



# ILM post-nominals

Getting started guide

Professional designations designed to empower leaders and elevate careers.

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# Post-nominals: A symbol of professional achievement

ILM post-nominals are a respected mark of qualification and professional status, awarded by the City and Guilds of London Institute to individuals who have successfully completed our higher-level qualifications and apprenticeships.



Post-nominal designations are used after an individual's name and are a trusted way to validate skills, demonstrate expertise, and recognise commitment to personal and professional growth.

ILM post-nominals help enhance credibility, raise visibility within the workplace and professional networks, and offer a lasting celebration of success—respected and recognised across industries.

## How do ILM post-nominals work?

ILM post-nominals are awarded to learners who successfully complete one of our levels 4–7 qualifications or apprenticeships. These designations can be used after an individual's name – in emails, on CVs, LinkedIn profiles, etc – to demonstrate professional achievement.

### The ILM post-nominals include:

- **LCGI – (Level 4)**  
Licentiate of the City and Guilds of London Institute
- **AfCGI – (Level 5)**  
Affiliateship 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

For example, a learner who completes a level 5 qualification will be awarded the post-nominal AfCGI, signifying Affiliateship of the City & Guilds of London Institute (e.g., Julie Smith AfCGI).

These designations are a lasting symbol of expertise and dedication – respected across industries and valued throughout professional networks.



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# Affiliateship of the City and Guilds of London Institute

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AfCGI



## What are the benefits of ILM post-nominal designations?

As a Royal Charter institute, City and Guilds is dedicated to advancing skills development and celebrating professional achievement.

ILM post-nominal designations offer a range of valuable benefits:

The ILM post-nominals include:



- ✓ **Lifetime recognition** – Awarded for life with no annual membership fees, ensuring your learners' achievements are acknowledged and valued throughout their careers.



- ✓ **Motivation to progress** – Inspires learners to continue their development journey, supporting progression to higher-level qualifications and improving learner retention.



- ✓ **Career-boosting credentials** – Equips learners with respected, transferable skills that enhance their professional credibility and open doors to new opportunities.

These designations are more than just letters – they're a lasting symbol of success, expertise, and ambition.





## Showcase success with ILM post-nominal Digital Credentials

Alongside their ILM post-nominal professional designation, learners who complete a Level 4–7 qualification or apprenticeship will also receive an **ILM Post-Nominals Digital Credential**.

This secure, verifiable, and easy-to-share digital badge showcases a learner's professional achievements, helping leaders and managers stand out on LinkedIn, within professional networks, and to potential employers, all at the click of a button.

Each digital credential acts as a modern certificate, storing detailed information about the knowledge, skills, and behaviours demonstrated throughout the learning journey. Unlike a paper certificate, it won't get lost or damaged – and it's ready to be shared anytime, anywhere.

Learners can easily display their badge across platforms, including LinkedIn, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), email signatures, websites, and blogs, using our digital credentials platform.

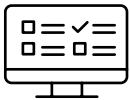
Visit [\*\*Digital Credentials | ILM\*\*](#) to learn more about how learners can proudly display achievements.

## Issuing digital credentials: Ensuring your learners receive their badges

We automatically issue digital credentials for most of our qualifications and apprenticeships.

To ensure your learners receive their badge, it's important to upload their personal email address in Walled Garden.

### You can do this:



During initial learner registration



At a later stage, by editing their details



Using the bulk upload function to update multiple learner emails at once

Providing a personal email ensures learners can easily access, share, and celebrate their achievements as soon as they're issued.



### Note:

Work email addresses are not recommended, as learners may lose access if they change roles.

### Need help?

For step-by-step instructions, visit the '**Support for providers and employers**' section on our [Digital Credentials page](#).



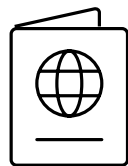
## The benefits of digital credentials

Want to encourage your learners to share their digital credentials?

Speak with them about the benefits of showcasing their skills in this way, including:



✓ **An easy and verifiable way to celebrate achievements**  
Learners can share their credentials on LinkedIn, other social media platforms or websites to show potential employers what they have achieved.



✓ **No more lost certificates**  
Digital credentials will never go missing! It's like a digital passport that stores achievements safely and securely so they can proudly display them anywhere, anytime.



✓ **A CV for life**  
Digital credentials are a great way for individuals to show who they are, their abilities and the skills they pick up as they go through life.

## Support learners in showcasing their success

Centres play a key role in helping learners maximise the value of their achievements.

Now, you can support your qualified learners by informing them that they are eligible to use ILM professional designations that reflect their expertise, elevate their professional profile, and earn recognition across their industry.

Encourage your learners to celebrate their success with post-nominals – an enduring mark of excellence and a testament to their commitment and capability.





## About ILM

ILM, a City & Guilds brand, is the leading specialist in leadership, management, coaching and mentoring qualifications in the UK. ILM offers a specialist suite of qualifications ranging from Level 2 to Level 7, which are awarded by The City and Guilds of London Institute. ILM also specialises in assessment, learning content, and accreditation of training.

We believe that great leaders can come from anywhere. Developing great leaders at all levels is what makes organisations great places to work and with the right support, anyone can grow and develop to make a real difference. Which is why we help people at every stage of their careers to realise and apply their potential, so that the organisations they work for can reap the benefits.

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