Which compliance qualification is right for me?

| Title | ICA Certificate in Compliance | ICA International Advanced Certificate in Regulatory Compliance | ICA Advanced Certificate in Business Compliance | ICA Advanced Certificate in Legal Compliance | ICA International Diploma in Governance, Risk and Compliance | ICA Professional Postgraduate Diploma in Governance, Risk & Compliance |
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| Suitable for | All staff working in the compliance area, internal and external audit staff, staff working in risk functions and regulatory representatives. | Compliance employees, employees who have recently been given or aspire to be given compliance responsibilities, those employees with management responsibility for compliance employees or any person who wishes to acquire an understanding of fundamental regulatory compliance principles and how businesses can comply with them. | The need for guidance and training in meeting regulatory requirements extends to many industry sectors including oil and gas, aerospace, pharmaceuticals, telecoms and manufacturing. Suitable for: Compliance employees Employees who have compliance responsibilities Employees with management responsibility for compliance Any person who wishes to learn fundamental compliance principles and how businesses should be compliant | Anyone in a compliance or risk management role within a law firm or legal services business in England and Wales and, in particular: Compliance Officers for Legal Practice (COLPs) Risk Managers Compliance Managers, Officers, Associates and Analysts Compliance Officers for Financial Administration (COFA) Staff whose job role includes legal compliance responsibilities | Compliance Officers/Managers and their Deputies, Managers with responsibility for internal compliance controls Risk Managers Internal Audit Staff Regulatory Representatives Individuals who completed the ICA Advanced Certificate in Compliance (UK or international) Accountants Lawyers Company Secretaries | Experienced senior practitioners only Heads of Compliance, AML and Financial Crime Prevention Money Laundering Reporting and Prevention Officers Compliance, AML and Financial Crime Managers and senior staff Senior Risk staff Senior Internal and External Audit staff Company Secretaries Accountants Legal Practitioners Regulatory Representatives Anyone working in the above areas who aspires to be in a leadership role within an organisation |
| Level | Introductory | Intermediate | Intermediate | Intermediate | Advanced | Expert |
| Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) | Level 2 | Level 4 | Level 4 | Level 4 | Level 6 | Level 7 |
| Entry requirements (suggested - if you would like to take on a particular qualification and are unsure if it's right for you, please contact us for a chat) | Sound educational background | Sound educational background Good written English skills | Sound educational background Good written English skills | Sound educational background Good written English skills | Sound educational background, e.g. degree or professional qualification in an appropriate discipline OR Attainment of the ICA Advanced Certificate in Anti Money Laundering (International or UK) OR Three years relevant work experience" | Hold a first degree and be a senior practitioner (i.e. hold a senior management role) with at least three years' experience in that role or at the equivalent level of seniority OR Possess an ICA Diploma and have at least five years' experience in a related discipline and currently work in a role that includes senior level responsibilities and regular engagement with senior practitioners OR Have at least ten years' experience in a relevant senior management role. |
| Assessment | One hour online multiple choice exam | Two 2,000-2,500 word assignments | Two 2,000-2,500 word assignments | Two 2,000-2,500 word assignments | Three 3,500 word assignments | A'reflective journal' that comprises of 8 1000-1500 word Masterclass summaries - a short summary of the key principles and best practices outlined in the Masterclass. A 3 hour competency based interview describing your career to date and other evidence you wish to submit to map your knowledge, skills and experience against the National Occupational Standards of Competence. |
| How long will it take? | 3 months (Recommended study 3-6 hours per week) | 6 months (Recommended study 6 - 8 hours per week) | 6 months (Recommended study 6 - 8 hours per week) | 6 months (Recommended study 6 - 8 hours per week) | 9 months (Recommended study 6 - 8 hours per week) | 9-12 months |
| Where can I study? | Self-study at home through the online learning platform. | Self-study at home through the online learning platform. | Self-study at home through the online learning platform. | Self-study at home through the online learning platform. | Self-study at home through the online learning platform. | Self-study at home through the online learning platform |
| Will there be virtual classrooms and how many? | Virtual Classrooms may be available subject to demand, and you will have access to an online study pack. Please contact Student Services for further details. | Yes, there will be two highly interactive Virtual Classrooms, access to an online workbook and tutor support. | Yes, there will be two highly interactive Virtual Classrooms, access to an online workbook and tutor support. | Yes, there will be two highly interactive Virtual Classrooms, access to an online workbook and tutor support. | Yes, there will be four highly interactive Virtual Classrooms, access to an online workbook and tutor support. | There are two virtual Masterclass weekends , seven interactive virtual classrooms which includes a welcome session, hot topics, assessment prep and networking. |