

Qualification Factsheet - CMI Level 5 in Professional Consulting (QCF)

The CMI Level 5 Qualifications in Professional Consulting (QCF) have been developed by Chartered Management Institute (CMI) in cooperation with the Institute of Consulting (IC).

These qualifications are designed for Professional Consultants and those aspiring to become a Professional Consultant and who want to develop key skills such as planning and managing consultancy interventions, the client relationship, communication and problem solving tools and techniques.

Award

Our Level 5 Award in Professional Consulting gives you the opportunity to gain a good understanding of consulting essentials, through choosing the unit *Introductory to consulting essentials*. This unit focuses on the nature of consulting, personal development and effective communication. Otherwise you can choose to develop your skills in one specific area of consulting such as consultancy interventions, communication, the client relationship or problem solving tools and techniques.



Certificate

A more extensive qualification, our CMI Level 5 Certificate in Professional Consulting (QCF) gives you a broader knowledge of the role of a Professional Consultant while focusing on the specific consulting subjects appropriate to the role of a Professional Consultant.

Diploma

With a more comprehensive structure, our CMI Level 5 Diploma in Professional Consulting (QCF) gives you the skills and competencies you'll need to become a Consultant. A CMI Diploma in Professional Consulting is the benchmark qualification for full IC membership. This qualification also gives you the chance to improve your skills in management & leadership and coaching & mentoring through the optional unit choices.

CMI Code	Title	Qualification Reference Number
5A26	CMI Level 5 Award in Professional Consulting (QCF)	600/4447/0
5C26	CMI Level 5 Certificate in Professional Consulting (QCF)	600/4448/2
5D26	CMI Level 5 Diploma in Professional Consulting (QCF)	600/4449/4

Accreditation dates

These qualifications are accredited from 1st September 2012, which is their operational start date in Centres. The review date for these qualifications is 31st August 2017.

Qualification Summary

These qualifications are aimed at Consultants or someone aspiring to become a consultant. The core units within these qualifications are focused on planning and managing consultancy interventions, the client relationship, problem solving, tools and techniques for consultants.

There is also an introductory unit in consulting essentials, that gives the learner a full understanding of the nature of consulting, how to prepare for professional personal development and effective communication with clients.

Within the Diploma, IC have introduced units from CMI Management and Leadership & Coaching and Mentoring qualifications to give the learner the option to further develop their skills in the role of a consultant.

The qualifications can be offered to learners from age 19. CMI does not specify entry requirements for these qualifications, but Centres are required to ensure that learners admitted to the programme have sufficient capability at the right level to undertake the learning and assessment.

The qualification is offered in the medium of the English Language.

Progressions

The qualifications provide opportunities for progression onto the Award, Certificate or Diploma in Professional Consulting at Level 7 or the Award, Certificate or Diploma in Management and Leadership at Level 5.

Rules of Combination

Level 5 Award in Professional Consulting

Learners must complete one unit to a minimum of 7 credits to achieve this qualification

Unit Number	Unit Name	Level	Credits
5029	Introduction to consulting essentials	5	8
5030	Planning and managing consultancy interventions	5	8
5032	The client relationship	5	8
5033	Communication for consultants	5	7
5034	Problem solving tools and techniques for consultants	5	9

Level 5 Certificate in Professional Consulting

Learners must complete two units to a minimum of 13 credits to achieve this qualification

Unit Number	Unit Name	Level	Credits
5029	Introduction to consulting essentials	5 QCF 8 SCQF	8
5031	The role and responsibilities of a consultant	5 QCF 8 SCQF	6
5030	Planning and managing consultancy interventions	5 QCF 8 SCQF	8
5032	The client relationship	5 QCF 8 SCQF	8
5033	Communication for consultants	5 QCF 8 SCQF	7
5034	Problem solving, tools and techniques for consultants	5 QCF 8 SCQF	9

Level 5 Diploma in Professional Consulting

Learners must complete all mandatory units to a total of 25 credits and three optional units to a minimum of 18 credits to achieve this qualification

Unit Number	Unit Name	Level	Credits
Mandatory			
5030	Planning and managing consultancy interventions	5 QCF 8 SCQF	8
5032	The client relationship	5 QCF 8 SCQF	8
5034	Problem solving, tools and techniques for consultants	5 QCF 8 SCQF	9
Optional			
5029	Introduction to consulting essentials	5 QCF 8 SCQF	8
5031	The role and responsibilities of a consultant	5 QCF 8 SCQF	6
5033	Communication for consultants	5 QCF 8 SCQF	7
Unit 5009	Project development and control	5 QCF 8 SCQF	6
Unit 5017	Management coaching practice	5 QCF 8 SCQF	6
Unit 5019	Management of action learning	5 QCF 8 SCQF	6
Unit 6003	Managing the change process	6 QCF 9 SCQF	7

Equivalences

CMI Level 5 qualifications are comparable academically to Diplomas of Higher Education, Foundation Degrees and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs).