

FAQs on Professional Banker (PB) Qualification

1 **What is IIBF's Professional Banker Qualification?**

IIBF's Professional Banker Qualification is a gold level aspirational qualification introduced by the Institute to meet the twin objectives of bridging the skill gaps and having a system of continuous professional development among the Banking fraternity.

2 **What is the eligibility criteria of PB qualification?**

PB qualification is open to candidates who have five years' experience. The qualification aims to create a pool of professionals in specialised and inter-linked verticals to enable them to meet emerging challenges. Also, you need to be a serving banker on the date of registration to become eligible for PB qualification?

3 **How to get started for the PB qualification?**

If you wish to become eligible for Professional Banker status, in addition to your five year of work experience in financial services, you need to complete all the three levels of IIBF Certifications, as indicated below:-

- i) **Level 1** : Pass your CAIIB Examination
- ii) **Level 2** : Pass the two compulsory papers on 1) Ethics in Banking and 2) Strategic Management & Innovations in Banking
- iii) **Level 3** : Depending on the area of your specialisation, choose any one of the five tracks viz.
a) Credit; b) Treasury; c) Accounting & Audit; d) Information Technology;
e) International Banking and pass all the certifications under that track.

4 **Which are the IIBF Certifications under each of the five tracks of Level 3?**

Credit Track	a) Certified Credit Professional and b) Risk in Financial Services
Treasury Track	a) Risk in Financial Services and b) Certified Treasury Professional
Accounting & Audit Track	a) Certified Accounting & Audit Professional and b) Certified Banking Compliance Professional
Information Technology Track	a) Certificate Examination in Prevention of Cyber Crimes & Fraud Management and b) Certificate Examination in Emerging Technologies and c) Certificate Course in Digital Banking
International Banking Track	a) Certificate Course in Foreign Exchange (FEDAI) and b) Diploma in International Banking & Finance.

***The details regarding the rules & syllabus for the different examinations under the Professional Banker qualification are already available on the website of the Institute under Examination/Courses.

5 ***In case of few Certifications under the five tracks, which are blended in nature, is training mandatory after clearing the Online Examination?***

For all the Certificate Programmes which are blended in nature (Examination + Training), a candidate who has passed the on-line examination conducted by the Institute on the subject concerned, has to compulsorily undergo a three-day training programme.

6 ***When can I appear for the Level 1 Examination?***

The Institute conducts the CAIIB examination on a half yearly basis. The schedule of the examinations is placed on the website of the Institute at periodical intervals. The CAIIB examination is conducted in the on-line mode at various centres; pan India.

7 ***When can I appear for the Level 2 Examinations?***

The examination for the Certificate Programmes on Strategic Management & Innovations in Banking will be conducted in the Remote Proctored mode on pre-announced dates published on IIBF's website.

The certificate course on Ethics in Banking is presently held at half-yearly intervals. Having said this, the Institute also offers self-paced e-learning certificate course on Ethics in Banking. This course will also qualify for the level 2 of the PB qualification.

8 ***What is the periodicity of the Examinations under Level 3?***

Most of the examinations under level 3 are held in the remote proctored mode. The only exams which are not held under this mode are Certified Banking Compliance Professional and Diploma in Banking & Finance. These exams are presently held at half-yearly intervals.

9 ***Is there sequence in which we need to complete all the three levels?***

In order to qualify for Professional Banker, you need to clear all the examinations under each level. Though the Institute has designed a sequence in which you need to complete the three levels, but IIBF provides you the flexibility to complete all the Certifications under the three levels according to your convenience. Considering the possibility of you having acquired other certifications before completing CAIIB, due credit will be given for the same.

10 **How do we register for the Professional Banker Qualification?**

Once the necessary certifications under all the three levels required for the Professional Banker qualification has been acquired by you, you can apply for the said qualification. Candidates registering for Professional Banker need to pay fees of Rs. 1000/- plus taxes as applicable.

11 **In case of the Certificate Programme of IIBF on Risk in Financial Services, do we need to complete both Level 1 and Level 2 (from CISI) to qualify under Level 3 of the Professional Banker Qualification.**

No, Even if you complete only Level 1 of the Certificate Programme on Risk in Financial Services, you will be eligible for the PB qualification

12 **In case of Certificate Course in Digital Banking, the Institute also provides Self-Paced ELearning on Digital Banking. Whether clearing the certificate course in Digital Banking through self-paced eLearning be considered for PB qualification?**

Yes, for the Certificate Course on Digital Banking, you can appear either in remote proctored mode or through self-paced e-learning and both will be considered for PB Qualification.