

**Chartered Banker linked apprenticeship standards now complete****16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

The Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA) yesterday approved the Level 7 “Senior Investment/Commercial Banking Professional” apprenticeship standard, including the flagship Chartered Banker Diploma<sup>1</sup> as a designated professional qualification. This means that individuals working in commercial banking and similar sectors can now gain Chartered Banker status via a Level 7 apprenticeship delivered by a wide range of apprenticeship providers, including those banks that are themselves providers.

This completes the suite of financial services apprenticeship standards linked to the Chartered Banker Institute’s qualifications, including:

**Level 7 Senior Investment/Commercial Banking Professional** – Chartered Banker Diploma

**Level 6 Financial Services Professional** - Associate Chartered Banker Diploma;

**Level 6 Relationship Manager, Banking** - Professional Banker Certificate / Diploma, Associate and Chartered Banker Diploma;

**Level 6 Senior Compliance / Risk Specialist** - Professional Banker Certificate / Diploma, Associate and Chartered Banker Diploma.

**Level 3 Senior Financial Services Customer Adviser** - Professional Banker Certificate/ Diploma, Certificate in Complaint Handling, Certificate in Offshore Banking Practice;

**Level 3 Compliance / Risk Officer** - Certificate in Complaints Handling;

**Level 3 Mortgage Advisor** - Mortgage Advice and Practice Certificate;

The Institute is also proud to be an End Point Assessment Organisation (EPAO) for financial services apprenticeships, working with apprenticeship providers and employers to “sign off” apprentices.

**Simon Thompson, Chief Executive of the Chartered Banker Institute commented:**

*“Apprenticeships provide a great opportunity for individuals to develop and demonstrate the knowledge, skills and behaviours expected of professional bankers. Employers will,*

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<sup>1</sup> For more information please see:

<https://www.charteredbanker.com/employers/apprenticeships.html>

*therefore, warmly welcome the approval of the new Level 7 apprenticeship standard, and in particular its link with the Chartered Banker Diploma.*

*Highly qualified, knowledgeable, skilled, dedicated, customer-focused professionals will shape the future of banking and it is vital that the apprenticeship standards available support the attainment of professional banking qualifications such as Chartered Banker. “*

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