate Diploma in any one of the specialist streams; and
- ii. Three years’ banking or financial related working experience.



7. How long does it take to complete the programme of CB?

It depends on participant's education background/ working experience/ participant's own time management to complete the programme. In general, there are 3 intakes for CB (Stage I) and 2 intakes for CB (Stage II) and CB in a year.

8. How do I decide which Postgraduate Diploma stream to study at CB (QF Level 6)?

You may decide it base on your career perspective/ background, working experience and interest.

9. What is the process of CB Examination and Exemption?

For other questions and details of CB Examination and Exemption, please refer to ["FAQs-Examination"](#) or Enquiry on exam@hkib.org

Certified Banker (CB) Frequency Asked Questions New Individual Membership Structure

1. What is the effective date of the new Individual Membership Structure?

The new scheme will be effective from 1st January 2017.

2. Why is HKIB launching the new Individual Membership Structure?

HKIB launched Certified Banker (CB) 銀行專業會士 with the aim of providing to the industry an enhanced pathway for professional banking study and supporting the talent development within the banking sector. The launch of CB also aims to support HKMA's Enhanced Competency Framework (ECF) development, thus solidifying the Institute's key position and contribution to the banking industry.

3. What are the objectives of the new Individual Membership Structure?

To have clear differentiation between Professional Members, the other recognised Professional Qualification holders and Ordinary Members is increasingly important. With such differentiation, Members' professional status can be enhanced, and specific membership benefits can be tailor-made for respective membership classes.

4. What are the classes of the new Individual Membership Structure?

The four major classes within the new structure are:

- i. Fellow Member
- ii. Professional Member
- iii. Ordinary Member
- iv. Student Member

5. How will the current members be transferred to the new Individual Membership Structure?

From 1st January 2017, members will be directly transferred to the new membership classes upon completion of the annual membership renewal procedures, fee settlement and required CPD fulfillment if applicable.

Membership Structure (valid until 31 st December 2016)	New Individual Membership Structure (with effective from 1 st January 2017)
1. FHKIB	1. Fellow CB
	2. Honorary Fellow
	3. FHKIB
2. Honorary Member	4. Honorary Member
3. AHKIB	5. Professional Member - CB - CB (Stage II) - CB (Stage I) - CP - CFMP
4. Ordinary Member - CP - CFMP - ABP	
4. Ordinary Member - Affiliate	6. Ordinary Member
4. Ordinary Member - Student	7. Student Member

6. Is there any change to membership fees in 2017?

Please refer to below table for the fee changes in relation to different membership classes under the new structure:

Membership Structure (valid until 31 st December 2016)		New Individual Membership Structure (with effective from 1 st January 2017)			
Membership Class	Annual fee	Membership Class	Annual fee		
1 FHKIB	HKD 2,900	1 Fellow CB	HKD 3,000		
		2 Honorary Fellow	Waived		
		3 FHKIB	HKD 3,000		
2 Honorary Member	Waived	4 Honorary Member	Waived		
3 AHKIB	HKD 1,150	5 Professional Member	HKD 1,500		
				Ordinary Member (CP)	HKD 950
				Ordinary Member (CFMP)	HKD 950
4 Ordinary Member (ABP)	HKD 900				
Ordinary Member	HKD 900				
4 Ordinary Member (Student)	HKD 200	6 Ordinary Member	HKD 1,000		
		7 Student Member	HKD 200		

7. Why is there a significant increase in the 2017 membership fee for Professional Membership?

Apart from the ongoing enhancement to membership services, a wide range of targeted HKIB events and new benefits for Professional Members will be launched in January 2017. This will include a Register of Certified Individuals (CI) that will be made publicly available on the HKIB website, and access to exclusive events for Professional Members.

8. Is there any membership fee discount?

There is a 50% membership annual renewal fee discount for Ordinary Members for up to 3 years, while pursuing HKIB professional qualifications.

9. What are the membership benefits?

HKIB members can enjoy the following membership benefits:

- i. A complimentary copy of bi-monthly journal "Banking Today"
- ii. Free access to members' seminars and networking events
- iii. 50% discount on annual membership renewal fee while pursuing HKIB professional qualification
- iv. Discount in enrolling for HKIB events and industry events
- v. Third Party Merchant Discounts e.g. fine dining and book discounts. Please [click here](#) for latest updates
- vi. Exclusive Networking Opportunities



10. How can I renew my membership for 2017?

Renew your membership before 31st January 2017 via one of the channels below and you will be directly transferred into the new structure:

- i. Online; or
- ii. Download the membership renewal form (and CPD declaration form if applicable) and then you can submit either:
 - a. In person (HKIB Office: 3/F Guangdong Investment Tower, 148 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong)
 - b. By mail
 - c. By email to membership@hkib.org
 - d. By fax to (852) 2544 9946

11. Who can I contact if I want to know more details?

You are welcome to contact the Membership team at (852) 2153 7800 or email membership@hkib.org