



ILM LEVEL 7 QUALIFICATIONS IN STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

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Introducing the qualifications

The ILM Level 7 Award in Strategic Leadership, ILM Level 7 Certificate in Strategic Leadership, and ILM Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Leadership are qualifications that have been specially designed to give practising or potential senior managers and leaders critical evaluative skills for their formal development in this role.

The Award is a concise qualification made up of two mandatory units. In the first unit participants review different leadership theories relevant to their organisation and investigate organisational leadership performance by analysing a critical incident. The second unit, 'Developing the reflective leader', enables participants to reflect on their learning and experience to improve their performance.

The Certificate builds and broadens the skills and knowledge gained in the Award (please note candidates may join the Certificate directly and are not required to undertake the Award as a prerequisite). The third mandatory unit at this level, 'The leadership journey', is designed to enable participants to develop autonomy and self-direction in their learning. It also aims to develop skills in reflecting holistically on experience and learning within a given context over an extended period.

The Diploma develops a comprehensive range of leadership skills, providing participants with the broad body of knowledge required by senior managers and leaders. The qualification builds on the Award and Certificate, though is more suited to practising senior managers or leaders, due to the more challenging demands of the programme. (Please note candidates are not required to

undertake either the Award or Certificate as prerequisites and may join Diploma programmes directly). Organisational change is examined in the additional mandatory unit – reviewing the causes of change and its potential effects on an organisation and evaluating and justifying different leadership models to enable change.

Certificate or Diploma participants are able to choose from a diverse range of optional units to build their qualification. 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 improving marketing strategy, the ILM Strategic Leadership qualifications can be fully tailored to meet the varying needs of participants across all employment sectors.

Qualifications overview

	Level 7 Award in Strategic Leadership	Level 7 Certificate in Strategic Leadership	Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Leadership
Credit value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 12 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 30 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 60 credits
Guided learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 30 hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 65 hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 120 hours
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion within one year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion within two years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion within three years
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Induction – one hour Tutorial support – at least seven hours Two mandatory units, each with a credit value of 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Induction – two hours Tutorial support – at least eight hours Three mandatory units with a combined credit value of 18 Optional units with a total minimum credit value of 12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Induction – two hours Tutorial support – at least eight hours Four mandatory units with a combined credit value of 24 Optional units with a total minimum credit value of 36 (at least 12 credits must be from Level 7 units)
Assessment – mandatory units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical incident review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical incident review, plus Personal development record/reflective learning log 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 these ILM Vocationally Related Qualifications (VRQs) are 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
M6.02	Critical thinking and research skills in management	6	
M6.03	Reviewing corporate policy and strategy	6	
M6.05	Developing excellence in operations	6	
M6.06	Leading project implementation	6	
M7.01	Making informed decisions	6	
M7.02	Leadership in practice	6	A C D
M7.03	Developing the reflective leader	6	A C D
M7.04	The leadership journey	6	C D
M7.05	Leading change in organisations	6	D
M7.07	Building commitment to corporate vision and values	6	
M7.08	Developing the chief executive officer	6	
M7.11	Promoting excellence	6	
M7.12	Promoting organisational commitment to customer satisfaction	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 A = Award, C = Certificate and 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 Strategic Leadership qualifications:

- **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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