

# Qualifications and Apprenticeship Packaging Policy

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## Purpose

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) is the global professional body for public finance professionals and recognises practitioners at every level, from those starting out in their career to those innovating and leading the profession. The work of a Chartered Public Finance Accountant is both complex and critical to the public sector. Our qualifications and apprenticeships are offered as a package and this policy is designed to explain why we believe that this is the right thing to do for our members and students.

## Scope

This policy is aimed at internal CIPFA staff, our members and students.

## Rationale for packaging

We conclude that as a Professional Membership Body with Royal Charter Status, we are the recognised authority for public finance and accountancy.

Our students value membership to our chartered professional body as it embodies their aspirations as a valued member of the sector. We do not believe that to offer our qualifications without membership would fully support our aims and values, nor provide the post-qualifying support and career guidance expected of our graduate workforce.

As students and members of CIPFA we offer as a minimum:

- An industry recognised code of conduct and ethics for our accountancy community
- Access to continuing professional development
- Peer to peer networking and exclusive member resources
- News, opinion and insight for professionals to stay informed
- A technical enquiry service providing access to specialist support

Our combined offer of membership, training and courses provides 360° post-qualifying support, guidance, professional standing and enhancement of reputation in the field of public finance accountancy.

## Policy version and owner

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## Regulatory references

<b>Ofqual General Conditions of Recognition</b>
Condition F2: Packaging qualifications with other products or services