

# Level 4 Certificate in Housing



## 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 qualification is made up of four mandatory units:

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

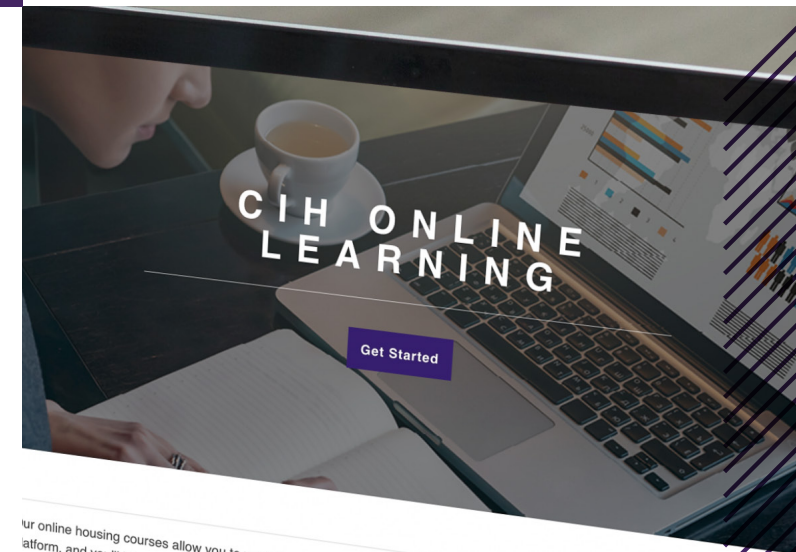
You will then choose and study any two of the following four optional units:

- ❑ Housing management services
- ❑ Strategies for promoting independent living and wellbeing
- ❑ Managing people and change
- ❑ Research skills for housing

## Why study this qualification?

By gaining an accredited qualification from CIH you will:

- ❑ Develop your career prospects
- ❑ Become an effective housing professional
- ❑ Gain a deeper understanding of how your organisation and others in the housing industry work
- ❑ Gain technical knowledge and understanding of housing practice at a management level
- ❑ Progress to [Level 5 Diploma in Housing](#) and [CIH Chartered membership CIHCM](#).



Our online housing courses allow you to work through up-to-date topical modules and submit assignments via this e-learning platform, and you'll have the support and guidance of an experienced tutor who will provide advice and feedback during your studies.

If you are already enrolled on a course, log in, then click on the links on your dashboard to access your course content and support materials.



**Duration:** approximately 12 months, with an average of eight hours study a week.



**Cost:** depending on how you want to study the course cost can vary:

Online: £2,160

Online plus: £2,610

Bitesize: £360 per unit



Includes complimentary CIH membership for the duration of your studies.

## Who should apply for this qualification?

If you're looking to move in to a housing management role, new to housing leadership or management, or looking to gain a level 4 housing qualification.

To register on this qualification you should, as a minimum requirement, have completed one of the following:

- ❑ The CIH Level 3 Certificate in Housing Practice  
OR
- ❑ An equivalent Level 3 qualification or higher

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 working in the housing sector as part of the application process.

Applicants must be aged 18 or over, be confident using IT and have access to a computer.



## What will I learn?

### Housing policy (mandatory)

- ❑ Understand the policy process in a housing context
- ❑ Understand the historical development of national housing policy
- ❑ Understand how a housing policy impacts on practice.

### Financing for housing (mandatory)

- ❑ Understand the impact of financing policy on the provision of housing
- ❑ Understand the income and expenditure of housing organisations
- ❑ Understand approaches to budgeting and forecasting for the financing of housing organisations.

### Housing law (mandatory)

- ❑ Understand the legal framework in a housing context
- ❑ Understand the key legislation in relation to landlords and tenants
- ❑ Understand the application of the law to an area of housing practice.

### Professional practice skills for housing (mandatory)

- ❑ Understand the concepts of being a member of a profession and acting professionally
- ❑ Understand the skills required to be a housing professional
- ❑ Be able to assess own professional performance
- ❑ Be able to manage own professional development.

### Housing management services (optional)

- ❑ Understand the basis for the provision of housing services
- ❑ Understand key housing management functions
- ❑ Understand how individuals access housing.

### Strategies for promoting independent living and wellbeing (optional)

- ❑ Understand the policy context of independent living and how it contributes to the integration of health and care
- ❑ Understand local strategies for health and wellbeing
- ❑ Understand organisational procedures to safeguard individuals with care and support needs
- ❑ Understand how technology, housing management and design can enable independent living to achieve health and wellbeing.

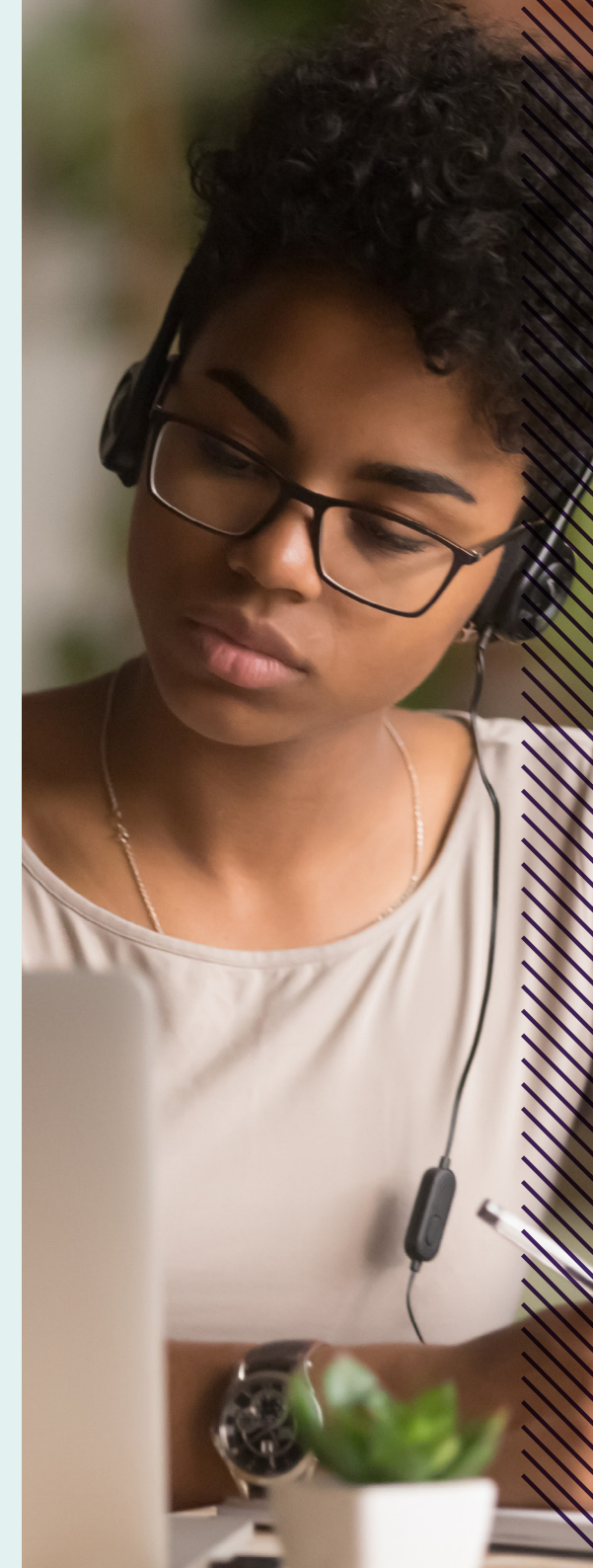
### Managing people and change (optional)

- ❑ Understand the key human resource functions used to manage people
- ❑ Understand the principles of team management
- ❑ Understand how to manage change.

### Research skills for housing (optional)

- ❑ Understand why research is important for planning housing and housing related services
- ❑ Understand different research methods and research ethics
- ❑ Be able to plan a research study.

Please note: Strategies for promoting independent living and wellbeing and research skills for housing are not available for online plus learners.



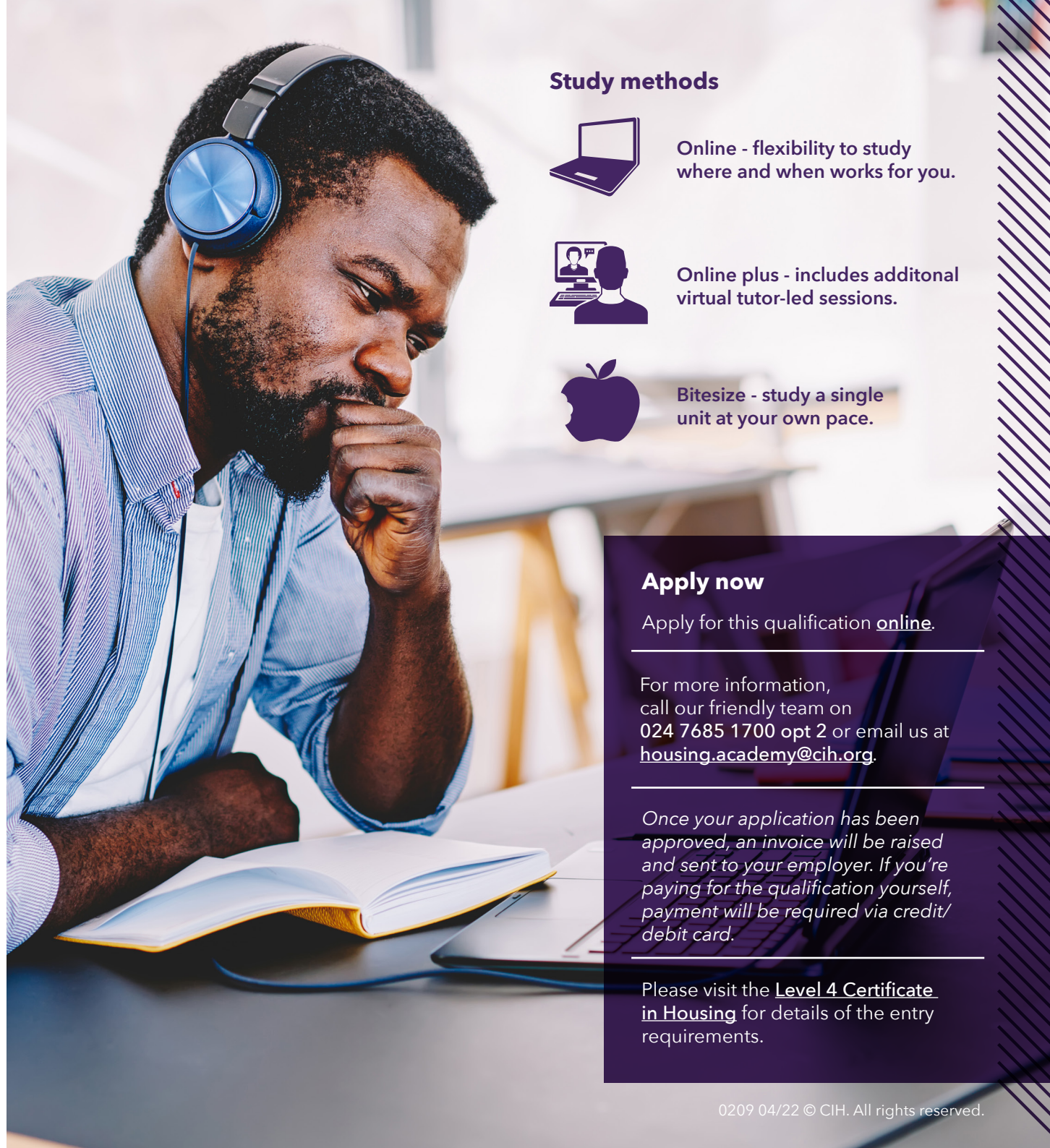
## What can I expect as a CIH online learner?

CIH supports you as an [online learner](#) in a range of ways. We offer online qualifications which means your studies are done virtually, so you can fit this around your day job, personal life and make it work for you.

At the beginning of the qualification, you'll be provided with a brief introduction to the qualification and information on how it is delivered, structured and assessed.

### How we support you:

- ❑ You'll have an academic tutor who offers you support throughout your qualification via email and telephone on request. Your tutor will mark your assignments and give you feedback as well as provide you with advice and support on any academic issues.
- ❑ Get a complete set of online learning materials to work through for each unit. You will submit an assignment at the end of each unit of study (approximately every eight weeks).
- ❑ Each unit contains activities to help support your learning and forums in which you can stay in contact with your fellow learners and share your thoughts on the study topics and assignment tasks.
- ❑ The [CIH Housing Academy](#) will support you throughout your qualification, offering guidance when personal or work-related problems arise that may affect your studies.
- ❑ Communicate and share ideas with other learners via our e-learning site, Moodle.



### Study methods



Online - flexibility to study where and when works for you.



Online plus - includes additional virtual tutor-led sessions.



Bitesize - study a single unit at your own pace.

### Apply now

Apply for this qualification [online](#).

For more information, call our friendly team on 024 7685 1700 opt 2 or email us at [housing.academy@cih.org](mailto:housing.academy@cih.org).

*Once your application has been approved, an invoice will be raised and sent to your employer. If you're paying for the qualification yourself, payment will be required via credit/debit card.*

Please visit the [Level 4 Certificate in Housing](#) for details of the entry requirements.