



ILM LEVEL 7 DIPLOMA IN STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT



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Introducing the qualification

The ILM Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Leadership and Executive Management has been specially designed to give practising managers the widest choice for their formal development in this role.

This qualification builds on the ILM Level 7 Awards and Certificates in Strategic Leadership or Executive Management, and is more suited to the practising senior manager or leader, due to the more challenging demands of the programme. Participants are not required to undertake either the Award or the Certificate as pre-requisites and may join Diploma programmes directly.

The qualification develops a comprehensive range of strategic leadership and senior management skills, assisting participants in gaining the knowledge required at this level. By completing the six mandatory units, participants can expect to develop skills such as: informed decision making, analysis of personal management practice, critical thinking and research, and the development of autonomy and self-direction in learning.

Participants are then able to choose from a diverse range of optional units to build their qualification (see the tables below and overleaf). This high level of flexibility allows individuals or their employers to custom build a qualification focusing on the key areas that are most relevant to the demands of a specific role, industry or organisation. From leading programmes to managing corporate risk, the ILM Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Leadership and Executive Management can be fully tailored to meet the varying needs of participants across all employment sectors.

Qualification overview

Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Leadership and Executive Management	
Credit value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 90 credits
Guided learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 180 hours
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion within three years
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction – two hours • Tutorial support – at least 13 hours • Six mandatory units with a combined credit value of 36 • Optional units with a minimum total credit value of 54 (at least 24 optional credits must be from Level 7 units)
Assessment – mandatory units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two reflective reviews, plus • Critical incident review, plus • Personal development record/reflective learning log, plus • Consultancy report
Assessment – optional units	Depending on the units selected, a choice of: work-based assignments, reflective reviews, oral presentations, written reports or centre-devised alternatives
Entry requirements	There are no formal entry requirements but participants will normally be practising or aspiring senior managers with the opportunity to meet the assessment demands and have a background that will enable them to benefit from the programme

Please note this ILM Vocationally Related Qualification (VRQ) is part of the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), applicable in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, providing successful candidates with transferable qualification credit.



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Overview of units

Ref	Unit title	CV*	Mandatory
M6.01	Developing the executive manager	6	D
M6.02	Critical thinking and research skills in management	6	
M6.03	Reviewing corporate policy and strategy	6	
M6.04	Optimising organisational capacity	6	
M6.05	Developing excellence in operations	6	
M6.06	Leading project implementation	12	
M7.01	Making informed decisions	6	D
M7.02	Leadership in practice	6	D
M7.03	Developing the reflective leader	6	D
M7.04	The leadership journey	6	D
M7.05	Leading change in organisations	6	D
M7.06	Developing and implementing corporate policy and strategy	12	
M7.07	Building commitment to corporate vision and values	6	
M7.08	Developing the chief executive officer	6	
M7.09	Financial appraisal of proposed capital projects	6	
M7.10	Managing corporate risk	6	
M7.11	Promoting excellence	6	
M7.12	Promoting organisational commitment to customer satisfaction	6	
M7.13	Managing knowledge	6	
M7.14	Strategic management of human resources	12	
M7.15	Improving marketing strategy	6	
M7.16	Ensuring long term financial stability	6	
M7.17	Team working in organisational partnerships	6	
M7.18	Leading programmes	12	

* Credit value

Candidates must complete the associated mandatory units for their qualification, marked D = Diploma, then choose from the remaining units to make up the required minimum credit value – check with your centre for further advice.

Learning resources

ILM offers learning providers a range of support materials for the ILM Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Leadership and Executive Management:

- *Management Extra* published by Pergamon Flexible Learning. This is an adaptable training resource comprising a series of workbooks which cover a wide range of management topics. Many of these books provide excellent support for the programme, and have been mapped to the units
- [The members section of ILM website](#). All participants receive free studying membership of ILM which provides access to a range of support materials and recommended texts (please see below)

ILM membership

All learners gain free studying membership of ILM for one year. Designed to help candidates get the most from their course and advance their management career, studying membership gives access to a wide range of specialist support and development materials and services. Once registered, candidates can activate their ILM studying membership online at www.i-l-m.com/activate. At any time candidates can upgrade to become a full ILM professional member – giving an additional range of membership services and the use of post nominal letters (e.g. AInstLM).

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