



Certificate Examination in Customer Service & Banking Codes and Standards

Rules & Syllabus 2015

INTRODUCTION

Banking being a service industry has to keep quality of the services to their customers at the top of their priorities. The expectations of customers about the service offered by banks are different in different locations and geographies of our vast country. With the changing times, the expectations at all levels about the quality of customer service have undergone significant changes over last 3-4 decades. These higher expectations have been more pronounced after the opening of new private sector banks as a consequence of financial sector reforms in our country. Indian Banks especially the Public Sector ones have seen huge increase in their branch network during the last four decades. The unprecedented increase in branch network has impacted the customer service due to varied demands on the banking industry from different sections of the society. Though banks have been taking needed steps for improving the customer service standards, looking to the need to retain existing ones and to attract new customers, there is always a scope for improvement. Due to the different levels of standards that are available there is also a need for bringing uniform standards of service across the branches / banks. This would enable all bank customers to enjoy standard levels of customer service in any bank or branch of their choice.

SUPPORT FROM BCSBI

In order to meet the expectations of the customers and to render quality service by bank employees, the Institute has launched a certificate course in customer service in association with Banking Codes and Standards Board of India (BCSBI). The Board has agreed to lend its name and provide any assistance required by the Institute to make this a successful initiative. BCSBI is a society and is an independent organization promoted by RBI. Main objective of this society, as per its memorandum, is to formulate standards of service and also ensure that the same are maintained by all its members. There are a total of 132 banks as members of this society, who have voluntarily agreed to abide by the standards of service prescribed by BCSBI.

OBJECTIVES

To enhance knowledge of banking professionals in the field of Customer Services and to fulfill the increasing need of such professionals.

ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Any bank employee
- (ii) Any graduate of a recognized university or its equivalent

SYLLABUS

The details of the prescribed syllabus which is indicative are furnished in the booklet. However, keeping in view the professional nature of examinations, all matters falling within the realm of the subject concerned will have to be studied by the candidate as questions can be asked on all relevant matters under the subject. Candidates appearing for the Examination should particularly prepare themselves for answering questions that may be asked on the latest developments taking place under the various subjects of the said examination although those topics may not have been specifically included in the syllabus. The Institute also reserves to itself the right to vary the syllabus / rules / fee structure from time to time. Any alterations made will be notified from time to time.

PATTERN OF EXAMINATION

Question Paper will contain 120 multiple-choice objective type questions for 100 marks. The examination will be conducted on-line. Questions for 20 marks each will be from Module A, B and C. Questions for 40 marks will be from Module D of the Syllabus. There will NOT be a system of negative marking for wrong answers.

DURATION OF EXAMINATION

Examination will be of 2 hours duration.

PERIODICITY AND EXAMINATION CENTRES

The Examination will be held normally twice a year in June / July and November / December on a Sunday. The Examination will be conducted in on-line mode only.

No change of centre request will be accepted for personal reasons. In case of employed candidates all the requests for change of centre due to transfer, training and deputation etc. should be accompanied by employer's authentication and should reach the institute 45 days before the commencement of the examination. Any request received thereafter will not be considered.

The Institute reserves right to close any of the existing centre/s on account of inadequate number of candidates appearing from that centre or any other reason which it may deem fit. In such case, candidates will be advised to appear at the examination from the nearest available centre.

COURSE FEES

	For Members	For Non-Members
First attempt	₹1,000/- *	₹1,500/- *
Subsequent each attempt	₹1,000/- *	₹1,500/- *

* Plus Service Tax as applicable (Reg. No. AAATT3309DSD002)

DELIVERY

Candidates will have access to -

Specialized prepared courseware

Finance Quotient - on the entry level knowledge of the candidate to be hosted on the Institute's portal

Simulation program on Customer Service developed in association with Tata Interactive System (Candidate will be given a separate login id and password for this purpose)

Case studies on Customer Service / grievances periodically uploaded in the Institute's portal

MEDIUM OF EXAMINATION

Examination will be conducted only in English medium.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR EXAMINATION

Application for examination should be made online from the Institute's website www.iibf.org.in. No physical form will be accepted by the Institute with effect from 1st January, 2013.

PROOF OF IDENTITY

Non-members applying for Institute's exams / courses are required to submit a copy of any one of the following documents along with Examination Application Form. Forms without the same shall be liable to be rejected.

- 1) Photo i/card issued by Employer or
- 2) PAN Card or
- 3) Driving License or
- 4) Election Voter's i/card or
- 5) Passport or
- 6) Aadhaar Card

PASSING CRITERIA

The candidate has to secure 50% or more marks in the examination to pass.

FACILITY FOR VERIFICATION OF MARKS

Facility for verification of marks will not be available since evaluation of answer sheets is computerized.

ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES

Candidate's who complete the examination will receive a Certificate within 6 months after the examination.

STUDY MATERIAL / COURSEWARE

The Institute has developed a courseware to cover the syllabus. Candidates are advised to make full use of the courseware and also the updates put on the IIBF website from time to time. However, as banking and finance fields are dynamic, rules and regulations witness rapid changes. Hence, candidates should keep themselves updated on latest developments by going through Master Circulars issued by RBI, visiting the websites of organizations like RBI, SEBI, BIS etc.

The Institute has published study book to facilitate study and will be available at outlets / showrooms / distributors of M/s. Taxmann Publication Pvt. Ltd.

Candidates may purchase directly from outlets / showrooms / distributors of the above.

Candidates who purchase books directly from outlets of publishers will be offered a discount of 20% on the cost price of the book. Candidates desirous of purchasing books by post will not be offered any discount. However the postage will be borne by publishers. Candidates would be required to send their indent to publishers' outlet along with a Demand Draft for the cost of books. The Demand Draft should be drawn in favor of M/s. Taxmann Publication Pvt. Ltd. (No cheques will be accepted). Candidates are requested not to send any request for the purchase of books to the Institute's Zonal Offices / Corporate Office.

OTHER INFORMATION

PRICE LIST OF THE STUDY MATERIAL FOR THE EXAMINATION

Name of the Book	Price
Customer Service & Banking Codes and Standards (English Medium)	₹400/-

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SYLLABUS

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Candidates are advised to refer to financial news papers / periodicals more particularly "IIBF VISION" and "BANK QUEST" published by the Institute.

SYLLABUS

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Module - A

Definition of a customer – Banker- Customer relationship – Points of contact – Types of customers – Types of relationships, such as individuals, corporates, etc. and their peculiarities – Need for building up customer relationships and Importance of Customer Service in a country like India - Changing Expectations and Perceptions – Termination of relationship

Module - B

Modern day banking – Core Banking / Electronic Payments – phone banking – mobile banking – internet banking – How business is sourced – Different retail products – Home Loans – Vehicle Loans – Consumer durables – Credit Cards – Bancassurance – Demat services – Selling through agents – Recovery process, etc. This Module should also deal with general areas of grievances - pass book, account statement, unsolicited business, different charges, etc.

Module - C

Efforts made by banks, association of banks and Reserve Bank of India to improve customer service – Regulations, Instructions, KYC / AML guidelines-Banks' duties and rights – Customer Service Committees – Grievance Redressal Mechanism including Banking Ombudsman – Importance of Developing Skills and Attitudes – Use of IT in improving customer service.

Module - D

Genesis of Banking Codes and Standards Board of India – its set up and functions – Code of Bank's Commitment to Customers and Code of Bank's Commitment to Micro and Small Enterprises.

COURSES OF IIBF

A. Flagship Courses (for Members*)

- ☞ JAIIB
- ☞ CAIIB
- ☞ Diploma in Banking & Finance (Only for Non-Members)

B. Specialised Diploma Courses (for Members* and Non-Members**)

- ☞ Diploma in Treasury, Investment and Risk Management
- ☞ Diploma in Banking Technology
- ☞ Diploma in International Banking and Finance
- ☞ Advanced Diploma in Urban Co-operative Banking
- ☞ Diploma in Commodity Derivatives for Bankers
- ☞ Advanced Wealth Management Course
- ☞ Diploma in Home Loan Advising

C. Certificate Courses (for Members* and Non-Members**)

- ☞ Certificate in Trade Finance
- ☞ Certified Information System Banker
- ☞ Certificate in Anti-Money Laundering / Know Your Customer
- ☞ Certificate in Quantitative Methods for Bankers
- ☞ Certificate in Credit Cards for Bankers
- ☞ Certificate Examination in Banking Oriented Paper in Hindi
- ☞ Certificate Examination in SME Finance for Bankers
- ☞ Certificate Examination in Customer Service & Banking Codes and Standards
- ☞ Certificate Examination in CAIIB - Elective Subjects
- ☞ Certificate Examination in Basics of Banking / Credit Card Operations / Functions of Banks for employees of IT Companies
- ☞ Certificate Course for Business Correspondents / Business Facilitators
- ☞ Certificate Examination for Debt Recovery Agents
- ☞ Certificate Examination in IT Security
- ☞ Certificate Examination in Rural Banking Operations for RRB Staff
- ☞ Certificate Examination in Prevention of Cyber Crimes and Fraud Management
- ☞ Certificate Examination in Foreign Exchange Facilities for Individuals
- ☞ Certificate Examination in Microfinance

D. Specialised Blended Certificate Courses

- ☞ Certified Bank Trainer
- ☞ Certified Banking Compliance Professional
- ☞ Certified Credit Officer
- ☞ Certified Treasury Dealer
- ☞ Project Finance Management with IFMR, Chennai

E. Management Courses

- ☞ Advanced Management Program
- ☞ CAIIB linked MBA with IGNOU.

Educational support :

- ☞ Publishing specific courseware for each paper / examination and Workbooks etc.
- ☞ Classroom learning through Accredited Institutions, Video Classes, e-learning through Portal, Contact Classes or Campus Training - Model Questions and subject updates on the net

Other activities :

- ☞ Research, Seminars, Conferences, Lectures, etc.
- ☞ Publications of books, Daily e-newsletter, monthly newsletter and quarterly journal
- ☞ Training & Consultancy and Financial Education

* Members are employees of Banks and Financial Institutions who have enrolled as members of IIBF.

** Non-Members are eligible candidates for each course / examination without IIBF Membership.

The Rules & Syllabus and other information pertaining to the examinations are available with Institute's Offices at Mumbai, Chennai, New Delhi, Kolkata and also at such other centers / offices as may be notified from time to time. The same is also available at our website www.iibf.org.in.

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