



A Level equivalent qualifications in financial studies

Managing your personal finance will be an invaluable skill whatever your future holds.

CeFS and DipFS are qualifications designed to ensure that you have a full understanding of, and a practical approach to, money and finance.

They will also give you an understanding of the financial services sector and good grounding for a career in the financial services.

Quality, Innovation and Relevance in Financial Education

The *ifs School of Finance* is a registered charity incorporated by Royal Charter, and has a remit to provide the financial services industry with a skilled and competent workforce while also promoting a better understanding of finance amongst consumers.

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ifs Level 3 Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS)
ifs Level 3 Diploma in Financial Studies (DipFS)



You will have to face many challenges and decisions when you leave school.

Shall I get a job straight away? What career do I want? Shall I take a gap year? Shall I stay at home with my family, or move away?

All these choices involve money in some way.

Learning how to manage your money is a crucial life skill.

Get ready for financial independence!





ifs Level 3 Diploma in Financial Studies (DipFS)

DipFS is divided into six units:

- Unit 1: Why Money Matters (WMM)
- Unit 2: Risk and Reward in Personal Finance (RAR)
- Unit 3: Making Personal Financial Judgements (MAJ)
- Unit 4: Financing the Future (FTF)
- Unit 5: Financial Services from the Provider's Perspective (TPP)
- Unit 6: Enhancing Financial Capability (EFC)

The Diploma in Financial Studies (DipFS) enables you to develop and enhance the knowledge and skills gained by achieving the **ifs** Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS), by applying them to the wider financial environment.

Studying DipFS you will learn how to create a personal finance plan and explore the financial services market place, discussing the aims and objectives of various stakeholders in the industry.

DipFS carries a UCAS tariff of 120 points*.

ifs Level 3 Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS)

CeFS is divided into three units:

- Unit 1: Why Money Matters (WMM)
- Unit 2: Risk and Reward in Personal Finance (RAR)
- Unit 3: Making Personal Financial Judgements (MAJ)

By studying CeFS you will gain an appreciation of your individual needs, wants and aspirations. You will learn how to apply financial decisions to different circumstances, appreciating risk and sources of advice available. You will also develop an understanding of the wider financial services industry and explore the key developments affecting consumers in recent years.

CeFS carries a UCAS tariff of 60 points.

Progression

Completion of the DipFS qualification can provide up to 120 UCAS points, contributing to the UCAS Tariff you might need to progress to higher education in the UK. CeFS can provide up to 60 UCAS when studied alone.*

If you wish to study financial services at a higher level you may be interested in applying for the **ifs** BSc (Hons) in Banking Practice and Management, a unique and specialist professional degree programme that provides unparalleled preparation for a career in financial services management.

CeFS and DipFS can also be of great benefit if you wish to enter employment directly from school, and are interested in a finance related career, as they provide a thorough grounding in money and financial management, financial products and tools, and the workings of the financial services industry in general.

Both CeFS and DipFS provide the technical certificate element of Apprenticeship Frameworks in Providing Financial Services.

* As the Level 3 certificate in Financial Studies shares the same units (Units 1-3 CeFS) that make up the structure of DipFS, students will only be able to use the UCAS tariff points for one of these qualifications on HE applications.



Studying the CeFS and DipFS sparked an intrigue into the financial industry, and attributed to my decision to study Banking and Finance at university. Before developing my knowledge and understanding of the banking and finance industry I assumed it was only about accounting, I have since discovered that there are plenty of varied jobs available, some of which do not involve a dependence on maths. Studying these qualifications has given me an advantage over my peers in the classroom and looks great on my CV.

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