

EDUCATE — ENABLE — EMPOWER

CREDIT AND LENDING

LEVEL **8**

Professional Diploma in

Corporate Banking Credit

2025-2026



A recognised college of UCD

Who we are

IOB

IOB is a professional community of over 32,100 members who work in banking and the international financial services sector. Professional development of our members through education is at the heart of what we do. IOB provides university level programmes to enable our members achieve and sustain their professional qualifications and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) - essential in meeting customer and regulatory expectations.

Excellence in education – a recognised college of UCD

As a recognised college of University College Dublin (UCD) and the standout financial services educator, we offer qualifications of the highest standard. We currently have more than 40 programmes ranging from Professional Certificates (level 7) on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) to Masters Degrees (level 9). We design our programmes to be practical and relevant, and grounded in academic rigour.



Pathway to Professional Banker designation for Professional Diploma in Corporate Banking Credit holders

THIS PROGRAMME IS ON THE PATHWAY TO PROFESSIONAL BANKER DESIGNATION

Professional Banker Designation



Once you have three years' relevant work experience you may apply to become a **Professional Banker**

3 Modules



Specialist Programmes

For candidates who hold 30 ECTS Credits at level 7



Introduction

Who is this programme for?

The Professional Diploma in Corporate Banking Credit is a practical corporate banking lending skills and corporate products programme for people working or seeking to work in corporate banking and the corporate markets area.

The programme has been designed in conjunction with corporate banking and corporate markets professionals and is the benchmark qualification for corporate bankers in Ireland.

The programme is an important building block in developing the specialist knowledge and lending skills of people working in corporate banking, the markets area and other professional advisors engaged with corporate entities.

This programme is designed to meet the needs of:

- Corporate banking relationship managers and their portfolio support staff
- Corporate banking staff who are working in property-based corporate lending
- Markets staff who support the Corporate banking teams
- International Trade and Cash Management Services staff
- Corporate banking and SME credit underwriters
- Graduates of the Professional Diploma in SME Credit who are moving into corporate banking roles
- Loan administration and credit policy officers
- Credit review staff who are responsible for ensuring that lending and credit delivery standards are complied with
- Internal audit staff who assess whether the credit management standards are fit for purpose and are being complied with
- Credit portfolio managers who are responsible for identifying and managing excessive credit concentrations in the loan book, forecasting loan losses and estimating impairment provisions
- Accountants, lawyers and other professionals who provide corporate banking advisory services.

How you will benefit

Each module is supported by online practical workshops which are delivered by leading bankers who are corporate banking lending and corporate markets experts.

The syllabus of this practical specialist programme has been designed to enable participants to:

- Credit assess the credit worthiness of corporate borrowers both trading and property borrowers
- Conduct corporate financial statement analysis including financial ratios, financial projection sensitivity analysis, preparation of cashflow statements and working capital analysis
- Calculate and analyse repayment capacity and conduct sensitivity analysis
- Risk assess corporate strategy, industry risk, economic risk and management team risk
- Structure corporate lending transactions in a manner which meets the needs of the corporate borrower and complies with credit policies
- Understand the different types of debt instruments which can be used when structuring a corporate lending transaction
- Evaluate the commercial viability and sustainability of a corporate borrower business plan and the management team's ability to deliver the plan
- Describe and explain the different interest rate risk hedging, currency risk hedging and international trade products and services which can be offered to corporate customers
- Understand the different types of corporate security

- Explain covenants and conditions precedent
- Explain the key components of term sheet
- Understand the role of external credit agencies
- Understand the components of the credit risk management framework, including credit risk appetite statements, and how it links to the profit and loss and the balance sheet
- Understand the regulation of published financial accounts
- Understand ethics in banking
- Understand the key components of credit risk relating to property transactions
- Understand the key components of security documentation relating to property transactions
- Understand the key market indicators which highlight early warning signals.

Recognised Prior Learning (RPL)

The structure of the programme allows for accreditation of RPL. Therefore, those participants who have completed relevant internal training, and can provide evidence for the other experiential learning, may be eligible for admission to and/or exemption from specific units of the programme. However, where participants have gaps between their demonstrated prior experiential learning and the module outcomes, they may be required to complete some units to bridge these gaps.

Full details of the RPL process for this programme are available from the Programme Manager.

Curriculum

NFQ: Level 8

Academic credits: 25 ECTS

Modules: 3

Awarding body: UCD

You will study three modules as follows:

1. Principles and Practices of Credit Risk Management

(NFQ Level 8, 10 ECTS)

- Key categories of risks to which banks are exposed with focus on credit risk
- Basel principles for the management of credit risk
- Bank risk appetite frameworks
- Components of the credit risk management framework
- Credit portfolio management and credit concentration risk
- Credit Risk Appetite Statement
- Credit culture
- The end to end credit process
- Overview of the canons of lending
- Credit application process
- Bank capital
- Risk weighted assets
- Basel II & Basel III, Basel IV
- Minimum Regulatory Requirements
- Introduction to credit models
- Impairment provisioning
- Stress testing
- Impairments and capital
- Pricing for risk
- Key lessons from Irish banking crises, Honohan Report, Regling & Watson, Nyberg.

2. Corporate Credit Risk Assessment

(NFQ Level 8, 10 ECTS)

- Objectives and challenges of corporate credit
- Calculating and analysing repayment capacity
- Preparation of cashflow statements
- Understanding working capital analysis
- Conducting a financial projections sensitivity analysis
- Analysing financial information from a corporate banker's perspective including consolidated income statement, statement of financial position and cashflow
- Risks from the manipulation of accounts
- Different types of corporate security and legal issues affecting security
- Setting covenants and stress testing financial covenants
- Monitoring and control framework
- Corporate strategy including industry, economic and management team risk assessment
- Credit assessment including assessment of corporate property lending transactions
- Structuring credit transactions
- Debt instruments and use when structuring a transaction
- Term sheets and loan administration
- Different techniques for valuing a company
- Role of external credit ratings analysis in corporate credit analysis and structuring
- Regulation of published accounts
- Primary statements in financial reporting.

3. Corporate Banking Risk Management Products

(NFQ Level 8, 5 ECTS)

- Foreign Exchange Risk Management Strategies and Products
- Interest Rate Risk Management Strategies and Products
- Treasury Investment Services
- Money Markets Instruments
- Capital Markets Regulation including EDIR and MIFID
- Understanding Marketable Securities
- Centralised Cash Pooling and Zero-Balancing options for international companies
- Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA)
- Correspondent Banking & Settlement of International Transactions
- Foreign Currency and International Payment Accounts
- International Electronic Payments Services
- Risks associated with International Trade
- The role of Banks in relation to International Trade
- Export Finance Facilities
- Documentary credits and collection
- Bills of Exchange
- Invoice Finance
- Debtors ledgers and invoice finance
- Medium and Long Term Export Finance
- Export Credit Insurance (ECI)
- Types of Asset Finance
- Leasing and Hire Purchase
- Bank agreements relating to International products and services.

Further Information

Entry requirements

The minimum entry requirements for this programme are:

- 3 years' experience (full time) in a relevant banking role and completed the Professional Diploma in Financial Advice or equivalent 30 ECTS Level 7 programme
- or
- An honours degree (min. H2.2, level 8 NFQ)
- or
- Admission will also be considered from experienced professionals who do not meet the minimum admission requirements as set out above, who can demonstrate learning based on work and training experience e.g. individuals employed in a Corporate Banking role with responsibility for credit decisions in financial services.

Professional body membership

You must be a current member of IOB, or become a member, to undertake this programme.

Delivery

The programme will be delivered via blended learning with online webinars supplemented by up to two online one-day practical workshops for module 1 and module 3. There are three practical workshops for module 2.

Duration

Participants can register for and complete one module each trimester.

Assessment

Principles and Practices of Credit Risk Management is assessed by:	
MCQ Continuous assessment	20%
An end of trimester two-hour written exam	80%
Corporate Credit Risk Assessment is assessed by:	
Written continuous assessment	30%
An end of trimester two-hour written exam	70%
Corporate Banking Risk Management Products is assessed by:	
Written continuous assessment	30%
An end of trimester two-hour written exam	70%

Fees

Module	Fee
Principles and Practices of Credit Risk Management	€625
Corporate Credit Risk Assessment	€625
Corporate Banking Risk Management Products	€520

How to apply

To apply online, visit iob.ie/programme/corporate-banking-credit

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