





Certified Banker

Become a holistic banking professional with HKIB's highly recognised qualification





Programme Introduction

Certified Banker (CB) Programme is the flagship banking-oriented professional qualification programme of HKIB that offers a broad range of general, specialist and strategic skillsets to practitioners and is the first professional banking qualification in Hong Kong accredited at Qualifications Framework Level 6 – equivalent to that of a master's degree. It aims to promote a common qualifications benchmark to provide practitioners with better career prospects and a clear career advancement pathway.

This programme has multiple entry levels for people from diverse backgrounds, including:

Direct Entry CB (Stage II or CB stage)

Current practitioners looking to enhance their knowledge and skillsets for their professional development and career advancement.

key features:

Progressive Entry CB (Stage I)

Talent from outside of banking who would like to switch their career to the banking sector.

Certified Banker (CB) Programme offers learners dynamic learning experience with various

Progressive Entry CB (Stage I)

Students who would like to gain an edge when hunting for a job in the banking industry upon graduation.

Key Features

Recognised professional qualification

Appointed by the Education Bureau (EDB) as the Professional Qualifications Assessment Agency (PQAA) in 2020 for the banking industry.



Ever-enriching syllabus to keep learners abreast of up-to-date knowledge



ECF integration

Recognised by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), most Enhanced Competency Framework (ECF) programmes are integrated into Certified Banker (CB) so that ECF holders can apply for module exemption.



Multi-entry points



Build your professional network



Become holistic banking professional

Programme Structure

Certified Banker (CB)

<QF level 6>

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With 3 years of banking/finance related + Diploma for work experience

Postgraduate Certified Banker



Certified Banker (Stage II)

With 2 years of banking/finance related + work experience

Professional Diploma for Certified Banker



Certified Banker (Stage I)

With 1 year of banking/finance related + Diploma for work experience

Advanced Certified Banker



Select ONE of the below specialist streams

1. Operations Management

•	Banking Law and Practice	(Credit: 30)
•	Operational Risk Management	(Credit: 30)

2. Treasury Management

•	Bank Asset and Liability Management	(Credit: 30)
•	Treasury Markets and Operations	(Credit: 30)

3. Credit Management

•	ECF on Credit Risk Management (CRM) (Professional Level) -	(Credit: 30)
	Commercial Lending*	

ECF on Credit Risk Management (CRM) (Professional Level) -(Credit: 30) Credit Portfolio Management*

Select modules to obtain a total of 60 credits

•	Green Finance and Sustainability	(Credit: 30)
•	Corporate Finance Services	(Credit: 30)
•	Finance of International Trade	(Credit: 30)
•	Technology Management and Innovation in Banking	(Credit: 30)
•	ECF on Retail Wealth Management (RWM) (Professional Level)*	(Credit: 30)
•	ECF on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of	(Credit: 30)
	Terrorism (AML/CFT) Professional Level)*	
•	ECF on Credit Risk Management (CRM) (Core Level)*	(Credit: 30)
•	ECF on Operational Risk Management (ORM) (Professional Level)*	(Credit: 30)
•	ECF on Fintech (Core Level)*	(Credit: 30)

Select modules to obtain a total of 40 credits

Fundamentals of Accounting	(Credit: 10)
Introduction to Banking Law	(Credit: 10)
Introduction to People Management Skills	(Credit: 10)
Risk Management	(Credit: 10)
ECF on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of	(Credit: 20)
Terrorism (AML/CFT) (Core Level)*	
ECF on Cybersecurity (Core Level)*	(Credit: 20)
ECF on Operational Risk Management (ORM) (Core Level)*	(Credit: 20)
Qualification Certificate of Banking Professional (QCBP)*	(Credit: 10)
Fundamentals of Treasury Markets*	(Credit: 10)

Future Banking and ESG (Credit: 10)

Professional Ethics and Compliance# (Credit: 10)

All learners are required to study core modules

Core Modules

Vocational Qualifications Pathway (VQP)

^ Recommended Study Pathway



1. Specialist Stream

Operations Management

Head of Operational Risk Management



Certified Banker Stage

- Banking Law and Practice
- Operational Risk Management



Senior Manager

Operational Risk Manager



CB (Stage II)^

- ECF ORM (Professional Level)
- Green Finance and Sustainability



Senior Operations Officer

CB (Stage I)^

- Future Banking and ESG
- Professional Ethics and Compliance
- Introduction to Banking Law
- Risk Management
- ECF ORM (Core Level)

Current Job Role: Operations Officer



2. Specialist Stream

3. Specialist Stream

Treasury Management

Credit Management

Head of Treasury



Certified Banker Stage

- Bank Asset and Liability Management
- Treasury Markets and Operations

Head of Credit Risk Management



Certified Banker Stage

- ECF CRM (Professional Level) Commercial Lending
- ECF CRM (Professional Level) Credit Portfolio Management

Senior Treasury Manager





Treasury Manager



Senior Manager









- ECF CRM (Core Level)
 - Green Finance and Sustainability

Assistant Manager

Senior Treasury Analyst



Assistant Manager

Senior Credit Officer

CB (Stage I)^

CB (Stage II)^

- Future Banking and ESG
- Professional Ethics and Compliance
- Fundamentals of Accounting

• Corporate Finance Services

Green Finance and Sustainability

- Risk Management
- ECF AML/CFT (Core Level)

CB (Stage I)^

- Future Banking and ESG
- Professional Ethics and Compliance
- Introduction to Banking Law
- Risk Management
- Fundamentals of Accounting
- Introduction to People Management Skills

Current Job Role: Treasury Analyst/ Officer Current Job Role: Credit Officer

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Eligibility, Fees & How to Apply:

HKQF - Vocational Qualifications Pathway for the banking industry





