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WHO IS IT SUITABLE FOR?	The International Finance and Administration suite of qualifications (IFA) and Diploma in Offshore Finance and Administration (DOFA) are stand-alone qualifications and are for those staff employed in the offshore finance sector who need a broad perspective of the industry. On completion of the Diploma, students can sit the Chartered Secretaries Qualifying Scheme (CSQS) examinations, and on satisfying work experience and membership requirements, can become a Chartered Secretary, a member of ICSA and to use the designatory letters ACIS (Associate) and ultimately FCIS (Fellow) after their name.	
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?	The IFA and DOFA qualifications can each be completed within a year. We recommend no more then two CSQS papers should be undertaken per sitting so the qualification can be completed within 2 years.	
HOW MANY PAPERS?	 IFA Qualifications 1. Award IFA (1 paper) 2. Subsidiary Certificate in International Finance, Accounting & Administration (2 papers) 3. Subsidiary Certificate in International Finance, Investment & Administration (2 papers) 4. Certificate in International Finance & Administration (3 papers) 	
	DOFA (4 papers) 1. Offshore Trust & Company Administration 2. Business Management	 Governance & Reporting Portfolio Management
	CSQS – Level 1 (4 papers) 1. Financial Reporting & Analysis 2. Applied Business Law	 Corporate Law Corporate Governance
	CSQS – Level 2 (4 papers) 1. Financial Decision Making 2. Strategy in Practice	 Corporate Secretarial Practice Case Study
COST FOR EXAM REGISTRATION WITH ICSA	 £1000 Core Module (Award IFA) plus £500 top up to Certificate IFA or £300 top up to eithe Subsidiary Certificate £1250 Core Module plus either Accounting or Investment Module (Subsidiary Certificate in International Finance Accounting or Investment and Administration) plus £300 top up to Certificate IFA £1500 Core Module plus both Accounting & Investment modules (Certificate IFA) £360 per module for registration + one exam entry for DOFA £110 initial registration for CSQS £205 exam entry fee per CSQS paper (excl. the Case Study) 	
WHEN ARE THE EXAMS?	 £278 fee for the Case Study 	
WHEN ARE RESULTS RELEASED?	 IFA, DOFA and CSQS exams are in June and November each year IFA and DOFA results are released approx. 8 weeks after the exam CSQS results are released up to 10 weeks after the exam 	
WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?	 To register as a student with ICSA you must be 16 years of age or over IFA - Nil - although candidates should be in a relevant occupation DOFA - IFA or other relevant qualifications, such as a university degree or Higher National Diploma (HND) CSQS - All the ICSA study material is produced in English and the examinations are all conducted in English. To enable progress on the qualification it is recommended that students have a score of at least 6 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or an equivalent. It will help if you have previously studied other subjects, and particularly if you have done essay- style assessment in English before. ICSA operates an open entry policy for registration to CSQS: it is up to you to decide whether your previous qualifications or experience are suitable for entry on to the programme. If you have no degree level qualifications or any suitable relevant professional experience you should carefully consider the level and breadth of the qualification and the amount of study required before registering. Members of relevant professional bodies, such as Chartered Accountants and Law Society qualified lawyers may qualify for entry onto the Fast Track Professional route to CSQS 	



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FOR FURTHER DETAILS & EXAM REGISTRATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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STUDYING WITH BPP

IFA Qualification	 Face to Face, Revision Only, Home Study & Online Classroom 	
DOFA Qualification	Face to Face, Revision Only, Home Study & Online Classroom	
CSQS Qualification	Face to Face, Revision Only, Home Study, Online Classroom & OCR Live	

STUDY SUPPORT FOR EACH METHOD

Face to Face Students	OCR Live Students	OCR Students
IFA/DOFA/CSQS	CSQS	IFA/DOFA/CSQS
Course Notes	Course Notes	Course Notes
Revision Notes/Q Banks	Revision Notes/Q Banks	Revision Notes/Q Banks
Face to Face Classes	Live Lectures 12 Sessions	Pre-recorded Lectures 6 – 10 Hrs
Pre-recorded Lectures	36 Hrs Worth of Recordings of Live Lectures	Study Planner
Tutor Support	Tutor Support	Tutor Support
3/2 Mock Exams	3 Mock Exams	Student Forum
3/2 Mock Solutions	3 Mock Solutions	Weekly e-mails
Life Time Pass Assurance	Life Time Pass Assurance	3/2 Mock Exams
Pass Rate Analysis	Pass Rate Analysis	Pass Rate Analysis
Deferral Option	Deferral Option	3/2 Mock Solutions
Administration Support	Administration Support	Life Time Pass Assurance
Access to BPP Facilities		Deferral Option
		Administration Support

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