

# ENHANCED COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK on

# Credit Risk Management (ECF-CRM)



(recognised under the QF at Level 6, QR Registration No: 20/000542/L6)

## CCRP(CPM)

Certified Credit Risk Management Professional (Commercial Lending)

(recognised under the QF at Level 6, QR Registration No: 20/000541/L6)

### CCRP(CL)

**Associate Credit Risk Management Professional** 

(recognised under the QF at Level 5, QR Registration No: 20/000540/L5)

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#### **Enhanced Competency Framework for Banking Practitioners**

With an aim to support capacity building and talent development for banking professionals, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) works together with the banking industry to introduce an industry-wide competency framework - Enhanced Competency Framework (ECF) for Banking Practitioners.

The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB) is the programme and qualification provider for the ECF on Credit Risk Management, with the following objectives:

- To develop a sustainable pool of credit risk management practitioners for the banking industry; AND
- To raise and maintain the professional competence of credit risk management practitioners in the banking industry.

#### **Overview of the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers**

The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB) has been serving the local banking community in the provision of professional training and certification services since 1963. HKIB is the first not-for-profit institution in Hong Kong to issue banking qualifications up to QF Level 6 under the HKQF, and was appointed by the Education Bureau as a Professional Qualifications Assessment Agency in August 2020. With an objective to maintain and further develop the territory's status as an international financial centre, the Institute works with the support of banks, regulators, financial institutions, academic institutions and various professional bodies to provide local banking practitioners with professional training and development opportunities.

In view of the changing landscape of the banking and financial services industry in Hong Kong and mainland China, as well as on a global scale, the importance of continuing to enhance the standards of professional development has gained increased attention. The HKIB endeavours to provide and enhance its training and development products in order to equip its members with essential knowledge and skills that meet the industry's needs.

#### **Qualifications Framework**

The Professional Qualification "Associate Credit Risk management Professional (ACRP)" is recognised under the QF at Level 5. (QR Registration No.: 20/000540/L5)

The Professional Qualification "Certified Credit Risk management Professional (Commercial Lending) (CCRP(CL))" is recognised under the QF at Level 6. (QR Registration No.: 20/000541/L6)

The Professional Qualification "Certified Credit Risk management Professional (Credit portfolio Management) (CCRP(CPM))" is recognised under the QF at Level 6. (QR Registration No.: 20/000542/L6)

# Becoming an Associate Credit Risk Management Professional (ACRP) / Certified Credit Risk Management Professional (Commercial Lending) (CCRP(CL)) / Certified Credit Risk Management Professional (Credit Portfolio Management) (CCRP(CPM))

Target Participants	Entry-level and junior level staff in the credit function	For essential middle or senior level of job roles in the credit function that take up a majority of credit risk responsibility in the credit process, including credit initiation and appraisal; credit evaluation, approval and review.	
Training	ECF on Credit Risk Management (Core Level) Module 1 to 3	ECF on Credit Risk management (Professional Level) Module 4	ECF on Credit Risk management (Professional Level) Module 5
•	Pass the examinations in Module 1 to Module 3	Pass the examination in Module 4	Pass the examination in Module 5
Examination	Obtain Professional Certificate for ECF on Credit Risk Management (CRM)	Obtain Postgraduate Certificate in Commercial Lending for ECF on Credit Risk Management (CRM)	Obtain Postgraduate Certificate in Credit Portfolio Management for ECF on Credit Risk Management (CRM)
Experience	Relevant Practitioners <sup>1</sup> with at least one year of relevant work experience	Relevant Practitioners with at least five years of relevant work experience	
Certification	Certified as Associate Credit Risk Management Professional (ACRP) at QF Level 5	Certified as Certified Credit Risk management Professional (Commercial Lending) (CCRP(CL)) at QF Level 6	Certified as Certified Credit Risk management Professional (Credit portfolio Management) (CCRP(CPM)) at QF Level 6

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Relevant Practitioners are persons engaged by Als undertaking commercial credit business for corporations ranging from large corporates to small and medium-sized enterprises in a variety of industry sectors including financial institutions.

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#### **Certified Individual (CI)**

ACRP/CCRP(CL)/CCRP(CPM) holders will be registered as CI and included in a public register on HKIB website. The CI Register posted on HKIB website enables the public recognition of ACRP/CCRP(CL)/CCRP(CPM) holders. To ensure your Professional Qualification reflected in the CI register, you are required to maintain a valid membership status with HKIB.

#### **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**

All ACRP/CCRP(CL)/CCRP(CPM) holders are required to comply with the following annual Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements in order to maintain the Professional Qualifications.

- 1. Undertake a minimum of 15 CPD hours for each calendar year (ending 31 December), of which
- 2. At least five CPD hours must be earned from activities related to topics of compliance, code of conduct, professional ethics or risk management.

For more details, please refer to Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Scheme on HKIB Website. (Home > Membership > Individual Members > HKIB CPD Requirements)

#### **ECF on Credit Risk Management (Core Level)**

#### **Programme Content**

#### Module 1 - Credit Risk Management and Key Regulations

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this module, candidates should be able to

- · Apply risk mitigation strategies for the credit portfolio
- Monitor credit assets portfolio and the recovery and work-out of the problem loans
- Assess various credit risk indicators, portfolio performance indicators and credit risk regulations in order to develop strategies to minimize risks in the bank's credit portfolio
- Examine the credit application in conformity of relevant policies compliance and regulatory requirements
- Conduct the stress testing and analyse the results to identify the vulnerability of different segments of loan portfolio

#### **Module Outline**

- · Basics of Credit Risk Management
- Credit Risk Management Structure A Systematic Control Framework
- Credit Risk Management Process
- · Credit Risk Management Culture and People
- · Credit Risk Portfolio Management and Control
- · Counterparty Credit Risk
- Basel Regulatory Requirements on Credit Risk Management
- HKMA Regulatory Requirements on Credit Risk Management
- · Provisioning Requirements

#### Module 2 - Fundamental Credit Risk Analysis

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this module, candidates should be able to

- Apply financial and non-financial analysis to assess client's financial positions, needs and credit worthiness
- Analyse clients' financial strengths and review the credit rating of the clients
- Calculate potential credit losses for determining eligibility and credit limits for lending
- Evaluate the analysis results and initiate appropriate recommendation on the customer's credit worthiness, repayment ability and risk level

#### **Module Outline**

- Key Accounting Concepts and Rules Relevant to Lenders
- Interpretation and Critical Analysis of Financial Statements from a Lender's Perspective
- · Financial Ratio Analysis
- · Cash Flow Analysis
- Budgeting, Forecasting and Analysis
- Limitations of Financial Ratio Analysis and Creative Accounting

#### Module 3 - Fundamentals of Bank Lending

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this module, candidates should be able to

- · Identify the financing needs of clients
- Conduct risk assessment and evaluate the performance of credit acquisition on commercial lending and make appropriate recommendation for approval
- Determine the arrangement of credit facility to minimize risks to the bank and structure credit facilities according to borrowing needs, business cycle and credit strength of the clients
- Present the customized credit solutions and facilities proposal to the clients by providing consultative advice on the lending product alternatives and related credit risk based on their financing needs
- Develop collaterals' valuation process for ongoing monitoring
- Develop terms and conditions of credit facility such as application of the appropriate contractual interest rates based on internal policies, payment period and payment options, etc. according to customer's needs and results of risk assessments

#### Module Outline

- · Code of Ethics in Bank Lending Businesses
- Corporate Lending Business Process Credit Initiation
- Corporate Lending Business Process Credit Review and Approval Process
- Corporate Lending Business Process Credit Documentation and Drawdown
- Corporate Lending Business Process Continuous Post Approval Credit Review
- Corporate Lending Business Process Problem Loan Management
- Retail Lending Business Process
- Lending Considerations for Main Kinds of Corporate Lending Products
- Lending Considerations for Special Products-- Property Lending
- Lending Considerations for Special Products-- SME Financing Schemes
- Lending Considerations for Special Products --Taxi, Public Bus, Vehicle, Equipment Financing

#### **Entry Requirements**

The programme is open to both members and non-members of HKIB. Candidates must fulfil the stipulated minimum entry requirements with:

- A Bachelor's Degree in any discipline awarded by a recognised university or equivalent; OR
- An Associate Degree (AD)/Higher Diploma (HD) in a banking and finance discipline or equivalent; OR
- A relevant professional qualification; OR
- Mature applicants with either at least five years of work experience in banking and finance or equivalent; OR two years of work experience in banking and finance with a recommendation from the employer.

<u>Remark</u>: Third or final year of full-time students of a bachelor's degree programme in a banking and finance discipline will also be considered.

#### **Medium of Instruction**

- Training is delivered in classroom setting in either Cantonese or English supplemented with English materials.
- All the examination questions are set in English only.

#### **ECF on Credit Risk Management (Professional Level)**

#### **Programme Contents**

#### **Module 4 - Advanced Commercial Lending**

#### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this module, candidates should be able to

- Review the appropriateness of the industry and business risk assessment and approve credit application according to relevant policies, compliance and regulatory requirements
- Formulate measures to monitor credit risk and optimize the quality of credit assets portfolio
- Set up process to measure, control and manage potential credit risk exposures and identify early warning signals
- Decide on application of risk assessment approach, risk monitoring, operation process and risk management process
- Develop cross-border business strategies through understanding the cross-border lending practices and considerations

#### **Module Outline**

- Planning of Lending Business Portfolio and Process
- New Lending Product Developments
- Structured Approach for Approval Process
- Management Planning for Early Warning System
- Management Planning for Problem Loan Management
- Cross Border Credit Business Opportunities
- · Syndicated Loans
- Project Financing (including New Project and Expansion Projects)
- Structured Financing for Merger, Acquisition and Leveraged Buyouts

#### **Entry Requirements**

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- Professional Certificate for ECF on Credit Risk Management (CRM) awarded by HKIB; OR
- Grandfathered for ECF on Credit Risk Management (Core Level) by HKIB; OR
- Grandfathered on Credit Portfolio Management for ECF on Credit Risk Management (Professional Level) by HKIB.

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#### **ECF on Credit Risk Management (Professional Level)**

#### **Programme Contents**

#### Module 5 - Advanced Credit Risk Management and Regulatory Requirements

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this module, candidates should be able to

- Evaluate different risk mitigation alternatives and take appropriate measures to protect the interests of all the stakeholders
- Evaluate different approaches in credit strategy and their performance in order to align with the bank's overall strategies and policies
- Apply appropriate credit asset classification and risk rating approaches to ensure compliance with statutory requirements
- Analyse the risk factors of all lending products and evaluate the bank's capital allocation strategy under different regulatory requirements
- Develop guidelines for stakeholders to follow and to communicate the current global capital requirements on credit risk management
- Analyse the results of portfolio performance and stress testing for proposing the strategies to allocate credit assets of the bank

#### **Module Outline**

- Code of Conduct
- Implication of Basel III Regulatory Requirements on Credit Risk Management
- Implication of PRC Regulatory Requirements on Credit Risk Management
- Implications of IFRS 9 on Credit Risk Management
- Corporate Governance Structure on Credit Risk Management
- Credit Risk Management Overall Control Framework from Senior Management Perspective by Integrated Use of New and Traditional Risk Parameters
- Credit Portfolio Management
- Country Credit Risk

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#### **Application**

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