



Online learning

Level 4 Certificate in Housing

CIH is the independent voice for housing and the home of professional standards. Our courses 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 the 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 course is made up of four mandatory modules:

- Financing for housing
- Housing law
- Housing policy
- Professional practice skills for housing

Learners then choose two of the following four optional units:

- Housing management
- Strategies for promoting independent living & well-being

- Managing people and change
- Research skills for housing

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

Course cost: £2,100

Duration: 12 months, approximately 8 hours of study per week

How will this course benefit me and my organisation?

Gaining a qualification is a great way to develop your career prospects. Qualifications at this level will enable you to be an effective housing practitioner and will provide you with a deeper understanding of how your organisation and others in the housing industry work. Successful completion of this course 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 course brochure from

www.cih.org/qualifications



CIH membership is provided at no extra cost for the duration of your course.

What are the learning outcomes?

Financing for housing

On completion of this unit, students will:

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 law

On completion of this unit, students will:

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

Housing policy

On completion of this unit, students will:

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

Professional practice skills for housing

On completion of this unit, students will:

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

What are the entry requirements?

To join the programme you should, as a minimum requirement, have completed one of the following:

- The CIH level 3 Certificate in Housing Practice
- An equivalent level 3 qualification

If you don't 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.

What can I expect as a CIH student?

The Level 4 Certificate in Housing is delivered through our e-learning platform. The online induction and administration area will provide you with an introduction to the course and information on how it is delivered, structured and assessed. You will also be advised of the support you will receive from CIH.

For each module, you will be provided with a full set of online learning materials, including:

- materials especially written by our team of authors
- links to useful websites and other online resources
- a list of useful resources (books, websites, journals and newspaper articles)
- forums, so you can share thoughts and ideas with other learners
- online activities, including quizzes and polls

In addition, you will receive support throughout the course from a personal tutor knowledgeable in housing and in academic skills, such as essay and report writing or referencing.

The CIH learning team will offer guidance if personal or work-related problems arise that may affect your studies.

Other benefits of being a CIH student

- The flexibility of online learning - fit your studies around your other commitments
- An induction period to help you settle in and get to know your tutor and fellow learners
- Assessment and feedback through coursework - no examinations

**This allows the use of the letters CIHM after your name during your period of study.*

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Apply online at
www.cih.org/qualifications

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

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