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LIBF Level 5 Diploma in Asset Finance (DipAF)

Qualification specification



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Purpose of the qualification

Why study the LIBF Level 5 Diploma in Asset Finance (DipAF) qualification?

The Diploma in Asset Finance (DipAF) qualification has been developed in collaboration with the Finance and Leasing Association (FLA) and major stakeholders for people working, or aspiring to work, in the asset finance industry.

For those already working within the sector, DipAF provides you the opportunity to gain a recognised qualification that has been specifically designed to support your industry; through this you will be able to demonstrate your professionalism and your understanding of key knowledge which will enable you to differentiate yourself from your peers.

As a newcomer to the asset finance sector, DipAF provides you with the in-depth knowledge you will require to operate effectively as you build your career.

Objectives

DipAF develops your knowledge of asset finance and how this major industry operates; through this, you will enhance your career potential as an asset finance professional. The qualification is formed of three units taking you from an introduction to asset finance right through to the sales and account-management processes. The three units specifically explore: business management and the provision of asset finance; the legal and regulatory requirements; and the sales and account-management processes.

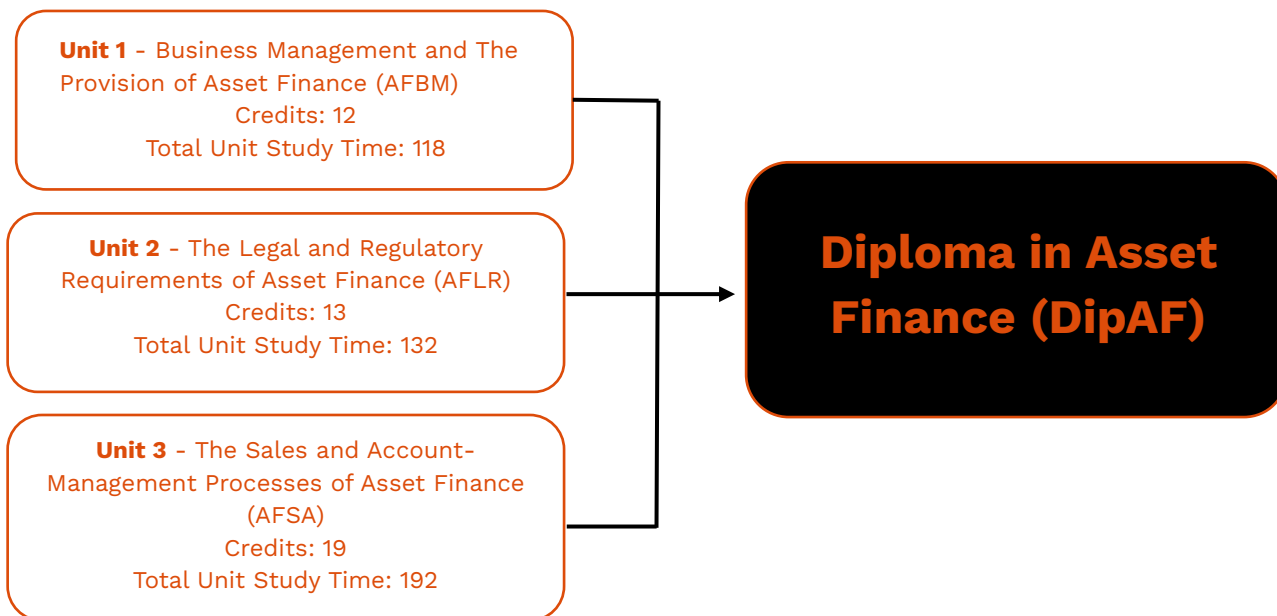
Key skills developed

The qualification will encourage you to:

- develop an in-depth understanding of the asset finance industry;
- apply higher-level cognitive skills of reflective practise, including analysis, and evaluation;
- demonstrate numeracy skills, including the ability to manipulate financial and other numerical data;
- use appropriate data and information from a range of sources to make financial decisions;
- structure and communicate ideas logically and coherently; and
- increase your ability to work and learn independently.

Structure

DipAF is made up of three mandatory units which must be successfully completed to achieve the qualification.



Qualification delivery

Total qualification time (TQT)

Total Qualification Time (TQT) is a prediction of the total time a student with no prior knowledge might need to complete the course.

TQT consists of two elements, Guided Learning (GL) and all other hours:

- Guided Learning (GL) comprises study time under direct teacher supervision, encompassing instructional sessions and supervised examinations.
- All other hours include hours spent unsupervised in research, learning, e-learning, e-assessment, completing coursework, exam preparation, and formal assessments.

The LIBF Level 5 Diploma in Asset Finance is primarily considered as a self-directed study qualification with session-based coursework and examinations.

Qualification grading

The overall qualification is graded Pass/Fail.

Feedback is provided via analysis sheets available on [MyLIBF](#), to see your strengths and areas to develop.

Individual feedback will be provided for the coursework assignments. You will have access to a Chief Examiner report based on the overall student performance of the Unit 3 examination.

Assessments

Units 1 and 2 are each assessed by a multiple-choice question (MCQ) examination and coursework.

Each unit of the examination comprises 30 MCQs. You will need to achieve at least 21/30 (70%) to pass each unit.

Each coursework is a written piece of between 2,000 and 2,500 words. You will need to achieve at least 40/100 (40%) to pass each unit.

You must pass the MCQ examination and the coursework to achieve an overall pass of the unit. Unit 1 and Unit 2 have the same assessment structure as noted below.

Units 1 and 2 assessment detail

Assessment	Total Marks	Pass Mark
MCQ	30	70%
Coursework	100	40%

Unit 3 is assessed by an MCQ examination and typed examination.

The MCQ examination comprises 50 MCQs. You will need to achieve at least 35/50 (70%) to pass this unit.

The typed examination is an examination drawing upon assessment criteria across all three DipAF units. You will need to achieve at least 40/100 (40%) to pass.

You must pass the MCQ examination and the written examination to pass this unit.

Unit 3 assessment detail

Assessment	Total Marks	Pass Mark
MCQ	50	70%
Written examination	100	40%

The structure of the assessments ensures that all aspects of the course content are subject to external examination.

To complete the DipAF qualification, you must achieve a pass in all three units.

Preparing for the assessments

Examinations are sat electronically at any one of the Pearson VUE test venues worldwide or via Remote Invigilation in permitted locations where you can sit your assessment remotely. You must be registered to sit an examination at a test venue of your choosing (subject to demand/availability); this is managed by you. It is recommended that you book your exam three weeks in advance of the date you wish to sit. However, subject to availability, an examination can be booked as little as two working days in advance. Examinations can be booked via the Pearson VUE website or by phone. Please visit the Pearson VUE website for further information.

To prepare for the assessment you should make use of all learning resources as part of your revision for the exam.

Upon registration you are allocated a session for the coursework. Your coursework assignment and submission dates are made available on your course site.

You must select the venue you wish to sit your paper-based final examination at the point of registration.

Resit attempts

The qualification has a 24-month registration period. There are no restrictions on the number of times you can resit a unit in which you were unsuccessful, however, you must resit the unit in accordance with the published policies of LIBF.

Additional information

Entry requirements

There are no specified entry requirements. However, you need to be satisfied of your ability to study in English and perform basic mathematical calculations.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

LIBF recognises prior learning in different forms. Potentially, this means that you may not be required to register for every unit. Details of how to apply for recognition of prior learning are available on our [website](#).

Progression and preparation for further study

DipAF provides a platform for continued study within the financial services sector and a wide range of other business-related disciplines.

Upon successful completion of the Level 5 Diploma in Asset Finance (DipAF) qualification, there are opportunities for further study with LIBF. DipAF forms part of the Professional Diploma in Banking & Finance designation.

On successful completion of the Professional Diploma in Banking & Finance designation, you will be eligible to apply for Associate membership status of LIBF.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Unit 1 details: Business Management and The Provision of Asset Finance (AFBM)

Appendix 1 provides a description of Unit 1 (AFBM) and syllabus which includes the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Unit 1 – AFBM assessment methodology

- i. The assessment of AFBM will have two components:
 - a. Part A – 30 multiple-choice questions. The examination is to be completed in one hour. The examination is worth 30 marks and has a 70% pass mark.
 - b. Part B – Coursework task comprising a written piece of between 2,000 and 2,500 words. The coursework is worth 100 marks and has a 40% pass mark.

The coursework covers the following assessment criteria:

- AC 1.3 - Evaluate the financial products offered by the asset finance industry
- AC 2.1 - Analyse business management and competitive strategy
- AC 3.1 - Evaluate accessing finance and fund raising including Government schemes and the British Business Bank

Unit 1 - AFBM learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcome (LO) The learner when awarded credit for this unit will:		Assessment criteria (AC) Assessment of the LOs will require a learner to demonstrate that they can:
1. Evaluate the need for asset finance across a range of business types	1.1	Analyse the background, evolution and future of the asset finance industry
	1.2	Analyse the range of business types and their differing needs
	1.3	Evaluate the financial products offered by the asset finance industry
2. Analyse the business management and competitive strategy of the different asset finance providers	2.1	Analyse business management and competitive strategy
	2.2	Analyse funding contract hire and spot hire companies
3. Apply your understanding of the options available for providing asset finance	3.1	Evaluate accessing finance and fund-raising including Government schemes and the British Business Bank
	3.2	Analyse block discounting

Appendix 2 – Unit 2 details: The Legal and Regulatory Requirements of Asset Finance (AFLR)

Appendix 2 provides a description of Unit 2 (AFLR) and syllabus which includes the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Unit 2 – AFLR assessment methodology

- i. The assessment of AFLR will have two components:
 - a. Part A – 30 multiple-choice questions. The examination is to be completed in one hour. The examination is worth 30 marks and has a 70% pass mark.
 - b. Part B – Coursework task comprising a written piece of between 2,000 and 2,500 words. The coursework is worth 100 marks and has a 40% pass mark.

The coursework covers the following assessment criteria:

- AC 1.6 – Analyse treating customers fairly and the Consumer Credit sourcebook
- AC 1.7 – Analyse the FLA’s Business Finance Code
- AC 1.9 – Evaluate conduct expectations and ethical considerations

Unit 2 - AFLR learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcome (LO) The learner when awarded credit for this unit will:		Assessment criteria (AC) Assessment of the LOs will require a learner to demonstrate that they can:
1. Analyse the legal and regulatory requirements of asset finance	1.1	Understand the roles of the FCA and PRA
	1.2	Understand the regulatory compliance requirements that apply to asset finance providers
	1.3	Analyse the statutory powers of the regulators and their sanctions for non-compliance
	1.4	Understand the rules of capital adequacy and liquidity
	1.5	Understand the Consumer Credit Acts
	1.6	Analyse treating customers fairly and the Consumer Credit sourcebook
	1.7	Analyse the FLA's Business Finance Code
	1.8	Analyse the legal terms and conditions to consider in asset finance agreements
	1.9	Evaluate conduct expectations and ethical considerations

Appendix 3 – Unit 3 details: The Sales and Account-Management Processes of Asset Finance (AFSA)

Appendix 3 provides a description of Unit 3 (AFSA) and syllabus which includes the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Unit 3 - AFSA assessment methodology

The AFSA unit has two assessment components:

- a. 50 standalone MCQs. The examination is to be completed in two hours. The examination is worth 50 marks and has a 70% pass mark.
 - MCQ exam - 50 questions.
 - Covers all 12 assessment criteria.
 - Pass mark 70% (35/50) - each question worth 1 mark.
- b. Examination drawing upon assessment criteria from all three units of DipAF. The format will be a combination of questions requiring short and long form (essay style) answers. The exam will typically contain five questions (three long form responses and two short form responses) and should be conducted over three hours. The examination is worth 100 marks and has a 40% pass mark.

Unit 3 – AFSA learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcome (LO) The learner when awarded credit for this unit will:		Assessment criteria (AC) Assessment of the LOs will require a learner to demonstrate that they can:
1. Evaluate the asset finance sales process	1.1	Evaluate credit analysis
	1.2	Evaluate operational risk
	1.3	Evaluate cash flow analysis, key ratios and debt serviceability
	1.4	Analyse pricing (yield/rental calculation)
	1.5	Analyse residual values
	1.6	Analyse the role of credit reference agencies and how to use their reports
	1.7	Analyse lease accounting and evaluation
2. Analyse the asset finance account-management process	2.1	Analyse the key aspects of the account management process
	2.2	Analyse collections and arrears
	2.3	Analyse defaults and default management (regulated, unregulated, including financial restructuring and recovery)
	2.4	Analyse imports/exports, including EU imports, invoicing and VAT
	2.5	Analyse the termination implications of a business for asset finance providers