MILPARK EDUCATION Financial Services



## **QUALIFICATION**

Postgraduate Diploma (SAQA ID 93608, NQF LEVEL 8)

Postgraduate Diploma in **Banking** 



**Mode of Delivery:** 

Distance Learning Online

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### Description and Programme Purpose

The **Postgraduate Diploma in Banking** will equip the student with the skills necessary to function in **various management** or specialist positions in the banking and financial services sector. The South African **banking sector** is viewed as a world-class, strong regulatory and supervisory environment, with adequate capital, technology and infrastructure, employing over 200 000 people.



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There is a **continual drive in the sector** to employ qualified individuals, or to upskill internal staff, based on the regulatory and supervisory requirements. Hence, employment in the banking sector has always been highly sought after. The field has a **strong professional image** and offers a variety of **opportunities for growth** in an exciting and challenging environment, with opportunities for international exposure.

## 2 Who Should Enrol

The programme would be suitable for:

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The programme would be **most suitable for an individual** with a **commerce-related degree** who is working in the **financial services** sector and who **wishes to broaden their banking knowledge** with a view to enhancing **potential career** prospects at regional or head office level.

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## Programme **Outcomes**

Successful completion of this qualification should enable the student to:

- 1. Apply knowledge of the concepts and the
- implementation of bank risk management.
- 2. Demonstrate understanding of basic research methods in business, as well as an ability to write and present a report about a bank/work-related topic.
- 3. Demonstrate an understanding of global bank regulation and ethical behaviour in the financial services industry.

- 4. Display knowledge of the key issues in international bank management and strategy.
- 5. Demonstrate an understanding of the different concepts applicable to specialised areas in the bank.

## Programme **Structure**

Module name and code	NQF	Compulsory/ Elective	Credits
Induction INPGB1-8	8	Compulsory	0
Bank Risk Management BRMA01-8	8	Compulsory	20
Business Ethics and Corporate Governance BECG01-8	8	Compulsory	15
Leading an Organisation Responsibly LDRS01-8	8	Compulsory	20
Research Methodology BRES01-8	8	Compulsory	20
International Bank Management and Strategy IBMS01-8	8	Compulsory	20
Banking Project BANP01-8	8	Compulsory	10
Bank Regulation BANR01-8	8	Compulsory	5
Financial Services Technology FSTE01-8*	8	Elective	20

<sup>\*</sup> The FSTE01-8 elective must be completed to acquire sufficient credits to graduate.

### **Module** Descriptions

#### Compulsory

This module provides students with an introduction to the **qualification** and the distance learning online (DLO) method of delivery. The focus of the module will be to familiarise students with Milpark rules and policies. Students will also be introduced to the modules offered on the programme. This module is non-credit bearing.

Induction INPGB1-8

Bank Risk Management BRMA01-8 This module is aimed at building an understanding of the **conceptual and implementation issues** surrounding bank risk management. It presents techniques and practical issues at a management level, and fosters an understanding of the big picture when managing risk in a bank.

This module exposes students to **perspectives and philosophies** on moral and business ethics. Students will develop skills to identify and manage **issues related to ethical practice** and decision-making, and will be exposed to the requirements and practice of good corporate governance.

Business Ethics and Corporate Governance BECG01-8

Leading an Organisation Responsibly LDRS01-8

This module empowers students to **critically evaluate the influence and impact of business enterprises** in society and their responsibilities as corporate citizens. The module examines the social, ethical and environmental issues experienced by organisations in light of global and local challenges, as well as possible organisational responses, including involvement with community-based projects. Students will have the opportunity to support the **sustainability of community-based projects** through collaboration, active engagement and consultation.

After students have completed this module, they should have a good theoretical and practical understanding of conducting **applied research** in a relevant business sector. Emphasis is placed on identifying an appropriate and viable research problem, formulating aligned research questions and objectives, conducting a literature review and selecting an appropriate design. Students will have to **draft and submit an initial research report** based on the research conducted, presenting their findings, conclusions and recommendations.

Research Methodology BRES01-8 International
Bank
Management
and Strategy
IBMS01-8

The purpose of this module is to equip students with an **understanding** of international bank management and strategy. Specific bank management topics are covered from an international viewpoint.

The purpose of this module is to equip students to **analyse and apply a research topic** to their respective employer or chosen South African organisation. It is **not recommended to start** the qualification with this module.

Banking
Project
BANP01-8

Bank Regulation BANR01-8 The purpose of this module is to equip students with an understanding of **global bank regulation** and ethics in the banking sector. It will cover concepts such as regulation and supervision of banks, Basel Accords, financial safety and financial crises.



Financial Services Technology FSTE01-8 This module looks at the influence of **technology on the Financial Services** industry, from different angles. First, suitable technologies are unpacked. This is followed by a discussion around changing consumer needs. Students are also **introduced to the debate around competitive** forces in the industry related to Fintech companies, and are challenged to reflect on possible **future scenarios** for the financial services industry – including their role and how they could fit in.

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## Admission Requirements

The minimum admission requirement is a relevant **NQF 7 qualification** (Bachelor degree or Advanced Diploma).

Depending on the modules completed in the **undergraduate qualification** as well as work experience, Milpark might recommend certain bridging modules for individuals who need to augment their knowledge on certain subject matters.

Applicants are requested to submit a detailed curriculum vitae displaying details of prior academic and employment history, which will be used as part of the admission review process.

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#### Other certificates

An applicant who has a certificate other than a **South African National Senior Certificate** and any international bachelor's degree and wishes to enrol for a Postgraduate qualification, must obtain a **SAQA certificate** of equivalence from (www.saqa.org.za). prior to making application for admission.



Learn More about Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) applications

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### Mode of **Delivery**

Choose an online format that works for you. **Studying online requires** certain skills such as self-discipline, self-motivation and communication. When you're an online learner, you'll find that you will quickly hone and develop these skills which are important for the workplace.

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The following mode is available for this specific programme:





9 Student Support



#### **Library access**

The Milpark Library provides access to e-books in a virtual library called Cyberlibris Lecturers create smart bookshelves per course or module for students to access (these shelves can contain prescribed and recommended books). Students can also create their own personal smart bookshelves containing resources for their studies. Having access to a digital library means that thousands of students can access books and resources from anywhere at the same time online.

There is no need to make reservations and requests, and no limit on the time a student has to access a book. With the **implementation of Cyberlibris**, students also have access to full-text resources via ProQuest (global), Ebsco (global), Emerald (global), and Sabinet (South African publications) to assist with research and to enrich their learning experience. Access to the Library is included in the module fee.

#### **Online lecturers**

Comprehensive student support services are available. Students are provided with administrative support by Student Services. To assist with **understanding content**, students have access to tutors whom they can contact individually. Students who experience study and/or personal problems have access to a student counsellor.

All support services are available to registered students via myMilpark (myCourses).

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## Rules of **Progression**

Students are required to complete seven compulsory modules and one elective module. Students require a minimum of 125 credits (total of eight modules) to complete the qualification.

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### **Assessment**



Students are required to submit multiple assignments and other formative assessments for each module, which contribute **40%** towards the final mark. The exact assessment requirements will be communicated to all students via the Assessment Guidelines.

Students will complete a final, summative assessment at the end of each module, which will contribute **60%** towards their final mark for these modules.

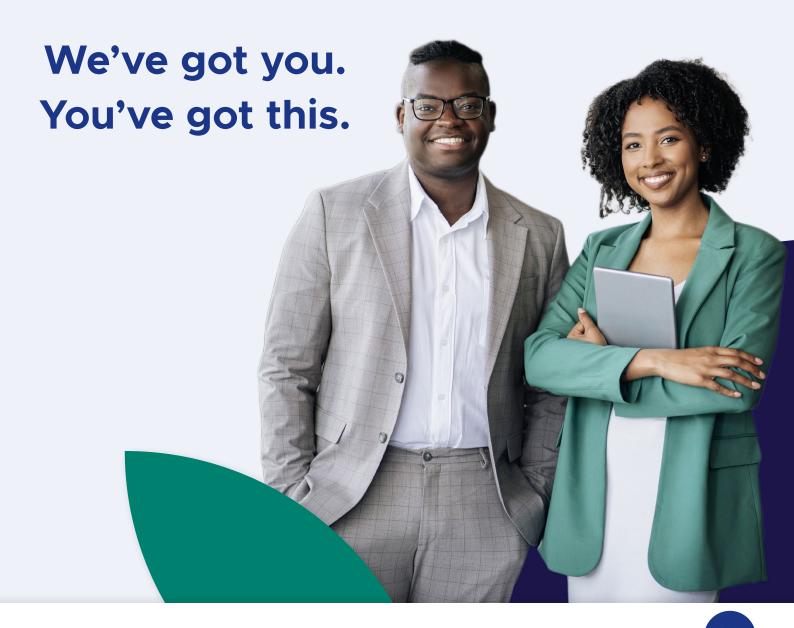
# 12 Duration

Students have a **minimum of one year and a maximum of three years** to complete this qualification.

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### Certification

On successful completion of the qualification, the student will receive a Postgraduate Diploma in Banking, **NQF Level 8 (credits: 125)**. The Postgraduate Diploma in Banking is **accredited by the Higher Education Quality Committee** of the Council on Higher Education (CHE).



# 14 Further Studies

Milpark Education is committed to the process of **lifelong learning and opening access to higher education.** The programme is at NQF level 8 and it will provide for articulation options into NQF level 9 programmes.

A student who has completed certain modules on this qualification at Milpark Education and who wishes to transfer to another tertiary-level institution should be able to apply for exemption from relevant modules on the basis of the modules that have been passed at Milpark Education. Articulation to Milpark's Master of Business Administration (MBA) is possible. A student who transfer from one to another qualification within Milpark Education may be given credit for some modules successfully completed.

## 15 Pricing

All module fees include **one round of formative and summative assessments** (supplementary examinations excluded). Module fees do not include the cost of prescribed textbooks, which will be for the student's own account. The prescribed book list will be **available on the Milpark website** under the relevant qualification information documents and on *myMilpark* on registration.

# 16 Disclaimer

The content of this brochure is accurate at the time of going to print. Milpark Education reserves the right to change the programme content due to changes in legislation, market requirements and other reasons. Notice of such changes will be published on our website.

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