



Key Facts

- Comprehensive learning support package
- Qualification attained by completing 3 credits
- Unique on-line examination service
- Around 200 hours study for each subject

Fast Track Accountancy Conversion Route

Many qualified accountants go on to enjoy successful careers in the banking and financial services industry. The Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland (CIOBS) has established a fast-track route to Chartered Banker status for qualified accountants working in the industry who wish to develop and demonstrate their knowledge of banking. Chartered Banker is the leading qualification for professionals in retail and business banking in the UK.

Who will benefit from studying the Fast Track Accountancy Conversion Route?

This conversion route is specifically designed for qualified accountants who wish to improve their general knowledge of banking and financial services, and who wish to develop their careers in banking and financial services.

Can I study for this qualification?

Yes, provided you already hold an accountancy qualification such as ACA, ACCA, CA, CIMA or CIPFA. Holders of other UK and international accountancy qualifications should contact CIOBS to establish eligibility.

What subjects do I need to study?

You are required to study 3 subjects designed to complement your existing accountancy qualification.

Core Subjects	Credit Value
• Professionalism and Ethics	1.0
• Financial Economics	1.0
Options – choose one from:	
• Retail Banking	1.0
• Business Banking	1.0
• UK Financial Services	1.0
• Building Society Operations	1.0

Will you provide me with any learning support?

Yes, you will receive excellent support from us including:-

- 24/7 online help by direct email to one of our subject tutors and mentors
- Subject Revision Notes via the website (where available)
- An Introductory Day for all new students
- Study forums and mock examination site
- Self study workbooks
- Email assignments

How will I be assessed?

Each subject will be assessed by a final, online examination available on a regular basis throughout the year. CIOBS has a network of online test centres throughout the UK.

Our online exams are not multiple choice but are a mixture of long answer, essay and case study type questions. Examinations are marked by a CIOBS appointed examiner, and results are usually available within a few weeks.

What is the cost?

Each subject costs £750 (£650 for employees of our Corporate Patrons). The subject cost includes the full learning package, an examination fee, plus one exam re-sit should you fail on your first attempt and a revision course. There is a one-off exemption fee of £500.

Before submitting an application form please consult your company intranet, or your human resources/training/l&d department/line manager to establish if you are entitled to sponsorship.

How do I apply?

Complete the registration form, either from the CIOBS website www.charteredbanker.com and return it to the CIOBS Office. Please ensure that Section 7b is completed to indicate company sponsorship.

How long do I get to study?

We anticipate that students will complete the conversion programme in 9-12 months. However registration for each subject is valid for 24 months.

Where can I get more information?

Website	www.charteredbanker.com
Customer Support	0131 473 7777
Email	info@charteredbanker.com

How do I progress my studies after this qualification?

On successful completion, you will receive the Chartered Banker designation. Please note that continued use of the Chartered Banker title requires you to fulfil our annual CPD requirement. In most cases evidence of participation in the CPD programme of a CCAB body will suffice.

