

Institute of Financial Planning teams up with Calibrand and SQA to offer the RDR compliant Diploma in Professional Financial Advice to all its members.

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The [Diploma](#) is a purpose-built qualification for Financial Advisers which fulfils the FSA's Retail Distribution Review (RDR) qualification requirements and the post-2010 reformed Appropriate Examination standards.

IFP's Chief Executive [Nick Cann](#) explained "The [Institute of Financial Planning](#) is very happy to recommend the Calibrand/[SQA](#) Diploma in Professional Financial Advice suite of examinations as the best option in the marketplace in terms of value for money, attainability and customer service. The price and learner support looks excellent and meets the requirements as set out by the [FSA](#)." Cann continued "Looking at Gap Filling, many are recognising that doing an exam, which in the future could be tailored, to cover off the regulatory gaps is the most straightforward option."

Calibrand Managing Director [Denis Saunders](#) said, "Calibrand is delighted to have strengthened their relationship with IFP". Saunders followed by saying "We currently work alongside IFP in other major projects but we are especially pleased that they have chosen to partner us for the [Diploma in Professional Financial Advice](#). They continue to show their commitment in providing the best solutions for their members."

Joe Wilson, Head of New Ventures at SQA who award the qualification, said, "This is great news that as an awarding body we work in partnership with Calibrand to deliver the examination and with IFP, one of the leading membership organisations in the financial sector, to promote best practice and assist both the membership of IFP and encourage other Diploma candidates to use their membership services."

Awarded by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), no fees or membership pre-requisites are required to [Register](#) for the Diploma through the Calibrand Adviser Learning Centre.

Further details on The Diploma in Professional Financial Advice are available at <http://www.calibrand.com/solutions/rdr> or on 01332 222680 or by email at rdr@calibrand.com.

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