

HKIB's ESG Programmes

Environmental, Social and Governance Certificate

Brief Description

"Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)" module is under the B.E.S.T. certificate programme, which addresses the [four talent gap areas](#), "Banking Knowledge in the Greater Bay Area (GBA)", "Soft Skills" and "Technology & Data" and ESG. B.E.S.T. supports HKMA's [Banking Graduate Trainee Programme](#). The ESG module is a short 3-hour introduction on climate change across emerging markets.

Objective

ESG is one of the most pressing concerns confronting the public and private sectors worldwide. The financial industry, in particular, has been paying increasing effort to contribute to a more green and sustainable future. This course provides an introduction to ESG initiatives in banking and equip participants with knowledge needed to support them in value creation for a sustainable business model. It aims to raise awareness, step up engagement and enhance the sector's capabilities.

Programme Outline - ESG

- Introduction to ESG 101 – Gain a fundamental understanding of the latest trends in ESG and review of COP26 agreements.
- Describe key environmental, social and governance issues.
- Identify ESG risks and opportunities impacting banks.
- Review of the ESG regulatory guidelines [HKMA, SFC, HKEX and International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)].
- Overview of sustainability reporting and climate-related disclosures.

Target Audience

Banking Practitioners especially junior bankers and those new to the banking industry, and anyone else who wish to equip themselves with better ESG knowledge and how ESG issues are being incorporated into the banking sector.



Green Finance and Sustainability Certificate

Brief Description

Green Finance and Sustainability is an independent module under the [Certified Banker \(CB\) Programme](#). Learners who have successfully completed the 15-hour training and respective examination would be awarded a Certificate of Achievement (Green Finance and Sustainability) and can continue their learning journey to obtain a CB professional qualification.

Objective

With the emergence of green and sustainable finance as one of the most important areas for banking business development, this module equips candidates with comprehensive knowledge, skills and understanding relating to banking business in a digital age and the full spectrum of green and sustainable finance, including but not limited to current market trend, strategic management, and climate-related risk mitigation as part of the transformation to a low-carbon and sustainable world.

Programme Outline

- An overview of Green Finance and ESG.
- Assess the latest development, governance factors, good practices and market trends in Green Finance and Sustainability to meet the transformation and changing needs in banking.
- Analyse the major green debt instruments.
- Evaluate factors relevant to ESG investing, valuation of green assets, and the ESG considerations in the investment process.
- Apply the major green finance certifications and ESG ratings in the market to business opportunities and operational processes.

Target Audience

Banking practitioners and others who are interested in getting to know more about Green and Sustainable Finance and ESG in a more comprehensive way with wider spectrum of knowledge for their personal development and career transformation or advancement.



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