What is the aim of the course?
To provide candidates with detailed knowledge of the law underpinning arbitration and the procedural elements of Domestic (i.e., non-international) Arbitration, to enable them to understand and participate in such proceedings. The course focuses on legal principles, process, practice and procedure in Domestic Arbitration. It is therefore valuable for anyone wishing to understand this topic generally, for example as a party, party representative or witness. It is also an essential requirement for qualification as a Fellow of CIArb, and for those who aim to practise as a Domestic Arbitrator.

What are the learning outcomes?
On successful completion of this course candidates will be able to:

• define what is meant by the term ‘Domestic Arbitration’,
• identify, explain and apply the legal procedural principles, rules and agreements relevant to the conduct of a Domestic Arbitration:
  • The legal framework, including limitations of matters that may be legally arbitrated
  • The contractual nature of the appointment of an Arbitrator
  • The range and limitations of an Arbitrator’s powers and jurisdiction
  • The rights, duties and responsibilities of a party to an Arbitration
  • The methods of initiating and processing an Arbitration
  • The relevance of the court regarding all stages in an Arbitration
  • The requirements of an enforceable Award
• evaluate and apply the principles and legal requirements of a Domestic Arbitration,
• evaluate issues and apply the law of Domestic Arbitration appropriately,
• demonstrate practical skill in carrying out the tasks required in preparing for and progressing a Domestic Arbitration,
• demonstrate skill in controlling a Domestic Arbitration, communicating effectively with the parties, applying the CIArb Arbitration Rules and adopting appropriate procedures.

What is covered within the syllabus?
• Dispute Resolution Processes – An Overview
• A History of Arbitration
• The Arbitration Act 1996
• Choices Available to Parties
• The Arbitration Agreement and Commencement
• Appointing an Arbitral Tribunal
• The Arbitral Tribunal: Independence and Impartiality
• The Arbitral Tribunal: Jurisdiction and Powers
• The Arbitral Tribunal: Duties and Procedural Choices
• Procedures: Pleadings, Documents and Evidence
• Procedures: Applications to the Tribunal
• Procedures: The Hearing
• Remedies, Costs, Interest and Currency
• Awards
• The Role of the Court

How is the course delivered?
The course is delivered over a period of three months, with a combination of private study and six virtual tutorials.

The course date advertised is the start date of the course when candidates will be required to start their private study of reading NOT when they attend tutorials. Virtual tutorial dates are listed on the Course Schedule.
How will I be assessed?
This assessment is completed via LearnADR, CIArb’s online learning platform. Candidates will be given 48 consecutive hours within a 5-day window to submit their answers online. Candidates must achieve a minimum overall mark of 65% to pass the assessment.

The assessment will be split into 2 parts:

Part One: Is a compulsory case study exercise with a number of questions that candidates will be required to answer worth 40 marks
Part Two: Consists of five questions, candidates are required to select and answer three questions worth 60 marks.

The assessment fee is not included in the course fee. It must be registered and paid for separately. The assessment fee is £174 inclusive of VAT.

Results are dispatched to candidates normally twelve weeks from the deadline date of the submission. Candidates will be informed of any delays.

What are the entry requirements?
There are no pre-requisite entry requirements for this course.

English Language Competence - CIArb training and assessment is carried out in English. It is therefore essential that candidates are proficient in both written and spoken English. Where English is not a candidate’s first language, it is recommended that they have achieved a standard that is, as a minimum, equivalent to the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) level 7 or a score of 94-101 in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) system. CIArb issues this advice as a guideline and, while it will not require any evidence of this standard prior to enrolment on a course, candidates who do not have this standard of English may be disadvantaged.

What is the course fee and what does it include?
The course fee is £1080 inclusive of VAT. The fee includes registration on the course, access to virtual classrooms and study materials throughout the day.

What happens when I register for the course?
Upon successful registration on the course, candidates will receive confirmation they are booked on the course. Candidates will receive login details to access their course materials via LearnADR approximately 2 weeks before the course start date on the condition that 70% of the course fee has been received. The balance is payable before the course start date.

What is CIArb’s policy on cancellation of courses?
CIArb reserves the right to cancel or change the date, venue or content of programmes and the names of speakers, lecturers and tutors. Candidates will be provided with adequate notice of any change. If CIArb has to cancel a course, candidates will be provided with a full refund or the opportunity to transfer their registration to the next course. Should a candidate wish to cancel/defer their registration of a course, notification must be received in writing to education@ciarb.org. Deferral charges apply. Please refer to the Fee Terms and Conditions for full details.

What is my next step when I complete the course?
On successful completion of this course, candidates:
• may progress onto Module 2 or 3 of the Domestic Arbitration pathway (eligibility dependent); and
• will be eligible to apply for Member grade of CIArb and take advantage of a range of educational and professional benefits.