



Certificate Course in Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance (Foundation and Advanced)

(in E-Learning Mode)

Rules & Syllabus 2024

SELF-PACED E-LEARNING COURSE:

Development of self-paced e-learning is an attempt by IIBF to provide a more conducive learning environment to professionals employed in the banking and finance sectors. Under this approach, which harnesses technology to an optimal extent, a candidate will have the flexibility to register for the course on 'Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance', learn at his/ her own pace, and finally take examinations from his/ her own place.

EXAMINATION OBJECTIVE:

The twin certifications on 'Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance' is intended to provide a foundational and an advanced knowledge orientation to the banking and finance fraternity in India on the twin aspects of climate risk and sustainable finance. As the purveyors of credit, it is important for bankers to understand the risks associated with climate change and the ways to mitigate them, while financing green projects.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Members and Non-Members of the Institute
2. Candidates must have passed the 12th standard examination in any discipline or its equivalent.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION:

Certification 1: Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance (Foundation)

Certification 2: Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance (Advanced)

PASSING CRITERIA: Minimum marks for pass in each certificate exam is 25 out of 50

EXAMINATION FEES:

| Particulars | For Members | For Non-Members |
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| First attempt in each Certificate exam | Rs.1,100/- * | Rs.1,600/- * |
| Subsequent attempt in each Certificate exam | Rs.1,100/- * | Rs.1,600/- * |

* Plus Convenience charges and Taxes as applicable.

Please Note: Candidates are required to Register for every attempt separately.

Candidates may register for examination at any time, following which login credentials will be provided to them. Candidates must complete the final assessment within 60 days of registration, failing which the existing login credentials shall be rendered defunct and candidates will be required to register again.

The candidates will be required to register for each Certification (i.e. Certification 1 & 2) separately by paying the requisite fees. Candidate who have successfully completed certification 1 (Foundation level) will only be allowed to register for certification 2 (Advanced level).

The fee once paid will **NOT** be refunded.

MEDIUM OF EXAMINATION:

Examination will be conducted in English only.

PATTERN OF EXAMINATION:

- (i) Question Paper will contain objective type multiple choice questions for 50 marks.
- (ii) There will NOT be negative marking for wrong answers.

DURATION OF EXAMINATION:

The duration of the examination will be of 60 minutes.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR EXAMINATION:

Application for self-paced e-learning course should be registered online by paying requisite fees from the Institute's website www.iibf.org.in. After successful registration, candidates will receive login credentials for the Learning Management System (LMS) in their email within 1 working day. Non-members applying for Institute's examinations/ courses are required to attach/ submit a copy of any one of the following documents containing Name, Photo and Signature at the time of registration of Examination Application. Application 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 6) Aadhaar Card

SELF-PACED E-LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Self-Paced E-learning Management System will host a variety of interactive content to aid wholesome learning enabling candidates to learn at their own pace.

Once a candidate completes all the units in the e-learning, there will be a final evaluation consisting of around 50 questions (MCQs) for 60 minutes. On obtaining the minimum marks required to pass, a certificate will be issued to the successful candidate.

The self-paced e-learning on the subject has been prepared keeping the syllabus prescribed in mind. However, the candidates are advised to visit the websites of organizations like RBI, SEBI, etc. as well. Questions based on current developments relating to the subject/ exam may also be asked.

CUT-OFF DATE OF GUIDELINES/ IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

The Institute has a practice of asking questions in each exam about the recent developments/ guidelines issued by the regulator(s) in order to test if the candidates keep themselves abreast of the current developments. However, there could be changes in the developments/ guidelines from the date the question papers are prepared and the dates of the actual examinations.

In order to address these issues effectively, it has been decided that:

- (i) In respect of the examinations to be conducted by the Institute for the period March to August of a calendar year, instructions/ guidelines issued by the regulator(s) and important developments in banking and finance up to 31st December will only be considered for the purpose of inclusion in the question papers".
- (ii) In respect of the examinations to be conducted by the Institute for the period September to February of a calendar year, instructions/ guidelines issued by the regulator(s) and important developments in banking and finance up to 30th June will only be considered for the purpose of inclusion in the question papers.

The table given below further clarifies the situation.

| Particulars Developments for Examination/s | Cut-off Date of Guidelines/ Important Developments for Examination/s |
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| For the examinations to be conducted by the Institute for the period March 2024 to August 2024 | 31st December 2023 |
| For the examinations to be conducted by the Institute for the period September 2024 to February 2025 | 30th June 2024 |

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 subject/s of the said examination although those topics may not have been specifically included in the syllabus covered in the e-learning. 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.

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

The topics covered for the two certifications are as under:

Certification 1: Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance (Foundation)

Module I: Climate Change-An Introduction

- What is Climate Change?
- What is Sustainability?
- Evolution of Climate Finance over time
- Key Global Developments on climate change
- The IPCC - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- The 2015 Paris Agreement
- The COP26 in Glasgow - 2021
- India: Global Commitments to climate change
- India: Emerging Regulatory Environment on climate finance

Module II: Transition towards Green Financing- A primer

- Sustainable, Climate & Green Finance: Definitions and Differentiation
- Sector wise Climate Finance Opportunity for Financial Institutions: Global and India (For example across Renewable Energy, Industrial Energy Efficiency, Green Buildings, Climate Smart Agriculture, Transport, Municipal Waste, Water etc.)
- Global Taxonomy: A Summary
- Introduction to Climate Risk
- Introduction to Principles of Sustainable Finance
- Sustainable Banking - funds, investments, lending
- Introduction to Capital Markets (Blue Bonds, Green Bonds, etc.)
- Introduction to Blended Finance
- Case Studies and Global/India Examples as relevant

Certification 2: Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance (Advanced)

Module III: Climate Risks Management for FIs

- Climate Risk
- Types of Risk -Physical Risks, Transition Risks
- Emerging issues and trends in regulatory approaches to climate risk
- How central banks and regulators can best address climate risks and facilitate the net-zero transition
- Approaches to the strategy, governance and management of climate risk, and sustainability more generally, in financial institutions
- Integration of Climate-Related Risk Factors into Risk Management Approach
- Case Studies and Global/India Examples as relevant

Module IV: Climate related Disclosures and Reporting for FIs

- Regulatory & Policy Environment: Sustainability Reporting
- Carbon Footprint & Accounting
- Introductions to TCFD (Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures) Framework
- The Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi)
- The Paris Agreement Capital Transition Assessment (PACTA) toolkit
- Case Studies and Global/India Examples as relevant

IMPORTANT RULES/ INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

1. REGISTRATION FOR EXAMINATIONS:

- a. Candidates may register on the Institute website at any time as per their convenience.
- b. Login credentials for the e-learning course will be sent to participants within 24 hours of registration.
- c. Registration for the e-learning mode will be valid for 60 days from the date of registration. Participants who do not complete final examination within 60 days' time will have to register again for the course.

2. OTHER RULES/ INFORMATION

- a. Participants will be provided only one attempt to appear for the final examination after the end of e-learning. Participants who cannot secure the passing marks (50%) in the examination will have to register once again for the course by paying the full course fee.
- b. Candidates would be able to login to the system only with the password provided after registration. This password should not be disclosed to others. Keep it safe to avoid possible misuse.
- c. **Candidates shall not be allowed to use the keyboard or switch tabs during the final exam. Any attempt to do so shall result in automatic submission of the examination. Additionally, copy, paste and print-screen functions shall be disabled during the examination.**
- d. Candidates are required to strictly follow all the instructions during the examination and adhere to Rules of the examination.
- e. Violation of any of the Rules/ Instructions, misuse of the login credentials will be considered to be an act of serious misconduct and the Institute will take action as per the Rules of the examination, which will also be reported to the employer of the candidate.

5. RULES, PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT/ UNFAIR PRACTICES:

- a. No candidate shall impersonate others or allow others to impersonate himself/ herself during the examination.
- b. Candidates should not use any other application or browse other websites during the examination.

If any candidate violates any of the above rules, it will be considered to be an act of misconduct and he/she will be liable for punishment.

PLEASE REFER INSTITUTE'S WEBSITE UNDER THE MENU "EXAM RELATED" FOR DETAILS OF DEBARMENT PERIOD FOR UNFAIR PRACTICES ADOPTED BY CANDIDATES DURING CONDUCT OF INSTITUTE'S EXAMINATIONS.

6. RESULT ADVICE/ FINAL CERTIFICATE

- The wording 'e-learning mode' will be added in the name of the examination in the certificate that will be issued to participants who complete the examination. e.g. 'Certificate course in Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance (Foundation) in E-learning Mode' / 'Certificate course in Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance (Advanced) in E-learning Mode'.
- Final certificates will be digitally signed and sent to candidates via email within a period of one month from the date of completion of the course.
- The final certificate will be issued jointly by IIBF and IFC.

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