

BLENDED LEARNING

LEVEL 4 CERTIFICATE IN HOUSING

CIH is the independent voice for housing and the home of professional standards. Our qualifications are informed by our engagement at all levels of the industry and the expert knowledge of our policy and practice teams.

A housing professional who gains an accredited qualification from CIH will be equipped with key skills and expert knowledge. They need to contribute to performance improvement in their organisation in a fast-changing environment.

What is the Level 4 Certificate in Housing?

The Level 4 Certificate in Housing is a one year vocational qualification, comparable to the first year of an undergraduate degree, which explores areas of housing policy, law, finance, and professional practice. The qualification is made up of six mandatory units:

- Financing for housing
- Housing law
- Housing policy
- Professional practice skills for housing
- Housing management services
- Managing people and change.

You can see more details about these units in the following pages.

What does the qualification cost and how long does it take?

Cost: For the latest qualification fees visit www.cih.org/qualifications

Duration: Approximately 12 months, with an average of eight hours study a week - this can include investigation undertaken at work and independent study time working through the online materials, doing additional reading and research, and writing up your submissions. There are also seven face-to-face learning days included in this time.

How will this qualification benefit me and my organisation?

Gaining an accredited qualification from CIH is a great way to develop your career prospects. Qualifications at this level will enable you to become an effective housing practitioner and will provide you with a broader understanding of how your organisation and others in the housing industry work. Successful completion of this qualification will enable learners to progress to the Level 5 Diploma in Housing, which leads to CIH chartered membership.

For details of the entry requirements for the Level 5 Diploma in Housing, please download the qualification brochure from www.cih.org/qualifications



THE OPTION OF FREE
MEMBERSHIP IS PROVIDED
DURING THE PERIOD OF STUDY
FOR YOUR QUALIFICATION.

What are the entry requirements?

To register on this qualification, you should, as a minimum requirement, have completed one of the following:

CIH Level 3 Certificate in Housing Practice

OR

an equivalent Level 3 qualification or higher.

If you do not meet this minimum requirement, but have relevant experience working in the housing sector, your application may also be considered.

You will be asked to provide evidence of your qualifications and/or your experience of working in the housing sector as part of the application process.

Units you will study

You will study the following six units.

Financing for housing

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the impact of financing policy on the provision of housing
2. Understand the income and expenditure of housing organisations
3. Understand approaches to budgeting and forecasting for the financing of housing organisations.

Housing policy

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the policy process in a housing context
2. Understand the historical development of national housing policy
3. Understand how a housing policy impacts on practice.

Housing law

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the legal framework in a housing context
2. Understand the key legislation in relation to landlords and tenants
3. Understand the application of the law to an area of housing practice.

Professional practice skills for housing

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the concepts of being a member of a profession and acting professionally
2. Understand the skills required to be a housing professional
3. Be able to assess own professional performance
4. Be able to manage own professional development.

Housing management services

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the basis for the provision of housing services
2. Understand key housing management functions
3. Understand how individuals access housing.

Managing people and change

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the key human resource functions used to manage people
2. Understand the principles of team management
3. Understand how to manage change.

What can I expect as a CIH online learner?

This qualification is delivered through blended learning which is a combination of online and face-to-face learning.

You will be required to attend seven face-to-face learning days as part of this qualification which are delivered by a CIH tutor. This is enhanced with access to online learning materials and the ongoing support of a tutor.

Your tutor will assess your assignments and give you feedback as well as providing you with advice and support on any academic issues.

You will be supported by the CIH Housing Academy team throughout your qualification, who will offer guidance when personal or work-related problems arise which may affect your studies.

Other benefits of learning with CIH

- We provide the option of free membership during the period of study for your qualification. This entitles you to a range of benefits designed to keep you up to date with the latest developments in the sector to support you in your studies. It also allows you to use the designatory letters CIHM after your name
- The flexibility of a combination of learning online and face-to-face study allows you to fit your study alongside your other commitments
- No examinations - assessment and feedback is through assignments, spread over six submissions.



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Apply online at www.cih.org/qualifications, choose your qualification and click book to complete the registration process.

For more information, call our friendly team on 024 7685 1789 or email us at housing.academy@cih.org

You will require either authority to invoice from your employer or, if you are paying for the qualification yourself, your payment.

