Online learning

Postgraduate Certificate in Housing Studies
(leading to the MSc in Housing Studies)

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.

What is the Postgraduate Certificate in Housing Studies?

The Postgraduate Certificate in Housing Studies is a one year course aimed at housing professionals, which will help prepare you for the challenges of senior management roles in the future. It combines the core knowledge essential for any serious housing practitioner, as well as a range of theoretical perspectives that will help you understand the roles of housing organisations within the wider society. The course will also enable you to reflect critically on policy and practice, enhance your personal and professional skills, and develop your planning and project management skills. Completion of the Postgraduate Certificate makes you eligible to become a CIH chartered member (CIHCM).

There are two mandatory modules:

- **Context of housing** – includes the policy context for housing, regulation, housing & society
- **Housing organisations** – includes customer service for housing, managing staff, housing as a business

Once you have successfully completed the Postgraduate Certificate, you have the option of progressing to the Postgraduate Diploma, and then the MSc in Housing Studies, with De Montfort University. The Postgraduate Diploma takes a further year of part-time study, the MSc two years.

How will this course benefit me and my organisation?

This course will help you to become more confident in your role by providing you with a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of housing theory and practice, within the wider political and economic context in which housing organisations operate. Qualifications at this level will provide you with a deeper understanding of how your organisation (and others in the housing industry) work, and will provide a further base for developing your career.

Employers will find that staff completing a qualification at this level will have:

- A broader and deeper set of skills and knowledge
- An increased ability to respond to organisational change
- A deeper understanding of the social, economic and political context within which housing organisations operate
The Postgraduate Certificate in Housing Studies helps to develop highly qualified, professional workers, with the skills required to perform in a senior management capacity.

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

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

Course cost: £2,300
Duration: 12 months with approximately 10 hours of study per week.

Who can apply for this qualification?

You should normally have a cognate first degree. Certain degrees and HNCs provide an obvious link to housing qualifications, such as: social policy, social sciences, politics, human geography, law, estate management, and building. Further details on the application process are available from CIH on request, and details of entry requirements are also available on the DMU website, www.dmu.ac.uk.

Applications from non-cognate degree holders with other relevant experience and/or qualifications will be considered by the DMU programme team.

Non-graduate applicants who have successfully completed CIH accredited qualifications at level 4 and/or level 5 may also be considered.

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, including 5.5 in each component (or equivalent).

What will I gain?

Students can achieve the Postgraduate Certificate in Housing Studies on completion of one year’s study, and will then become eligible for CIH chartered membership. Progression to and successful completion of years 2 and 3 (with DMU) will then give you the full MSc Housing Studies degree qualification.

What can I expect as a CIH student?

As an online learning student, you will be supported throughout your studies.

At the beginning of the programme, during the online induction session, you will be provided with a brief 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 the CIH team.

On an ongoing basis:
- You will be allocated an academic tutor who will offer you support throughout your course via email and telephone
- Your tutor will mark your assignments and give you feedback, as well as providing you with advice and support on any academic issues
- You will be supported by the CIH learning team throughout, who will also offer guidance when personal or work-related problems arise which may affect your studies
- You will be able to communicate and share ideas with other students via our e-learning site, Moodle.

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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.