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APPLICANTS – EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

PROFESSIONAL BANKING PRACTITIONER APPRENTICESHIP



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN...

- Career pathways across banking, finance, business, and customer-focused functions.
- Earning an NFQ level 8 degree while gaining real workplace experience.
- Launching a career in financial services immediately after school.
- A paid and supported pathway into professional employment.
- A structured pathway into roles such as financial advice, customer service, operations, and banking support.

HOW YOU WILL BENEFIT

- Build real-world skills valued by employers, including communication, digital capability, customer service, and financial knowledge.
- Gain industry recognised qualifications that support progression into roles in banking, financial advice, operations, and compliance.
- Have access to mentors, lecturers, and industry professionals throughout your learning journey.
- Enhance career progression opportunities, including access to advancement and specialist career pathways.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be aged 18 or over on 31 August 2027.

Leaving Certificate Applicants
Six subjects achieved in one sitting, including;

- H5 in two Higher Level subjects
- O6/H7 in four additional subjects
- Subjects must include Mathematics, English, and Irish (unless an NUI exemption applies)

For more information on the entry criteria, please visit
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- Employed by a retail bank in Ireland for the duration of the three-year programme
- Four days per week work-based learning and experience
- One day per week classroom-based learning, delivered either online or in person, depending on the programme schedule
- Mentor supported on-the-job learning
- Paid annual leave entitlement
- Assessment combines practical work-based tasks with traditional academic coursework
- One week in-person Apprenticeship induction on commencement

YEAR 1

- QFA Regulation
- QFA Loans
- Becoming a Practitioner: Learning Through Work
- Digital Communication and Productivity in Financial Services
- QFA Life Assurance
- QFA Investments
- Customer Service Excellence in Financial Services
- QFA Pensions
- QFA Financial Planning

Designation
Qualified Financial Advisor

YEAR 2

- Introduction to Data, Big Data and AI
- Introduction to Applied Economics for Financial Services
- Introduction to Applied Accounting for Financial Services
- AI and Responsible Use in Banking
- Finance and Investments Decision Making
- Applied Financial Advice
- Principles and Practices of Credit Risk Management

YEAR 3

- Banking and Risk Management in Financial Services
- Strategic Management and Innovation
- Introduction to Coaching Practice and People
- Research for Capstone Project
- Capstone Project

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Application
Opens in Autumn 2026 for September 2027 start.

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