



CISI Qualifications

STA Diploma Part 1 and the [Introduction to Investment](#)

Holders of Part 1 of the STA Diploma are eligible for exemption from the CISI's Introduction to investment paper (Intro). This is recognised by Ofqual as a level 3 qualification (which equates to a level 4 qualification on the European Qualifications Framework). Like the STA Part 1, the Intro is a multiple choice examination delivered by computer based testing and is a key unit of the CISI's [Investment Operations Certificate \(IOC\)](#).

Both the Intro and IOC are highly regarded in the financial services industry and the Intro is also an entry pre-requisite for our level 6 [Diploma in Investment Compliance \(DIC\)](#) for those professionals looking for a high-level compliance qualification.

Full STA Diploma and the [Chartered Wealth Manager Qualification \(CWM\)](#)

Formerly known as CISI Masters in Wealth management, CWM is the highest award conferred by the CISI. Comprising 3 units, at levels 6, 7 and 7 respectively, it is recognised around the world as a mark of excellence.

In addition to the benefits outlined for holders of STA Part 1, candidates who complete the full STA Diploma will be deemed to have met entry requirements for CWM. It is not possible for the CISI to grant an exemption for this qualification because the content of the STA Diploma is rather too specialised by comparison but individual applicants are invited to submit details of any MSc/MA degrees they may hold in relevant disciplines and if a strong match can be identified with the content of the [Financial Markets](#) unit an exemption may be educationally justifiable (for that unit only).

For more information on studying with the CISI, please click [here](#)

Membership



Holders of STA Part 1 meet the requirements for CISI's Associate (ACSI) grade of membership. Furthermore, holders of the full STA Diploma with 3 or more years' industry experience are invited to apply to become full members (MCSI).

For more info, visit the [membership](#) area of the CISI website where application costs and the many and varied benefits of membership are detailed.