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Virtual Global Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration

2 to 25 May 2025

Friday, Saturday and Sundays

Key facts



Ciarb's Diplomas are the arbitration industry's gold-standard qualification



On successful completion of the Diploma, candidates are eligible for Fellowship



The sessions are a mix of interactive sessions and lectures – and are not recorded



Candidates learn the law, practice, and procedure of international commercial arbitration



The Diploma's classes are every Friday afternoon, and Saturday and Sunday morning



Welcome Letter

Dear Candidates,

Fast-track your arbitration career with our Virtual Global Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration, an accessible four-week course from 2-25th May 2025.

Ciarb's prestigious Global Diploma has been designed to meet the increasing demands for accredited arbitrators and arbitration practitioners to resolve disputes.

Our faculty comprises of internally recognised experts with a wealth of experience, who have the ability to transport candidates into the arbitration room.

There will be considerable opportunities to learn from each other, network with

your peers and experts in the industry, and develop relationships. Ciarb's Diploma courses are the gold-standard in the industry, and the opportunity to learn from the experts is invaluable.

Candidates who pass the Practice and Procedure examination and the Award Writing examination will be awarded a Diploma of International Commercial Arbitration by Ciarb.

Then, they can apply for the Fellow Peer Interview to become a Ciarb Fellow – our post-nominals are recognised globally.

I encourage you to join us on this exciting learning opportunity.

**Dr Crina Baltag FCI Arb
Course Director**



The Virtual Global Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration was a unique opportunity to learn from distinguished tutors and connect with peers from various professional backgrounds and legal jurisdictions. This diversity not only enriched our discussions and but also deepened my understanding of the intricacies and complexities of international arbitration.

Moreover, the programme's virtual format provided a flexible and cost-effective alternative to in-person sessions. The Virtual Global Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration is an ideal choice for those eager to navigate the global landscape of international dispute resolution and elevate their expertise in this dynamic field.

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Course Director

Dr Crina Baltag FCI Arb is a globally recognised arbitration and dispute resolution practitioner.

She is also an attorney at law and an academic with over 20 years of extensive practice in international dispute resolution, private, and public international law.

Crina has been appointed as presiding, sole and co-arbitrator in numerous arbitrations under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC Arbitration Institute), the Finland Arbitration Institute (FAI), Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), and the Center for Arbitration and

Mediation of the Chamber of Commerce Brazil-Canada (CAM-CCBC).

She has acted as expert and counsel in various international commercial and investment arbitrations. She has also practiced as counsel, specialising in commercial and disputes, focusing on construction, energy and natural resources projects, financial transactions, intellectual property, and foreign investments.

Crina is the managing editor of Kluwer Arbitration Blog, and an Associate Professor of International Arbitration Law at Stockholm University.

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Diploma Structure

Part 1 Assessment: Law, Practice and Procedure of International Commercial Arbitration

Candidates submit two assignments (500 words) during the Diploma, a dissertation proposal (300 max) on an arbitration topic, including research question and potential literature list, and then a final dissertation (4,000 words) two months later.

The final dissertation is due by 25 May 2025 by 18.00 GMT +1. It is worth 80% of the overall mark. Candidates need to obtain 55% on each assignment to pass.

Candidates who fail any assessments will be required to retake the assessment, and any failure to submit an assessment will result in a fail mark.

Part 2 Assessment: Law of Obligations

Candidates are required to demonstrate expertise on the common law and civil law of contract tort.

Candidates must pass a multiple-choice online exemption test before commencing to the final assessment. Candidates will be given a reference workbook and a mock assessment before taking the test. Candidates will have 90 minutes to take the test, and the pass mark is 70%. The deadline is 30 July 2025.

Ciarb Fellows do not need to complete the exemption test.





Part 3 Assessment: Evidence and Award Writing of International Arbitration

Candidates are required to submit an award via LearnADR.

The assessment is split into two stages.

Stage One:

The documents in the case are released via LearnADR 10 days before the assessment start date on 5 August 2025. They are sufficient to enable the candidate to review the nature of the case and the likely legal problems.

Candidates should consider the recitals they intend to include and the relevant law.

Stage Two:

This is the equivalent of the hearing stage, and includes an extract from the candidate's (i.e. the arbitrator's) notebook.

This records the oral evidence and arguments the arbitrator has heard, as well as any other relevant documents.

From the evidence, candidates must make their findings of fact. Different candidates will no doubt make different findings.

When candidates have made their findings of fact, they can write the award. It must be a final award that reflects the issues that they decide.

Stage Two is released at 12pm noon GMT on the assessment start date, 15 August 2025, via LearnADR.

Stage 2 will be available for five days from the assessment start date. Within the five days, candidates have 48 consecutive hours from the time they access the stage 2 documents, to submit the award onto LearnADR.

The length of the arbitral award is 10,000 words maximum.



Candidates will be marked on technical and judicial merit:

Technical Merit:

counts as 40% towards the overall mark.

Judicial Merit:

counts as 60% towards the overall mark.

Candidates must achieve 70% in both technical and judicial merit and 70% overall to pass this assessment. The detailed elements of each technical and judicial merits will be made available with Stage One.

Results are sent to candidates 12 weeks from the deadline date of the submission.



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How do I apply?

What are the entry requirements?

To be considered for the Diploma you must meet the following minimum entry requirements:

- You must be actively involved in and have experience of arbitration (domestic or international).
- If you are a non-practising lawyer or are not a lawyer - evidence that you have successfully completed the Module 2 Law of Obligations course and assessment or the Module 2 Exemption Test.
- You must have a minimum of five years' professional workplace experience as, for example, a lawyer, surveyor, accountant, insurer, shipbroker or similar.

This experience must involve communicating with others, problem-solving, managing workloads effectively, decision-making and the exercise of judgment.

Course Fee

The course fee is £5,600.00 including VAT. At least 50% of the course fee must be paid upon registration of the course.

The 50% deposit is non-refundable, and the full course fee is due no later than 30 March 2025.



What does the course fee include?

Candidates will receive:

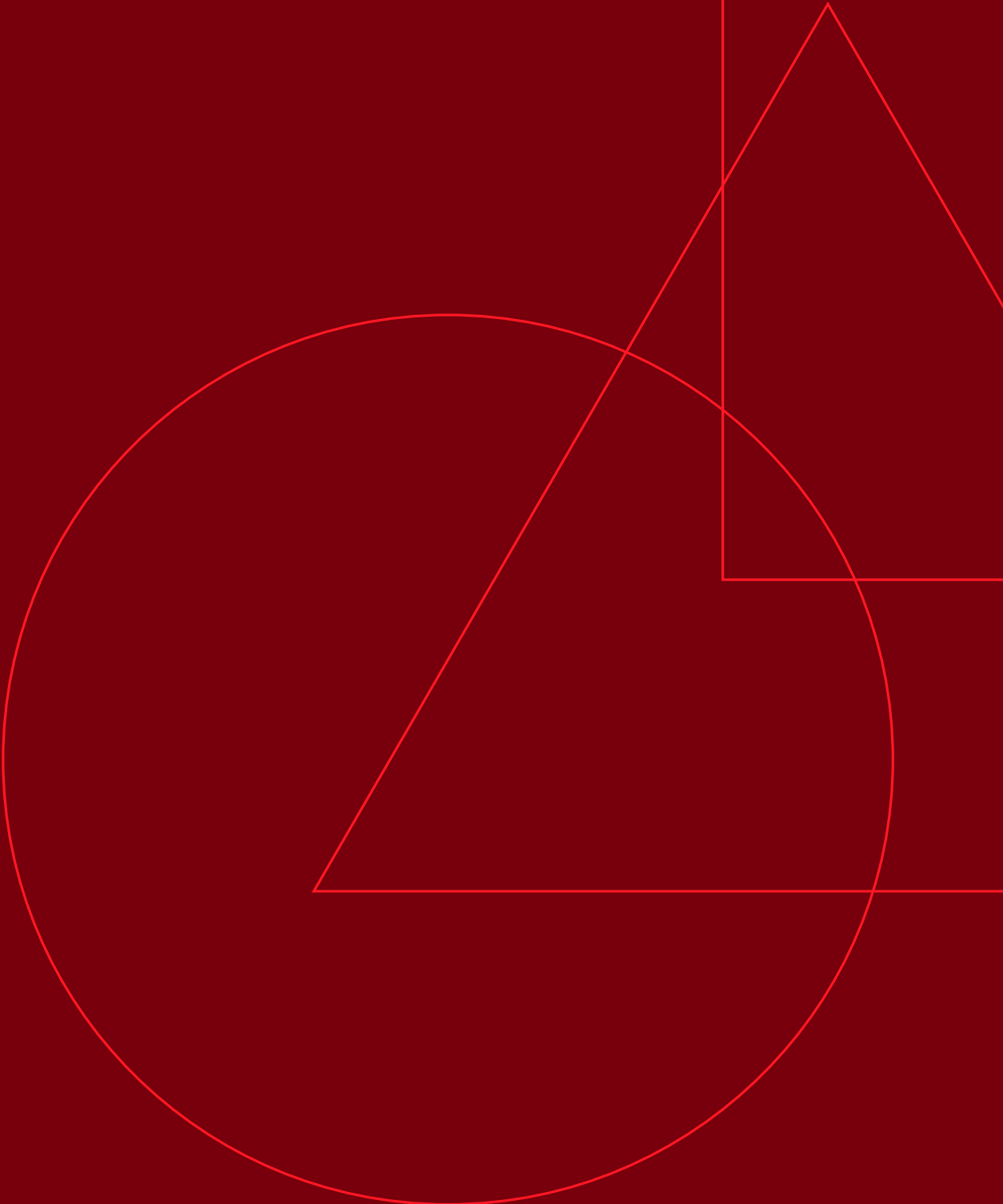
- Access to Ciarb's Virtual Learning Platform, LearnADR
- Study materials
- Access to a dissertation supervisor
- All assignments, assessments and exemption tests.



Important Dates

Date	Event
30 March 2025	Full course fee due
18 April 2025	Ciarb will send candidates dissertation proposal instructions, and candidates will gain access to course material and Module 2 exemption test
19 April 2025	Ciarb will assign candidates a dissertation supervisor
18 May 2025	Assignment 1 due
2 May 2025	Diploma takes place 12.30 – 17.45 GMT +1
3 May 2025	Diploma takes place 9.00 – 14.00 GMT +1
4 May 2025	Diploma takes place 9.00 – 12:45 GMT +1
9 May 2025	Diploma takes place 9.00 – 14.30 GMT +1
10 May 2025	Diploma takes place 9.15 – 12.25 GMT +1
11 May 2025	Diploma takes place 9.00 – 1.30 GMT +1
16 May 2025	Diploma takes place 9.00 – 15.00 GMT +1
17 May 2025	Diploma takes place 9.00 – 13.30 GMT +1
18 May 2025	Diploma takes place 9.00 – 13.15 GMT +1
23 May 2025	Diploma takes place 9.00 – 12.45 GMT +1
24 May 2025	Diploma takes place 9.00 – 12.15 GMT +1
25 May 2025	Diploma takes place 9.00 – 14.15 GMT +1
25 May 2025	Assignment 2 due
30 May 2025	Dissertation proposal due
4 July 2025	Dissertation due
30 July 2025	Module 2 exemption test deadline
5 August 2025	Release of Stage One materials
15 August 2025	Stage Two Assessment start date

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