



Diploma Examination for Micro Finance Professionals

Rules & Syllabus 2011

OBJECTIVE

To provide a thorough knowledge of the concept of microfinance and how microfinance institutions work, including the operational aspects of an SHG / MFI. The course will be a mixture of theory and case studies. This course would go a long way in building up the financial literacy of the persons involved in microfinance and SME sector. As the RBI and the Government have given a new thrust to financial inclusion and financial literacy, the examination would be helpful to banks also in their quest to reach excluded sections of the population.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant should be graduate of a recognized university.

In respect of the candidates working in microfinance / Banking domain the minimum qualification could be relaxed subject to a candidate have worked not less than three years in the sector.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION

- (1) Perspectives on Microfinance
- (2) Operational Aspects of Micro finance / basic banking

EXAMINATION FEES / REGISTRATION FEES

		For Members	For Non-Members
First two attempts		₹4,000/-	@₹4,200/-
Subsequent each attempt		₹2,000/-	₹2,000/-

@Includes registration fee of ₹200/-

MEDIUM OF EXAMINATION

Examination will be available in English, Hindi, Marathi, Malayalam, Tamil, Telgu, Kannada, Oriya, Bengali and Gujarati.

PATTERN OF EXAMINATION

- (i) Each Question Paper will contain approximately 120 objective type multiple choice questions.
- (ii) Information about mode of examination (online / offline) and list of examination centre will be provided along with examination application form.

DURATION OF EXAMINATION

The duration of the examination will be of two hours.

In case of offline examinations, before the commencement of the examination, there will be briefing about how to write the examination.

PERIODICITY AND EXAMINATION CENTRES

- (i) The examination will be conducted normally twice a year in May / June and November / December.
- (ii) Examination will be conducted on Two Sundays (one paper on each Sunday)

PASSING CRITERIA

- (i) Pass : Minimum marks for pass in every subject - 50 out of 100 marks.
- (ii) **Candidate securing at least 45 marks in each subject with an aggregate of 50% marks in all subjects of examination in a single attempt will also be declared as having completed the Examination.**
- (iii) Candidates will be allowed to retain credits for the subject/s they have passed in one attempt till the expiry of the time limit for passing the examination as mentioned below :

TIME LIMIT FOR PASSING THE EXAMINATION

- (i) Candidates will be required to pass the examination within a time limit of 2 years (i.e. 4 consecutive attempts). Initially a candidate will have to pay examination fee for 1st block of one year i.e. for two attempts. In case a candidate is not able to pass examination within the 1st block of one year, candidate should necessarily submit the examination application form for subsequent attempt, without any gap on payment of requisite examination fee. If they do not submit the examination form immediately after exhausting the first block, the examination conducted will be counted as attempt for the purpose of time limit for passing.
- (ii) Candidates not able to pass examination within the stipulated time period of two years are required to re-enroll themselves afresh by submitting a fresh Examination Application Form. Such candidates will not be granted credit/s for subject/s passed, if any, earlier.

“CLASS OF PASS” CRITERIA

- 1) The Institute will consider the FIRST PHYSICAL ATTEMPT of the candidate at the examination as first attempt for awarding class. In other words, the candidate should not have attempted any of the subject/s pertaining to the concerned examination any time in the past and has to pass all the subjects as per the passing criteria and secure prescribed marks for awarding class. Candidate re-enrolling for the examination after exhausting all permissible attempts as per the time limit rule will not be considered for awarding class.
- 2) First Class : 60% or more marks in aggregate and pass in all the subjects in the FIRST PHYSICAL ATTEMPT.
- 3) First Class with Distinction : 70% or more marks in aggregate and 60 or more marks in each subject in the FIRST PHYSICAL ATTEMPT.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR EXAMINATION

Examination Application Forms will be available at the Institute's website www.iibf.org.in which could be downloaded and filled in. The application forms will be also available at the Institute's Zonal Offices, Corporate Office and also at such other centres / offices as may be notified from time to time. Examination Application Forms duly filled in (for the detailed instructions refer the Examination Application Form) along with requisite examination fee should be submitted to the respective Zonal Office at Mumbai, Chennai, New Delhi, Kolkata. The Institute accepts no responsibility for delay or inconvenience arising from the candidate's failure to reach the Examination Application Form in time or if the form is incomplete or failure to furnish all the essential information about himself / herself and the details of his / her examination.

PROOF OF IDENTITY

Non-members applying for Institute's exams / courses are required to submit a copy of any one of the following documents along with Examination Application Form. Forms without the same shall be liable to be rejected.

- 1) Photo i/card issued by Employer or
- 2) PAN Card or
- 3) Driving License or
- 4) Election Voter's i/card or
- 5) Passport

STUDY MATERIAL

The Institute has published study books to facilitate study and they will be available at outlets / showrooms / distributors of M/s. Macmillan Publishers India Ltd. The price of each book and detailed list of outlets is mentioned below.

Candidates may purchase directly from outlets / showrooms / distributors of the above.

Candidates who purchase books directly from outlets of publishers will be offered a discount of 20% on the cost price of the book. Candidates desirous of purchasing books by post will not be offered any discount. However, the postage will be borne by publishers. Candidates would be required to send their indent to publishers' outlet along with a Demand Draft for the cost of book/s. The Demand Draft should be drawn in favour of M/s. Macmillan Publishers India Ltd. **(No cheques will be accepted).** **Candidates are requested not to send any request for the purchase of books to the Institute's Zonal Offices / Corporate Office.**

Name of the Book	Price
Micro Finance	₹275/-

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TUTORIAL / CONTACT PROGRAMMES

Tutorial / Contact programmes will be organized by the Institute / accredited Institutions. For further details candidates may get in touch with Zonal Office or logon to the Institute's website www.iibf.org.in.

SYLLABUS

The details of the prescribed syllabus which is indicative are furnished below. 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 subjects of the said examination although those topics may not have been specifically included in the syllabus. 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. Further, questions based on current developments in banking and finance may be asked.

Candidates are advised to refer to financial news papers / periodicals more particularly "IIBF VISION" and "BANK QUEST" published by the Institute.

SYLLABUS

Paper - 1 : Perspectives of Microfinance

- Why Microfinance?
- What is Microfinance?
- Microfinance as a Tool for Development.
- Evolution and character of microfinance in India.
- Microfinance Delivery Methodologies.
- Microfinance in India : Present and Future.
- Some Innovative and Creative Microfinance Models.
- Legal and regulatory framework.
- Monitoring and Evaluation Findings.
- Emerging issues.
- Impact assessments and Social Assessments of MFIs.

Paper - II : Operational Aspects of Micro Finance / basic banking

- Accounting and financial reporting.
- Financial Analysis.
- Revenue model, operating costs and efficiency.
- Products and services.
- Risk Management.
- Basics of Banking.
- Priority Sector norms / lending.
- Other Issues / Circulars.

COURSES OF IIBF

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- ☞ JAIB
- ☞ CAIB
- ☞ Diploma in Banking & Finance

B. Specialised Post Graduate Diploma Courses (for Member* and Non-Members**)

- ☞ Diploma in Treasury, Investment and Risk Management
- ☞ Diploma in Banking Technology
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- ☞ Diploma for Micro Finance Professionals in collaboration with Sa-Dhan
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- ☞ Diploma in Home Loan Advising

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- ☞ Certificate in Trade Finance
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- ☞ Certificate in Quantitative Methods for Bankers
- ☞ Certificate in Credit Cards for Bankers
- ☞ Certificate Examination in Banking Oriented Paper in Hindi
- ☞ Certificate Examination in SME Finance for Bankers
- ☞ Certificate Examination in Customer Service & Banking Codes and Standards
- ☞ Certificate Examination in Basics of Banking / Credit Cards for employees of IT Companies
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D. Management Courses

- ☞ Advanced Management Program in collaboration with SIES - Mumbai, Welingkar-Mumbai, IMI-Delhi, IPE-Hyderabad.
- ☞ Project Finance Management Blended Course with IFMR, Chennai
- ☞ CAIB linked MBA with IGNOU.

Educational support :

- ☞ Publishing specific courseware for each paper / examination and Workbooks etc.
- ☞ Tutorials through Accredited Institutions, Virtual Classes, e-learning through Portal, Contact Classes or Campus Training - Model Questions and subject updates on the net

Other activities :

- ☞ Research, Seminars, Conferences, Lectures, etc.
- ☞ Publications of books, Daily e-newsletter, monthly newsletter and quarterly journal
- ☞ Training & Consultancy and Financial Education

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