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LEVEL 9

Professional Certificate in

Financial Crime Prevention

A programme of IOB for members of Compliance Institute

2026-2027

Who we are

IOB

IOB is a professional community of over 31,100 members who work in in areas such as banking, financial planning and wealth management, investment funds and international financial services. Professional development of our members through education is at the heart of what we do. IOB provides university level programmes to enable our members achieve and sustain their professional qualifications and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) - essential in meeting customer and regulatory expectations.

Excellence in education – a recognised college of UCD

As a recognised college of UCD and the standout banking industry educator, we offer qualifications of the highest standard. We currently offer more than 40 programmes ranging from Professional Certificates and Diplomas (level 7) on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) to Masters Degrees (level 9). We design our programmes to be practical and relevant, but grounded in academic rigour.

Compliance Institute

Compliance Institute was established to provide opportunities for compliance professionals to develop their network, qualifications, and their skills.

With just over 3,850 members, the Compliance Institute is the premier provider of education and professional development in compliance, providing a balanced and authoritative voice on matters relating to regulatory compliance and business ethics in industry in Ireland. It is one of the largest global associations of compliance professionals and offers the largest suite of compliance programmes anywhere in the world.

The Compliance Institute's focus is on bringing the compliance community together and facilitating an effective network which helps our members build a contact base that can support them in their role and career. Our evolving professional development training and accredited graduate and post graduate education in the various fields of compliance and business ethics delivered by us and our educational partners have set the standard for compliance in Ireland.

Being part of the Compliance Institute means that our members are part of a diverse global network of compliance professionals. Compliance Institute is connected with international associations, providing members with the opportunity to connect with professionals from all around the world.

IFS Skillnet

The IFS Skillnet is co-funded by Skillnet Ireland and member companies. The IFS Skillnet programme is dedicated to providing training and networking opportunities for the international financial services sector.

The Network aims to support the sector in maintaining Ireland's position as a top international financial services centre through investment in the specialist skills and expertise of its workforce. The Network is led by a steering group which includes member companies and the leading financial services industry associations.

The IFS Skillnet was established in mid-2009. Since then we have delivered over 2,000 courses to 15,000 plus participants from 430 companies operating in the international financial services sector in Ireland. We support our members to upskill in areas such as digitalisation, ESG, leadership, people skills, project management and regulatory compliance.

Why get involved

- Avail of a comprehensive range of specialist courses designed for the international financial services sector
- Opportunity to significantly reduce training costs through the availability of grant funding
- Provides the opportunity to work with education and training providers to update and amend course content in line with market developments
- Ensure your employees acquire the latest skills to maintain your organisation's competitiveness
- Opportunity to network and collaborate with other member companies.

How to get involved

- Sign up for free at: www.ifsskillnet.ie
- Email: info@ifsskillnet.ie
- Tweet us: @ifsskillnet
- LinkedIn: @ifsskillnet

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Professional Certificate

Financial Crime Prevention
(CFCP)

NFQ: Level 9

Academic credits: 10 ECTS

Modules: 1

Delivery: Online

Awarding body: UCD

Designation: CFCP

"Studying the Professional Certificate in Financial Crime Prevention has greatly increased my knowledge of financial crime for use within my current role and future career development. High quality content and a very enjoyable and engaging experience. I would recommend this programme to anyone who works within the financial sector."

Alessia Damiano

About the programme

There has been a significant increase in the complexity and volume of regulation underpinning compliance in the area of financial crime prevention. Consequently, practitioners operating in this complex environment have to fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities of ensuring ethical and legal compliance within this regulatory environment while contributing to wider organisational objectives.

The role of the Head of Compliance with responsibility for Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorist Financing legislation, often the Money Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO) in a regulated firm, is a Pre-Approval Control Function under the Central Bank Fitness and Probity regime. MLROs within firms carry serious legal responsibilities and those who fill the roles must know and understand what these responsibilities are.

Relevant law and standards apply both at a domestic and international level and material breaches can result in personal accountability for MLROs as well as significant reputational damage and fines for financial services firms. The wider damage caused by financial or white-collar crime to individuals, communities and the public at large is immeasurable. Effective prevention of fraud and financial crime, combined with thorough investigation if and when it does arise, yields very positive outcomes.

The Professional Certificate in Financial Crime Prevention has been carefully designed to equip MLROs and others who specialise in this area with the necessary competence to fill this role and is the only accredited qualification at this level.

This certificate has been designed in consultation with the Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation and the Suspicious Transactions Unit in the Office of the Revenue Commissioners.

How you will benefit

This programme will support your personal and professional development. It will enable you to:

- Interpret contemporary legislation in the specific areas of financial crime prevention
- Design, complete and report on major financial crime prevention projects, which may be required to enhance your firm's positioning within the sector
- Determine, on an ongoing basis, the performance of a financial crime prevention framework within your firm's framework
- Apply professional knowledge and skills to investigate a suspected financial crime
- Maintain, develop and apply contemporary professional best practice.

Professional designation

Members who complete the Professional Certificate in Financial Crime Prevention, will be invited to apply for the designation CFCP - Certified Financial Crime Professional.

Curriculum

You study one module:

1. Financial/White-Collar Crime Prevention

This module carries 10 ECTS (academic credits).

Award

When you successfully complete this programme, you will be awarded a Professional Certificate in Financial Crime Prevention from UCD.

This is a level 9 qualification on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Those who successfully complete the Professional Certificate in Financial Crime Prevention, may wish to apply for the MSc in Compliance to progress their studies. Further information is available at iob.ie/programme/compliance-msc

Delivery and Assessment

IOB programmes are largely delivered and assessed online. Students should ensure they have appropriate equipment and software to participate in the related assessments and exams. Please see the Terms and Conditions for further information.

Entry requirements

The minimum entry requirements to the Professional Certificate in Financial Crime Prevention are as follows:

- An Honours degree (min. 2.2 L8 NFQ)

or

- Admission may also be considered for experienced professionals who do not meet the admission requirements as set out above, where they can demonstrate knowledge through their work.

Professional body membership

You must be a current member of the Compliance Institute, or become a member, to apply for this programme.

How to apply

For further information, including module content, fees, exam dates, closing dates and to apply online, visit iob.ie/programme/financial-crime-prevention

If demand from applicants exceeds the number of available places, a waiting list will apply.

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