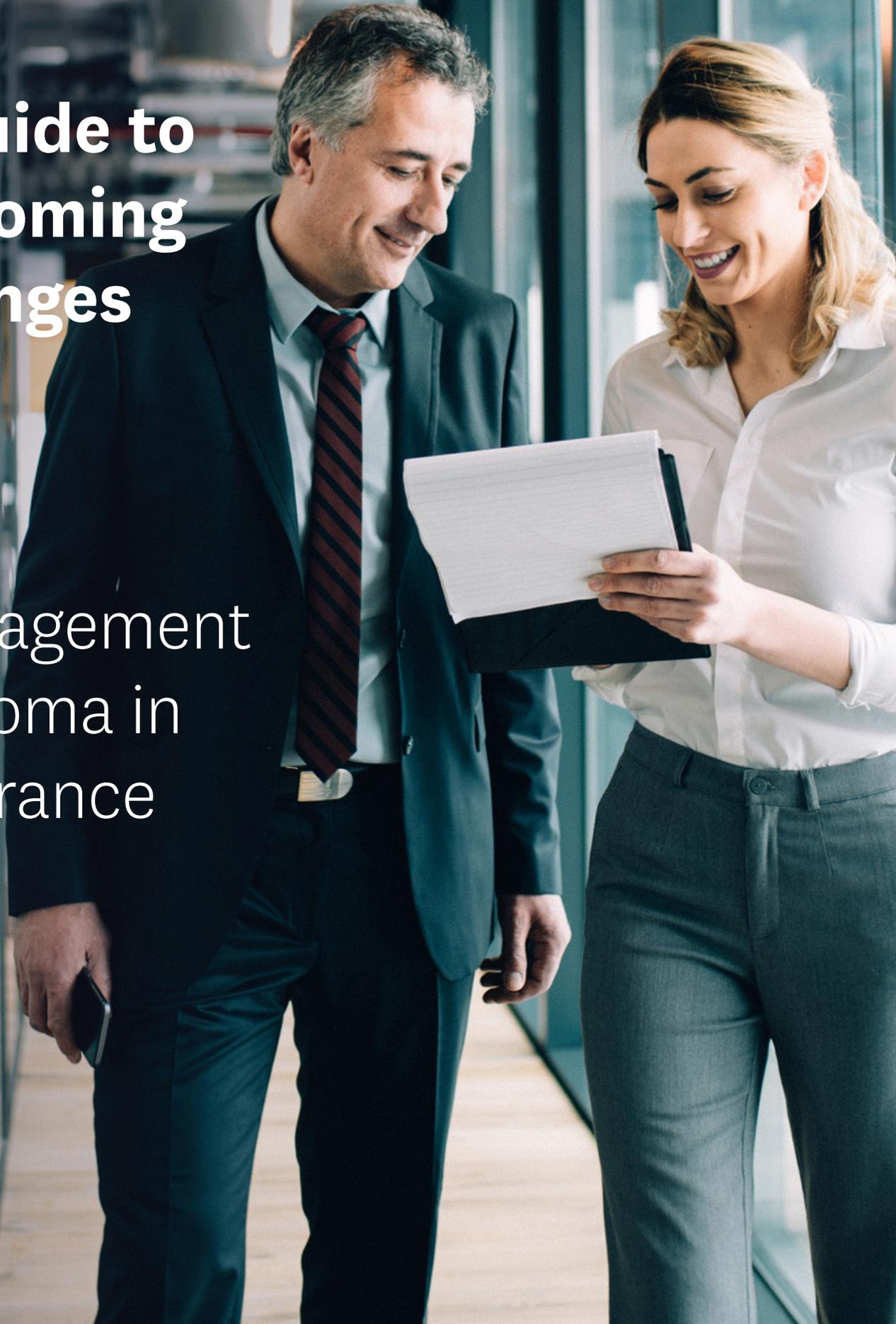




The
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A guide to upcoming changes

The
Management
Diploma in
Insurance



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1. Why is the Management Diploma in Insurance (MDI) changing?

We are moving the methods of assessment of the MDI programme away from exam-based assessment to a **mixed and continuous assessment method** as we believe this will allow us to more accurately teach and test the knowledge and skills required of a modern insurance professional.

We also believe that the **mixed and continuous assessment** better suit the needs of part-time students, balancing work, study and personal commitments. Feedback received in each end-of-semester survey validates this belief.

2. When will the new assessment methods come into effect?

Changes will be introduced on a phased basis, with the **advanced level modules** (07, 08 & 09) **changing first**, followed by compulsory diploma (01 & 02) and product diploma level (04, 05, 06 & 10) modules. The tables below outline when the changes will come into effect.

REGISTRATIONS OPENING MAY 2019		
ADVANCED LEVEL MODULES – PHASE 1		
	Advanced Claims Management (MDI-07)	Continuous Assessment
	Advanced Underwriting Management (MDI-08)	Continuous Assessment
	Advanced Risk Management (MDI-09)	Continuous Assessment

REGISTRATIONS OPENING NOVEMBER 2019		
COMPULSORY DIPLOMA LEVEL MODULES – PHASE 2		
	Insurance and Business Law (MDI-01)	Mixed Assessment
	Insurance Business Environment (MDI-02)	Mixed Assessment

REGISTRATIONS OPENING MAY 2020		
PRODUCT DIPLOMA LEVEL MODULES – PHASE 3		
	Motor Insurance (MDI-04)	Mixed Assessment
	Liability Insurance (MDI-05)	Mixed Assessment

REGISTRATIONS OPENING NOVEMBER 2020		
PRODUCT DIPLOMA LEVEL MODULES – PHASE 4		
	Commercial Property and Business Interruption Insurance (MDI-06)	Mixed Assessment
	Life Assurance and Pension Administration (MDI-10)	Mixed Assessment

3. What dates should I be aware of if I would still like to register for or repeat an exam-only assessed module?

Advanced level modules (07, 08 & 09)

There will be no more exam sittings for these modules. These modules will move to continuous assessment in Summer 2019. If you need to repeat one of these modules, you will repeat on a continuous assessment basis.

Compulsory diploma-level modules (01 & 02)

The last exam-only sitting for these modules will open for registrations in May 2019, with the final exam taking place in November 2019.

Product diploma-level modules (04 & 05)

The last exam-only sitting for these modules will open for registrations in November 2019, with the final exam taking place in May 2020. As of May 2019, two exam sittings remain – November 2019 and May 2020.

Product diploma-level modules (06 & 10)

The last exam-only sitting for these modules will open for registrations in May 2020, with the final exam taking place in November 2020. As of May 2019, three exam sittings remain – November 2019, May 2020 and November 2020.

4. How will the new semesters be structured?

Advanced level modules (07, 08 & 09) will run over a 21-week semester.

Compulsory diploma level (01 & 02) and **product diploma level** modules (04, 05, 06 & 10) will run over a 16-week semester.

Registration will be in advance of each semester opening and once a semester starts, no further registrations will be accepted.

5. How will modules be assessed?

Advanced level modules (07, 08, & 09) will be assessed on a continuous basis (3 coursework assignments). See below for further information.

Compulsory diploma level (01 & 02) and **product diploma level** modules (04, 05, 06 & 10) will be assessed on a mixed basis (1 assignment and 1 exam). See below for further information.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA LEVEL MODULES CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT	
Advanced Claims Management (MDI-07)	• 3 business report coursework assignments
Advanced Underwriting Management (MDI-08)	• 3 business report coursework assignments
Advanced Risk Management (MDI-09)	• 3 business report coursework assignments

COMPULSORY DIPLOMA LEVEL MODULES MIXED ASSESSMENT	
Insurance and Business Law (MDI-01)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 coursework assignment consisting of 10 questions • 1 hour MCQ exam
Insurance Business Environment (MDI-02)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 coursework assignment consisting of 10 questions • 1 hour MCQ exam

PRODUCT DIPLOMA LEVEL MODULES MIXED ASSESSMENT	
Motor Insurance (MDI-04)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 coursework assignment consisting of 10 questions • 1 hour MCQ exam
Liability Insurance (MDI-05)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 coursework assignment consisting of 10 questions • 1 hour MCQ exam
Commercial Property and Business Interruption Insurance (MDI-06)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 coursework assignment consisting of 10 questions • 1 hour MCQ exam
Life Assurance and Pension Administration (MDI-10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 coursework assignment consisting of 10 questions • 1 hour MCQ exam

6. What will the pass mark be?

The pass mark will differ per module type.

For the **advanced level modules** (07, 08 & 09), the pass mark will be **50% per assignment**. All three assignments must be passed to successfully complete the module.

For the **compulsory diploma level** (01 & 02) and **product diploma level** (04, 05, 06 & 10) modules, the pass mark will be **60% for the assignment** and **65% for the exam**. Both the assignment and exam must be passed to successfully complete the module.

7. What does the marking scheme look like?

For the **advanced level modules** (07, 08 & 09):

The 3 business report coursework assignments will be corrected to specific criteria, as summarised in the following marking scheme below.

PERCENTAGE	CRITERION	DEFINITION
30%	Knowledge and Understanding	Includes accuracy and completeness of the facts
50%	Application and analysis	Includes a deep understanding of the underlying concepts and their application to industry
10%	Coherent structure	Includes an introduction, conclusion, recommendations and a logical flow throughout.
10%	Use of additional reading and examples	Includes the use of relevant research to support answer. This work should be adequately referenced in your assignment and accompanied by a bibliography of works cited at the end of your assignment.

For the **diploma level (01, 02, 04, 05, 06 & 10) modules**:

The marking scheme and sample MCQs and assignments for the diploma level modules will be made available in advance of the new assessment method launching in 2020.

8. How will classes be delivered?

The MDI is moving to a blended learning delivery, combining on-demand supports with online live tutorials, online live workshops along with a face-to-face induction session to be held in Dublin. Tutorials will be delivered in 1.5 hours blocks and workshops in 1 hour blocks throughout the module.

On-demand learning supports will be available in Connect to support students completing their assessments.

9. What online supports will be available?

In addition to live online tutorials and workshops, on-demand learning supports are listed below.

Advanced level modules (07, 08 & 09):

- Research support
- Writing support
- Referencing and anti-plagiarism guide
- Reading lists
- Sample business reports/assignments
- Virtual library

Supports for the diploma level (01, 02, 04, 05, 06 & 10) modules will be confirmed at a later date.

10. What is the study requirement / level of effort required?

For the **advanced level modules** (07, 08 & 09):

Students will be allocated a core textbook for study. However, success in the advanced modules will require students to undertake further reading and independent research beyond the core textbook. Various learning supports, including suggestions for further reading will be made available to registered students in Connect (the Member Area).

For the **diploma level modules** (01, 02, 04, 05, 06 and 10):

Students will primarily be assessed on the contents of their core textbook but encouraged to bring in practical, topical market examples and relevant case law to enhance their score.

11. Will the new methods of assessment be 'easier' than an exam-only assessment?

The new methods of assessment will still require students to commit their time to a study programme across the 16 week (diploma (01, 02, 04, 05, 06 & 10)) and 21 week (advanced (07, 08 & 09)) semesters.

For the **advanced level** modules, students will be required to conduct additional research outside of their core textbook to complete their 3 business-report coursework assignments. Students will have to meet a deadline for submission of each of their assignments on 3 separate dates in the 21 week semester. There is an opportunity for re-submission of any failed assignments after the 21 week semester elapses.

For the **diploma level** modules, students will need to meet a deadline for submission of a coursework assignment during the 16 week semester. The pass mark for the assignment is 60% (120 marks out of 200). At the end of the 16 week semester, students will have to complete an MCQ exam which examines the specific technical content of the module. The pass mark for the MCQ exam is 65%. Students must pass both elements of the assessment to progress through the module.

12. How will the new structure affect CII credits?

Students who successfully complete the MDI programme can attain 135 CII credits as they work toward their ACII qualification. Credits can only be claimed on successful completion of the MDI qualification and not on a module-per-module basis. As of August 2018, students are awarded 30 credits per MDI advanced module and 25 credits for compulsory and product modules. Students can use a maximum of 210 credits from another institution (outside of the CII) to achieve their ACII designation with the CII.

Module Code	Module Name	CII Credits per Module
MDI- 01	Insurance & Business Law	25 Credits x 2
MDI- 02	Insurance Business Environment	
MDI-04	Motor Insurance	25 Credits
MDI-05	Liability Insurance	
MDI-06	Commercial Property and Business Interruption	
MDI-10	Life Assurance & Pension Administration	
MDI-07	Advanced Claims Management	
MDI-07	Advanced Claims Management	30 Credits x 2
MDI-08	Advanced Underwriting Management	
MDI-09	Advanced Risk Management	
		135 Credits

13. What will the timelines for submitting assessments be?

Module Code	Module Name	Assessment Due
MDI- 01	Insurance & Business Law	Mid point assignment &
MDI- 02	Insurance Business Environment	End of Semester MCQ
MDI-04	Motor Insurance	Mid point assignment & End of Semester MCQ
MDI-05	Liability Insurance	
MDI-06	Commercial Property and Business Interruption	
MDI-10	Life Assurance & Pension Administration	
MDI-07	Advanced Claims Management	
MDI-07	Advanced Claims Management	3 Assignments Weeks 7, 14 & 21
MDI-08	Advanced Underwriting Management	
MDI-09	Advanced Risk Management	

14. Because we are moving to continuous assessment on the advanced modules first, is it advisable for a first-time MDI student to begin with an advanced module?

The leap from CIP to MDI is often bigger than students expect. For this reason, **we recommend** that you **begin with one of the compulsory diploma-level modules** (01 & 02).

Post-exam data has shown that first-time MDI students tend to be more successful in these modules and less successful when they begin with an advanced module. The assessment of the advanced modules requires higher levels of critical thinking and application, as well as a commitment to independent research and a good standard of business writing.

15. How will this impact me if I am part of the way through the programme?

The changes in delivery will not affect your ability to progress through the programme. The content, delivery and assessment of the programme has been redesigned to enhance your technical knowledge and develop key management skills such as critical thinking, report writing, research and problem solving. These changes provide for a more flexible assessment method with streamlined delivery to fit the needs of a modern-day insurance professional.