

# INTRODUCTION TO DOCUMENTARY CREDITS

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Level 1

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## Target audience

General practitioners working in banks, corporates, or financial institutions in functions such as Relationship Management, Credit, Compliance, etc. but with an interest in trade finance.

## Course objectives

This course provides a practical overview of the long-established but still rather esoteric trade financing instrument, the Documentary Letter of Credit, known variously as Documentary Credit, Commercial Letter of Credit, Letter of Credit, L/C, and D/C. For the purpose of this course, we will limit ourselves to “Documentary Credit” and “L/C”. Upon completion, you will have developed a good

foundational understanding of the importance of the documentary letter of credit in enabling trade, the versatility of this proven instrument in addressing a range of market conditions and a variety of client needs. You will also appreciate the strengths of this unique financial instrument, as well as the weaknesses (and a couple of misconceptions) of this mechanism.

## Course outline

- Module 1 Introduction to Documentary Credits
- Module 2 Selected challenges in international trade
- Module 3 The continuing importance of the Documentary Credit
- Module 4 Trading parties and their needs
- Module 5 Rules, practices and standards: Cornerstones
- Module 6 Basic Documentary Credits Transaction Flow
- Module 7 Risk and the Documentary Credit
- Module 8 Confirmation of Documentary Credits
- Module 9 Trade Banking and Other Systems
- Module 10 Capital Adequacy, Basel and the ICC Trade Register
- Module 11 Assessment



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### Assessment

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