



Certificate Course in Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance (in E-Learning Mode) Rules & Syllabus 2025

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 (Foundation)', learn at his/ her own pace, and finally take examinations from his/ her own place.

EXAMINATION OBJECTIVE:

The certification on 'Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance' is intended to provide a foundational orientation to the banking and finance fraternity on the 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. Non-Members of the Institute
2. Candidates must have passed the senior school equivalent exam in respective country

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION:

Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance

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

EXAMINATION FEES:

Particulars	For Non-Members
First attempt in each Certificate exam	USD 100 *
Subsequent attempt in each Certificate exam	USD 100 *

* The charges for remittance need to be borne by the candidate only, i.e. the candidates must bear the foreign bank charges for the outward remittance and indicate the same to their bank.

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 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 one working day.

Non-members applying for Institute's examinations/ courses are required to attach/ submit a copy of Government issued legal ID proof containing Name, Photo and Signature at the time of registration of Examination Application. Application without the same shall be liable to be rejected.

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. 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
For the examinations to be conducted by the Institute for the period March 2025 to August 2025	31st December 2024
For the examinations to be conducted by the Institute for the period September 2025 to February 2026	30th June 2025

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.

The topics covered for the two certifications are as under:

Certification : Climate Risk & Sustainable Finance

Module I– Introduction to Climate Finance

- Climate change-Causes, consequences, Evidence, Risks
- Global warming and Greenhouse effect.
- Global Emissions
- Global emitting countries
- Impact of climate change
- Climate change agenda
- Sustainable development and climate change
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Sustainable, Green and climate finance.
- International governance for climate change.
- Climate change governance-UNFCCC, IPCC, COP, Paris Agreement 2015, COP, NZBA, Equator principles, SBFN, TCFD, ISSB 2021, NGFS, ICMA, Green bond principles.

Module II-Transition towards Greening Finance – A Primer

- Climate finance-Overview
- Climate finance-Global finance flow, Landscape, Regions,
- Sustainable finance Taxonomy
- Taxonomy-Scope, applications, Landscape, Trends and insights
- Taxonomy Interoperability
- Sustainable finance stages
- Thematic bonds of sustainable finance-Green bond, Blue bond, Transition bond, Sustainability bond, Sustainability linked bond
- Thematic bond market-Issuance in numbers
- Climate transition finance
- Green finance vs Transition finance
- Principles of transition planning
- New capital market instruments
- Blended finance-Mechanics, Structure, Regional breakdown
- Risk sharing facility (RSF) in climate finance.
- Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) in climate finance.
- UNFCCC and financial entities

Module III-Climate Risk Management for Financial Institutions

- Scenarios, Types of climate risks
- Net Zero-Definition, Transition roadmap
- Physical risk
- Transition risk
- Climate risk transmission channels
- GHG Emissions-Scope, Financial Institution context
- Standard and initiatives for Climate risk management-BCBS principles, TCFD, ISSB, PCAF
- GHG measurement tools
- Physical risk screening tools
- Climate risk heat map
- Transition scenario analysis tools
- Traditional vs climate stress testing

Module IV-Introduction to climate related financial disclosures

- Climate risk and disclosure
- Evolution of global thinking around climate risk and disclosure
- Central banks and regulators recognition
- Reporting standards
- Information type to disclose
- TNFD
- GRI global reporting initiative-History, Objectives.
- Principles and guidance on reporting
- GRI Standards
- Standards-Universal, Sector, Topic.
- Focus on financial impact
- Translating climate risks for banks
- Pillars, Recommended disclosures, Standards, Elements in TCFD Framework
- ISSB-History, Background, Focus areas
- Building block approach
- IFRS
- Additional guidance for financial sector
- Interoperability and Transparency
- SFDR

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 and realization of payment by the institute.
- 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.
3. **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.**
4. Candidates are required to strictly follow all the instructions during the examination and adhere to Rules of the examination.
5. 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.

3 RESULT ADVICE/ FINAL CERTIFICATE

- a. 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'
- b. 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.
- c. The final certificate will be issued jointly by IIBF and IFC.

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