

# **ILM Quarterly Update**

22nd July 2025

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### Agenda

**Introductions** Apprenticeship update Qualification update ILM 'Ready to Run' programmes 1 Leadership & Management Qualification update 3 8 Special interest groups & F:F network 2 Wellbeing for self & others Qualification update 9 Re-thinking our quarterly updates 4 3 School Business Management 5 10 **Royal Charter Post Nominal** Upcoming events and webinars

### Your speakers today



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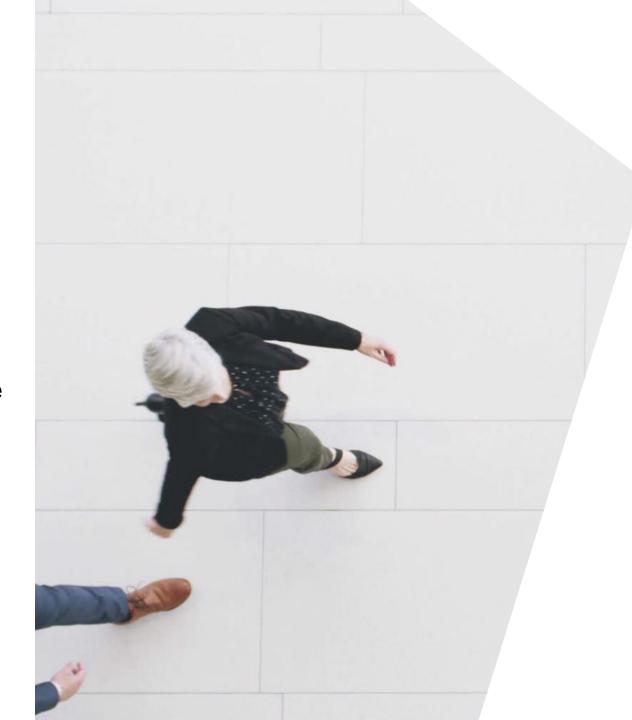
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# New suite of Leadership & Management qualifications

- Development underway of new Leadership & Management qualifications at Level 2, 3 & 5.
- New suite of core Award, Certificate and Diploma sized qualifications expected early 2026.
- Refreshed content, ensuring current topics are included which reflect the changing role of leaders and managers
- More flexible and inclusive assessment approach
- Webinars will run in late 2025 to provide updates ahead of the launch – dates and links to register will be shared soon.





# Level 2 Award in Supporting Wellbeing and Mental Health of Self and Others

City & Guilds

# City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Supporting Wellbeing and Mental Health of Self and Others



Driven by increased inclusion of topic in occupational standards across many of our skills pathways and request for a specific qualification across these sectors.

Worked closely with our employers, who have endorsed the pathway:

This qualification is groundbreaking. Recognising when our own wellbeing and mental health is suffering is an important life skill for the balance and restoration of everyone.

With the fast pace of life and day to day pressures, it is crucial for the next generation to empower themselves and their clients on how to maintain a healthy mind and body to enable a happy lifestyle.

Zoe Cullis
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coach,
Reiki Master and Holistic Therapist

We are excited to support the development and launch of this City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Supporting Wellbeing and Mental Health of Self and Others. This will be a fantastic tool to equip learners with the knowledge needed to support their own wellbeing and others in the Hair and Beauty Industry.

Adam Sloan CEO MHFed Chair, City and Guilds Hair & Barbering Employer Industry Board

# Why do we want to develop this?

Customer Feedback – There is a real focus on this topic in all industry areas.



Provides a clear, evidenced piece of learning in the form of a regulated qualification.



Toolkit for learners – supporting softer skills through their learning journey.



Ofsted are looking for evidence of where providers are supporting the wellbeing and mental health of learners within a classroom environment and in preparation for work.







CPD opportunities and solution for supporting soft skills.



Added value to any qualifications that do not have this element running through it.



Preparing learners for the world of work.



Opens doors to further learning in the wellbeing and mental health space.

### What does it look like?



Purpose	To equip learners with the skills and knowledge needed to support their own wellbeing and mental health for themselves and others in the workplace		
Structure	Single-unit award		
GLH/TQT	GLH 6 hours / TQT 7 hours		
Assessment method	Multiple choice questing exam (online through Evolve)		
Suggested fee	Approx £25 TBC (Non funded provision)		

# Who is this Award suitable for?

- 16+ Learners
- Employers
- Teaching and training staff
- Managers
- England
- The Nations
- Prison and probation service
- \*International

\*TBC during the development phase



# Approval process & launch timeline

#### **Approval process**

#### **Current C&G / ILM approval:**

- Walled Garden C&G access
- Fast-track approval

#### **Current ILM only approved customers:**

- Walled Garden ILM Access
- Complete CUF\_ILM requesting contract to opened up to ILM
- Walled Garden C&G access
- Fast-track approval

#### **Qualification launch webinar**

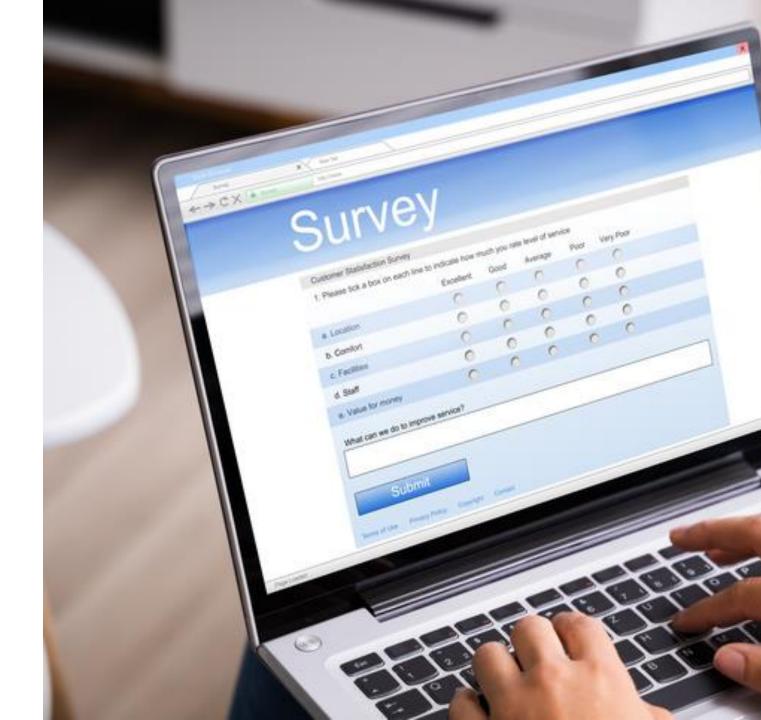
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 12pm

Register here

Webpage - 'coming soon'

Level 2 Award in Supporting Wellbeing and Mental Health of Self and Others

**QUICK SURVEY** 



# Level 4 Diploma in School Business Management

Recently launched Level 4 Diploma in School Business Management – (8392-31 full payment route, 8392-33 unit payment route).

- Qualification page <u>Level 4 Diploma in School</u> <u>Business Management</u>
- Qual handbook link <u>8392-level-4-diploma-in-school-business-management-handbook.pdf</u>

This qualification is an update to the outgoing Level 4 Diploma for School Business Manager, the update is to align the qualification content to the revised Institute for School Business Leaders (ISBL) professional standards.

Learners eligible for 12 months free student membership with ISBL and the Institute of Leadership





Launching Royal Chartered Post-Nominals

# Lifetime Professional Recognition

We are excited to announce the launch of our new post-nominal offer for ILM qualifications and EPAs.

Professional designations that recognise skills and achievements.

Awarded to learners who complete Levels 4-7 ILM qualifications/ EPAs.

- LCGI (Level 4) Licentiateship of the City and Guilds of London Institute
- AfCGI (Level 5) Affiliate of the City and Guilds of London Institute
- GCGI (Level 6) Graduateship of the City and Guilds of London Institute
- MCGI (Level 7) Membership of the City and Guilds of London Institute









### **Benefits**

- Post-nominals are designations or letters placed after an individual's name to signify professional achievements and qualifications.
- Available for ILM qualifications and EPAs at Levels 4-7.
- Automatically awarded on completion of relevant qualification/ EPA with E-Certificate and Digital Credential.



**Validation of Skills** 





Enhance
Employability;
Career Progression



**Attract New Learners** 



Lifetime Recognition



**Improve Retention** 

### Retrospective Awarding

#### Launch 28th April 2025

Learners certificated the launch date of 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 should automatically be issued with the Post Nominal associated to their qualification level. Ensure learners have live email address and issue the e-certificate.

#### **Eligibility**

Learners certificated after 1 April 2024 can claim retrospectively either direct or through their provider.

#### **Submission Process**

Email customer@i-l-m.com with:

- First name & surname
- ENR
- Email address
- Certification date
- Qualification code
- Learners applying direct need to include some personal ID such as passport and copy of their certificate

#### **Important Notes**

Ensure current email addresses are provided



### What are digital credentials?

- Easy-to-share, online badges that showcase skills and achievements instantly.
- Fully verifiable and trusted proof of competency, anyone can confirm what a learner can do.
- Data-rich credentials that include detailed information about the qualification and learning outcomes.
- Ideal for sharing on LinkedIn and professional platforms to boost visibility and credibility.
- Poised to replace traditional CVs as the primary signal of learning achievement.
- Ensures learners are equipped for a digital future with modern recognition tools.





# Importance of learner email addresses

To ensure learners receive their full benefits, it's essential to include their email addresses when registering in Walled Garden:

- Enables access to complimentary Studying
   Membership from the Institute of Leadership
- Receive link to their qualification digital credential
- Receive link for the Royal Charter Post Nominal credential (where applicable)

#### Registration guidance here:

**Digital Credentials and Walled Garden** 

For support with the bulk upload process to include email address, please contact the DCServiceTeam

dcserviceteam@cityandguilds.com

### Informing your learners

Ensure your learners know they will receive an email from ILM Digital Credentials <noreply@digitalcredentials.i-l-m.com

Julie Rowlett Test, congratulations on earning your
Affiliateship of the City and Guilds of London Institute
(AfCGI) digital credential



Maximise the benefits of your digital credential. Take these next steps today:

- View your credential: Foliow the link below to access your digital credential. This
  demonstrates your dedication and showcases your skills, valuable for future job
  opportunities.
- Celebrate and share: Post your digital credential on to your LinkedIn newsfeed to promote your achievements. With an average of 1.5 million visits a month, LinkedIn is the place to show off your skills.
- Update your profile: Add your new digital credential to your LinkedIn profile. This
  enhances your professional skills with your network in a way that is credible and
  validated.

NOTE: This is a digital representation of your paper certificate only. If a paper certificate is also issued, this will follow separately and sent to you directly from your employer, college or training provider.

View your credential

Share on Linkedin

Congratulations once again on this remarkable achievement

### Sharing your Achievements: Digital Credentials



Digital credentials are digital forms of recognition issued as proof of authenticity, achievements, and learning.

Digital credentials are verified, data-rich proof of competency, containing comprehensive data:

- who has earned the credential
- learning evidence
- who has issued it

Celebrate success: Credentials can easily be shared via professional social platforms to showcase achievement, helping to build professional digital networks

CV for life: They are a great way to demonstrate your abilities

No more lost certificates: Digital credentials store your achievements safely and securely so you can proudly display them anytime, anywhere and with anyone.

- Guidance on digital credentials: Digital Credentials | ILM (i-l-m.com)
- Learner guide to claiming credentials: <u>digital-credentials-quick-start-guide-pdf.ashx (i-l-m.com)</u>
- Learner video about digital credentials: <a href="https://youtu.be/haK8EW85J38?si=6ooVNq4jhyl6WbpZ">https://youtu.be/haK8EW85J38?si=6ooVNq4jhyl6WbpZ</a>



#### **New OFJT Rules**

OTJ training hours will now be determined on a standard-by-standard basis

OTJ training figures in the DFE calculator assume the learner has no relevant prior learning

In setting the minimum requirement for each apprenticeship standard DfE considered a range of information, including current durations (both the IfATE typical duration and actual time on programme) and the volume of planned and actual hours being reported in the Individual Learner Record by providers.

A provider can deliver the published minimum number of hours over any timeframe (subject to meeting the minimum duration), without it impacting on the volume of OTJT required

Providers will no longer need to automatically extend the programme for a part time apprentice. However, the duration must be realistic and consider working hours



#### **OFJT Transitional Period**

Feedback from stakeholders flagged that time required to change delivery models and curriculum for some standards new OTJT hours, and to also engage with existing employers on this change, was too short.

Also, that in some instances, the required OTJT minimum hours had been set too high.

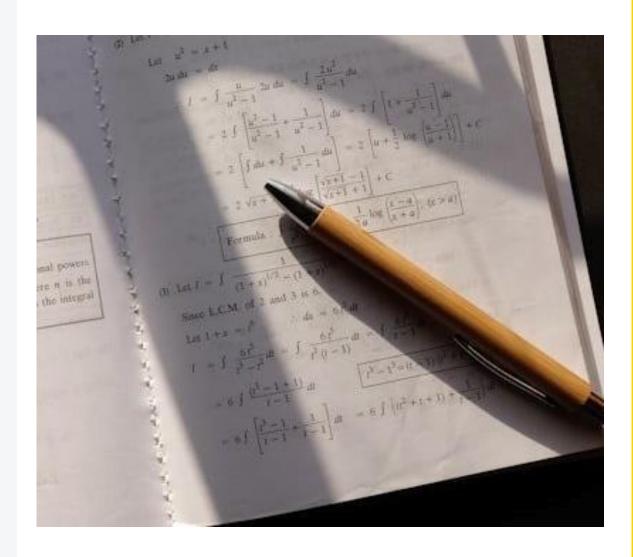
73 standards have been given interim revised OTJT training hours whilst SE and DfE review.

List of transitional OTJT hours for affected standards has been released.

The transitional OTJT hours apply until end of Dec 2025. DfE will confirm final OTJT hours list later this year for delivery from 1st Jan 2026.

Standard	Level	OFJT Min Aug-Dec 25	OTJT Min Jan 26+
Chartered Managed	6	835	926
Senior Leader	7	348	557

#### **Functional Skills**



Learners who started the apprenticeship aged 19+ no longer need to undertake functional skills

If not undertaking Functional Skills, the provider does not need to conduct a diagnostic assessment or seek evidence of the learner's prior achievement level

19+ learners can still withdraw from functional skills if they continue after the 1st April deadline:

- They must still attempt the FS assessment
- Circumstances which led to missing the deadline for withdrawal must be recorded in the training plan and re-signed by the provider, employer and apprentice.
- The provider must withdraw the learner back to their last day of FS learning.

#### **EPA Reforms**

The assessment process and plans will be streamlined in consultation with assessment experts, employers, providers, regulatory bodies and EPAO's so that:

- Assessment is more proportionate to the competency being tested and removes duplication.
- Where appropriate, assessment plans will be designed to allow a proportion of assessment to take place on programme by providers.
- Behaviours are signed off by employers.
- End point assessment and quality assurance remain independent.
- End-point Assessment Organisations (EPAOs) will continue to shape the assessment, design assessment materials, and ensure the validity of outcomes.
- The 80/20 funding methodology will remain in place. No standards will have the funding band reduced due to changes in the assessment plan.

These changes will apply to all apprenticeships, at all levels.



# EPA Reforms – Key Takeaways

- Greater flexibility and innovation expected in assessment design and delivery.
- Requirement for synoptic assessment across all standards -proposed example is 40%
- Awarding organisations will be expected to design and develop all assessments
- Typically, 40% of total assessment should be externally marked (marked by the AO)
- Increased responsibility for marking will sit with the centre/provider.
- Potential for verification within centres, and in turn different approval criteria linked to verification model



## Skills England Research Findings

Apprenticeship standards do not respond to sectoral changes quickly enough and that they should be developed and defined in a way that can cover new technology and processes as they are adapted by business – SE can create standard without a trailblazer group or EPAO consultation

Content and delivery frameworks can be too restrictive (e.g. in duration, delivery of off-site learning or curriculum content). Standards and delivery need to be more adaptable to meet employer's specific skills challenges.

Employers noted they would like to see further changes in these areas:

- Increase reactivity of training routes to keep pace with rapid changes in technology
- Develop bolt-on training to supplement prior learning and attainment, particular for AI, digital and transferable skills
- Build on the success of skills boot camps, to provide levy funded accelerated training programmes in priority areas skills areas.
- Reduce admin burden and complexity of apprenticeship system for employers

### Apprenticeship Rules V2

8 months/187 OTJT Hours new apprenticeship minimum

Employer statement reintroduced where under delivery has occurred on planned hours 187 Hours minimum for first foundation apprenticeships

# Level 7 Apprenticeships

Level 7s on the way out for people over 22

16–21-year-olds will be funded for some level 7 apprenticeships

Learners who have already started a level 7 will be funded to completion

Level 7 apprenticeships not funded nationally will remain available for employers to fund



Level 7 going forward

# **QUICK POLL**



# Resource mapping to apprenticeship pathways

Event: Discover the Full Potential of ILM Qualifications & Resources for Apprenticeships in England

Webinar: 1 August 2025, 09:00 AM BST

#### What You'll Discover:

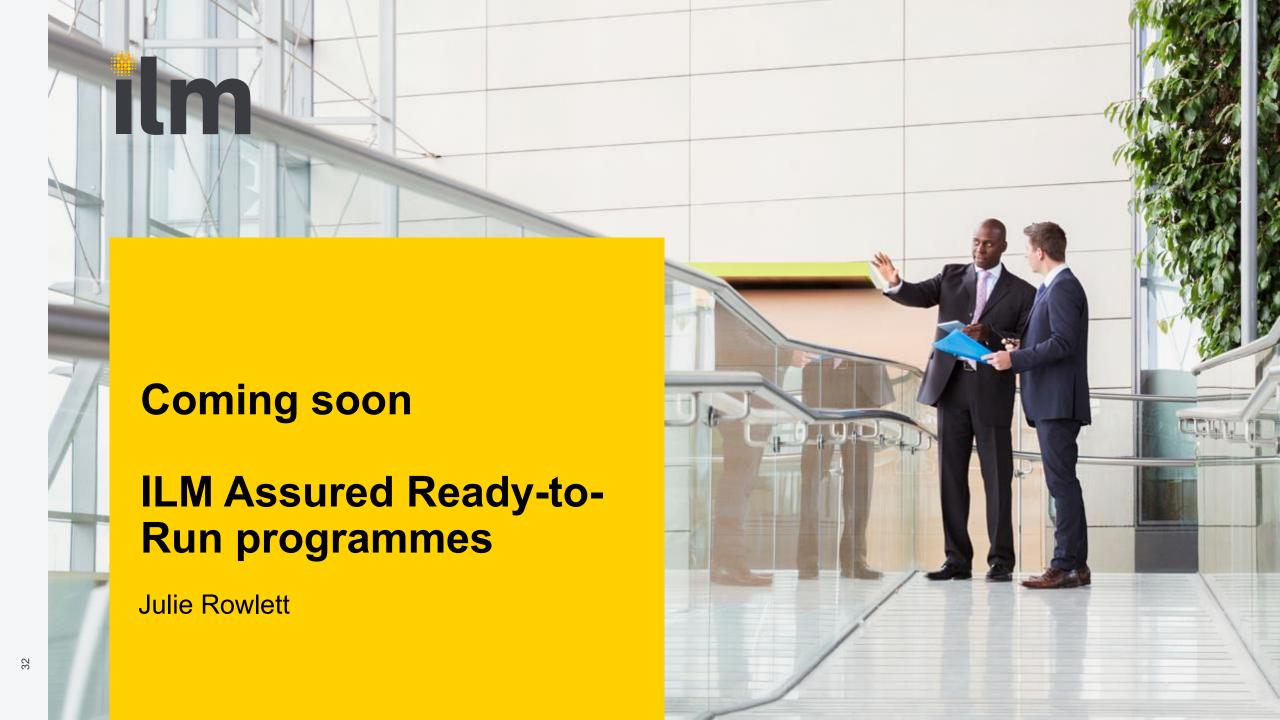
- Enhanced Qualification Mapping
   Guidance Learn how to design effective programmes and add real value with our updated qualification mapping support.
- Brand-New Apprenticeship Mapping Tool

   Instantly align available resources with the latest Team Leader and Operations
   Manager standards, saving time and boosting impact.



Join our upcoming webinar where we will share full details of our apprenticeship on-programme support and guidance documents.

Sign up here - Registration



### Exciting new proposition

#### **Launching September 2025**

- Short, bitesized programmes approx 3 hours
- Programmes are already ILM Assured
- Aimed at managers and leaders looking to develop core skills in specific topics.
- Includes all materials for you to deliver straight out of the box:
  - Presentations
  - Facilitator notes
  - Wrap around resources.
- · Can be delivered virtually or face to face
- Light touch approval for existing centres
- Digital credentials on completion
- One off approval fee, per learner registration fees and annual review fee.
- More information to follow

### **Programmes**

Coaching Skills

- Building Resilience
- Presentation Skills
- > Enabling High Performance

Navigating Uncertainty

Managing Effective Change

Storytelling for Leaders

Psychological Safety

- > Influencing Skills
- Managing Hybrid Teams

Expand your existing portfolio with high-quality, ready-to-deliver content.



### Coaching and mentoring SIG

- Runs approximately every 8 weeks
- Informal coming together of ILM C&M customers
- No structured agenda
- An opportunity to share best practice, challenges etc
- Learn from others in the group

Contact <u>julie.rowlett@cityandguilds.com</u> to find out more.

# C&M SIG 2025 dates for your diary

Monday 12.00 - 13.00 \*

Monday 21st July

**July C&M SIG** 

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

September C&M SIG

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

November C&M SIG

Review of scheduling for 2026

# Leadership and Management Special Interest Group

- Introduced a Leadership & Management
   SIG from February 2025
- Same format at C&M SIG:
- May cluster depending on level of interest and product focus
- Complete the links to join which can also be found on the ILM events page

Contact <u>julie.rowlett@cityandguilds.com</u> to find out more.

# Leadership & Management SIG dates

Monday 12.00 – 13.00\*

- 15<sup>th</sup> September
- Register here
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Register here

Review of scheduling for 2026

# ILM Coaching & Mentoring CPD & Network Event

### October November 2025

Booking link coming soon

### What to Expect:

- Inspiring speakers & professional body representatives
- Network, share insights & earn a CPD Digital Credential

#### **Event Details:**

- Location: University of Wolverhampton, near Wolverhampton train station
- Parking: Free on-campus (first come, first served)
- Refreshments: Tea & coffee provided
- Lunch: Bring your own or buy on-site

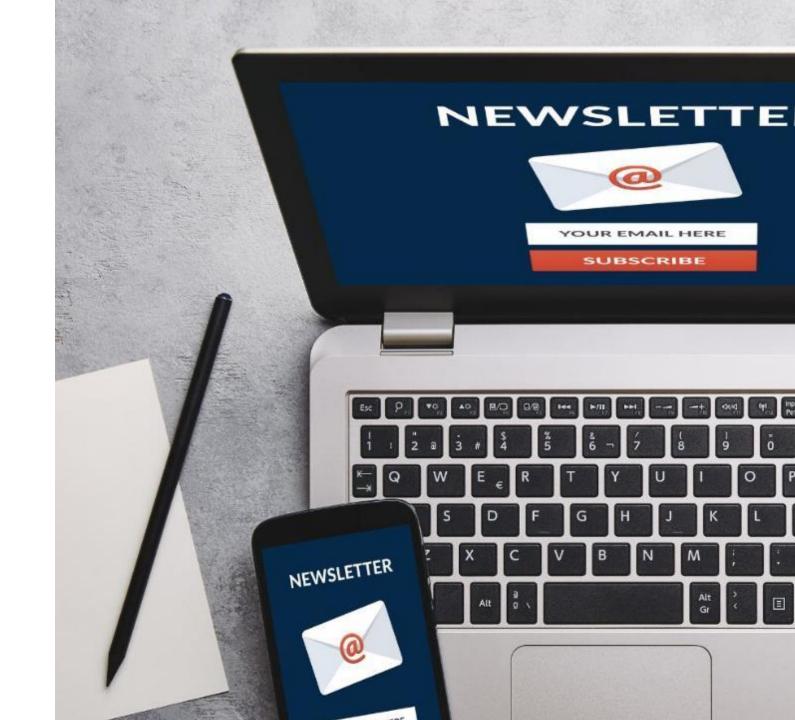




# Rethinking our quarterly updates

We're keen to hear your thoughts.

A couple of questions coming up.



## Getting out to see you

### 'Coffee' & Chat

What's It About?

Join me for informal, face-to-face sessions designed to support ILM customers.

- Opportunity to discuss aspect of the portfolio
- Share feedback
- Connect with your Technical Advisor

### Where & How?

- Held in easily accessible locations across the UK
- Booking via the Technical Advisor page on the ILM website – coming imminently.

I look forward to seeing you for a 'coffee' and a chat! The brew's on me!

## Regional networks

We're keen to introduce regional face-to-face networks to bring ILM customers together for:

- Networking
- Sharing best practice
- Updates and insights

We'd love your input!

And here's another quick poll!!

# Upcoming webinars and events





Date: Wednesday 15 October 2025

Time: 9:00am - 10:15am BST

Registration



Unlock the Full Potential of ILM Qualifications, Apprenticeships & Resources

**Date:** Friday 1 August 2025

Time: 9:00am - 10:15am BST

Registration



# City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Wellbeing and Mental Health of Self and Others

**Date:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Time: 12.00 - 13:00 BST

Registration

Recordings of all past webinars, customer updates and slides can be found on the website

ILM Event Recordings

Keeping you informed with our customer webinars and updates | ILM Events

# Annual price review: Changes from 1 September 2025

### How our pricing is changing

We're committed to delivering high-quality qualifications, supported by best-in-class digital platforms and resources. Our reputation for outstanding customer service is built on the strength of our people.

We know how much our customers value direct access to our technical experts, business managers, EPA partners, and customer service team.

We regularly review our fees to stay fair and competitive, while continuing to offer exceptional support through:

- Free network meetings & workshops
- Funding guidance & curriculum support
- One of the widest ranges of free live webinars in the sector

News and blog – ILM

## Pricing review

## Pricing Update – Effective from 1 September 2025

As in previous years, a **price increase** will take effect from the new academic year.

Updates will be shared by August.

Please contact your **Business Manager** or your **City & Guilds/ILM contact** if you have any questions.



Your Voice

City & Guilds insight community



# Your Voice Join the City & Guilds insight community

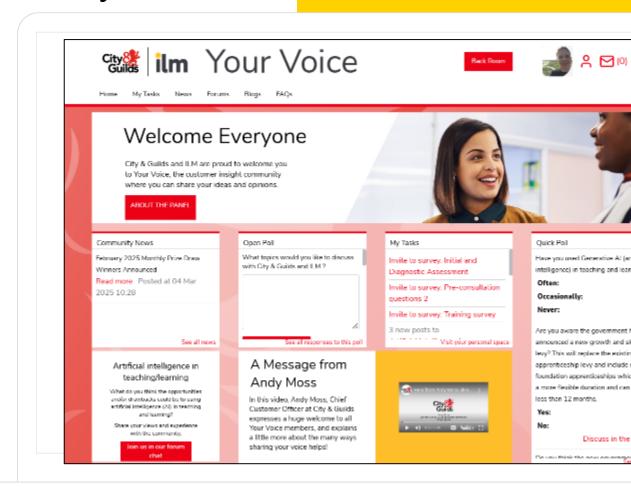
**Your Voice** is our customer panel that helps us put you at the centre of business decisions

We're building a community of customers who want to engage with us – and each other – to help improve our products and services.

We want you to help us make it easy to work with City & Guilds

#### This community is for:

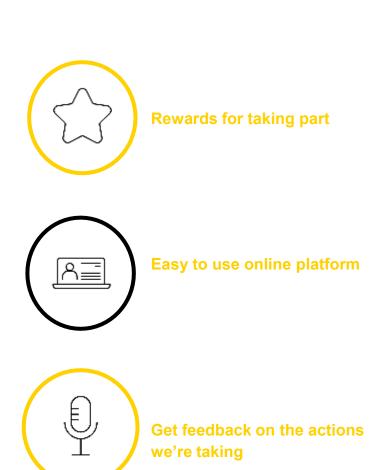
- City & Guilds and ILM customers based in UK and Ireland – all roles welcome.
- · Assured and recognition services customers.



## Can you help shape the future of City & Guilds and ILM?

Join our friendly community of customers today and you can:

- Engage with us directly and with sector colleagues in a genuine twoway conversation
- Help shape the products and services we offer
- Suggest ideas and solutions on topics that matter to you
- Take part in varied engaging activities on an easy-to-use digital platform
- Interact with City & Guilds senior managers directly





## Keep in touch via our updates and channels



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# Questions



