



How to Study ACI Diploma

ACI – The Financial Markets Association is an exam body and exam preparation opportunities are delivered by third parties like training companies, business schools and authors.

Also various **national forex associations** offer their own preparation courses for the ACI exams. Please visit the website of your national forex association and check if they offer a prep course. You may also visit our global website to find national offerings.

The following list shows different companies which may help you with your exam preparation.

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Finance Trainer is a specialised training and consulting company in the fields of treasury, ALM, risk management and derivative sales, which has been in business for almost 25 years. Since 1995 Finance Trainer is committed to support ACI in preparing additional benefits for its members worldwide and is pleased to offer preparatory courses for the ACI exams in particular through the unique Cyber School which is accessible from all over the world and by tailor made inhouse courses in German, English and French.

Name of trainers: Patrick Haas

• Web based

Language : English
Price : EUR 2.200 (no VAT)
Information/registration : www.financetrainer.com

Online ACI-style questions and answers (Cyber*School) and online coaching by expert trainer
Duration: 9 months
550 pages of documentation, 2.000 questions

• Classroom style

Language : German
Duration in days : 6+1 (on 7th day official exam in test centre offered, optional)
Usual trainer : Patrick Haas
Usual locations : Austria, Germany and Switzerland
Fee per participant : EUR 4.300,00 incl. 6 months web based preparation in advance
+ exam fee+ full pension at hotel. Several Mock tests during the residential training
Information/registration : <http://www.financetrainer.com>

In-house trainings on request in German, English and French.

Bahrain:



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The Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) has played a critical role in Bahrain's long-term success as the region's leading financial center. Since its inception in 1981, BIBF has been committed to providing the highest levels of training, education and professional development programs to the financial services industry in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the region. Its breadth of training, education and professional development programs covers all major business disciplines including Accounting; Banking; Insurance; Islamic Finance; IT; Management and Leadership expertise. BIBF also has a major emphasis in Academic and Executive development. BIBF's original remit was to provide training for the banking community in Bahrain. BIBF has evolved today into an internationally recognized training organization providing professional development to a worldwide market. BIBF has a clear strategy in pursuing strategic alliances, to not only deliver to new markets, but to focus on deepening Bahrain's strength in human capital and supporting the continued growth of its financial services sector. BIBF sees itself as a guardian of professional business training and development, with a commitment to offering new training opportunities for Bahrainis, in an effort to prepare them to take their place in a challenging global career space.

Name of trainers: Full time BIBF faculty - Subramanian Ravi, Senior Lecturer, Banking Department

● **Classroom style**

Language	: English
Duration in days	: 5 days a week. Total 60 hours. Four hours per session.
Usual trainer	: Full Time BIBF Faculty: Subramanian Ravi, Senior Lecturer, Banking Department.
Usual locations	: BIBF Premises
Fee per participant	: BD 1700. Date 9 th to 27 th Nov 2014, venue Bahrain.
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Stratadigm is India's leading training and consulting company focused on servicing client needs in the banking and financial services domain. It is the preferred training partner for 8 of the world's leading banks, IT and Consulting companies, KPOs and BPOs from the U.S., Germany, France and U.K. and many Indian Banks, Investment Banks and Brokerage Houses. Having trained more than 14,000 employees at different levels of the corporate hierarchy in its client organisations, it has emerged as the leading provider of educational services for professionals interested in furthering their career prospects. The company works closely with its trainees/program participants in their continuing professional education endeavours. It has helped many associates get international certifications from leading industry bodies from across the world. Stratadigm is promoted by professionals from the BFSI industry with the core delivery team having over 100 years of combined experience in the foreign exchange markets gained from their dealing & trading and back-office activities in USA, UK, Hong Kong and India. Many of the core team members also have excellent academic credentials like MBA from the IIMs and CA/CFA (USA) etc.

Name of trainers: Sampath Jagannathan, A. C. Reddi, Ravi G, Muralidharan V and Sushil Sharma

Language	: English
Duration in days	: 15 days or 120 hours spread over a period of time
Usual trainer	: A C Reddi and Sushil Sharma
Usual locations	: Hyderabad/Chennai/Bangalore/Mumbai/Pune/New Delhi
Fee per participant	: Rs. 15,000
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The Israel Financial Institute offers a variety academic studies, training, advanced studies, workshops and diploma studies on global standards to the highest level of employees in all business units, including senior managers, in corporations and in financial institutions.

The Israel financial institute provides on-the-job practical training and workshops for professionals in FOREX, Derivatives and security trading, investment and asset management including all asset classes, middle and back office, as well as Risk Management. The Israel Financial Institute focuses on improving professional levels of expertise and providing internationally recognized accreditation based on uniform standards acceptable in developed financial markets.

IFI provides training in fields such as Treasury and risk management and cooperates with ACI , the worldwide financial market association and represents the association in Israel.

The institute is currently preparing students for the Dealing and Operation Certificate and will soon include courses teaching the new ACI Diploma.

Being the first and only institute in Israel that offers training programs which stand in line with worldwide existing professional programs the institute is leading an important change in the local financial markets.

Name of trainers: Gil Ben Yehuda, Amit Lowenstein, Eitan Zeevi, Haim Havin

Classroom Style

Language – Hebrew and English

Duration in days: Twice in a week: Sunday & Friday. Totally 9 sessions. Each session is of 6 hours

Usual Trainers: Gil Ben Yehuda, Amit Lowenstein, Eitan Zeevi, Haim Havin

Usual Location: 29 Homa Umigdal Str, Tel Aviv

Fee per participant: 2,000 USD

Information/Registration: www.ifi-il.com

In-house training upon request

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We strive to assist our clients in achieving their full potential, by providing financial training and consulting services that are professional, accurate, relevant and practical.

All our training presenters are ex traders who have extensive trading and training experience, who understand and empathize with the delegates.

Training is presented both in South Africa as well as internationally.

Name of trainers: Mike Sandler, Craig Thompson and Ina du Preez

- **Books or Home-study pack**

Title	: ACI Diploma
Author	: Robert Steiner
Language	: English
Price	: Approx R15 000 together with classroom sessions
Where available	: Dushane@fullvalue.co.za or mike@fullvalue.co.za

The course material is very comprehensive and has been written by an extremely experienced trainer. There are self study questions at the end of each session as well as practice exam papers.

- **Classroom style**

Language	: English
Duration in days	: 5 days
Usual trainer	: Mike Sandler
Usual locations	: Various
Fee per participant	: Approx R15 000 together with home study pack
Information/registration	: mike@fullvalue.co.za or dushane@fullvalue.co.za

- **Others**

The Diploma is presented in a blended format. Delegates are sent the course material. They can submit the answers to the various questions for marking and comment. A regular classroom style review session is held in order to review and explain some of the more difficult sections of the course material. These sessions are not compulsory but are highly recommended. The cost of the material includes one "5 day" classroom session



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Peter Skerritt & Associates was established in 1993 to provide training and consultancy services to the South African and African wholesale financial markets. The company's mission is to provide practical, hands-on training to financial market practitioners, with an explicit outcomes-based focus.

• Distance-Learning

Language	: English
Author	: Peter Skerritt & Associates
Title	: The ACI Dealing Certificate distance-learning programme
Price	: USD 995 + DHL cost
Orders	: Please contact admin@peterskerritt.com

Candidates enrolled on the distance-learning programme are provided with comprehensive study material as well as access to the Peter Skerritt & Associates Online Testing System. The study material have been prepared by expert faculty to accurately reflect the emphasis of the ACI exams. The Online Testing System contains topic tests in respect of the individual topics of the ACI Diploma syllabus as well as full mock exams in the same multiple choice format as the actual exam. An e-mail help facility is also available to submit queries concerning any aspect of the syllabus and answers are normally provided immediately or within 24 hours.

• Classroom style

Language	: English
Duration in days	: 6 days
Usual Trainer	: Peter Skerritt and Terry Murphy
Usual locations	: The African continent
Fee per participant	: The fee depends on whether it is a public or an in-house workshop
Information/Registration	: admin@peterskerritt.com



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Our Trading & Banking Academy falls within the Financial Services Industry and People and Change Competency. The ACI Dealing and Operations Certificate, ACI Diploma, Trading Psychology and Balance Sheet Management Simulations, Trade Finance, Financial Literacy, Client Relationship Management (CRM) Modelling and People & Change Training are the flagship product offerings of our Academy. Via our global reach, we provide this training in a “blended-learning” environment and each programme is uniquely designed to client specifications.

Programme Catalogue:

Blended Learning:

ACI Dealing and Operations Certificates

Language: English
Duration: 16-week program with a 4-5 day workshop
Lead Facilitator: Andre Kurten
Markets Covered: Africa, Middle East, Asia and other emerging markets
Cost: market / association / client / programme specific

ACI Diploma

Language: English
Duration: 24-week program with a 6-day workshop
Lead Facilitator: Andre Kurten
Markets Covered: Africa, Middle East, Asia and other emerging markets
Cost: market / association / client / programme specific

Cyber School/Distance Learning

ACI Operations Certificate

Language: English
Duration: 24-week program with webinars
Lead Facilitator: Andre Kurten
Markets Covered: Africa, Middle East, Asia and other emerging markets
Cost: market / association / client / programme specific

Simulation Programmes

Mastering the Art of Trading: 3-day workshop
Mastering Strategic Balance Sheet Management: 3-day workshop

The Netherlands:



Company name:

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Company description:

MG Financial Markets Training and Consultancy has its roots in the front office environment. After more than 20 years activity in the FX and Money Markets, in 2008 Moreno Giraldi started the company with the ideal of offering Hands-on training based on the experience gained in the market. Moreno Giraldi is founding partner and member of Gubernator-Training, a multidisciplinary portal (Treasury, Commodities Risk management and ALM) www.gubernator-training.com

Name of trainers:

Moreno Giraldi

Preparation for ACI Dealing Certificate

Classroom style

- language: **Dutch, English & Italian**
- duration in days: **5**
- usual trainer: **Moreno Giraldi**
- usual locations: **EMEA**
- fee per participant:
- where to inform and register: info@mgft-c.eu

Preparation for ACI Operations Certificate

Classroom style

- language: **Dutch, English & Italian**
- duration in days: **4**
- usual trainer: **Moreno Giraldi**
- usual locations: **EMEA**
- fee per participant:
- where to inform and register: info@mgft-c.eu

Preparation for ACI Diploma

Classroom style

- language: **Dutch, English**
- duration in days: **5**
- usual trainer: **Moreno Giraldi / Charley Klop**
- usual locations: **EMEA**
- fee per participant:
- where to inform and register: info@mgft-c.eu



The Financial Markets Academy

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The Financial Markets Academy (TFMA) is a Dutch training company. With Lex van der Wielen as senior teacher, TFMA is one of the only providers that is able to offer exam courses for all of the three ACI Exams: the Dealing Certificate, the Operations Certificate and the Diploma. TFMA has its own publisher, *Financial Markets Books*, that publishes text books for all of the three exams and books with trial questions and elaborated answers.

• Books or Home-study pack

Title : Financial Instruments Handbook - A guide to the ACI Diploma
Author : Lex van der Wielen
Language : English
Price : EUR 80,-
Where available : www.tfma.nl

Title : 150 Trial Question and Answers for the ACI Diploma
Author : Lex van der Wielen
Language : English
Price : EUR 55,-
Where available : www.tfma.nl

• Classroom style

(In house training, up to 15 participants)

Duration : 5 days
Price : 10,000 euro plus expenses
Language : English, German and Dutch
Material : All participants will receive a free copy of the Financial Instruments Handbook.
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Multimedia TradeWind Limited is a member of the *Lywood David International Group*. The company's objectives are the design and development of distance learning products for ACI candidates and the financial markets industry. The company's PC based products include the WINDEAL suite of dealing simulations (*WINDEAL for Spot FX* and *WINDEAL for Money market*), **WinFOREX**, the unique PC based interactive study aid for ACI Examination candidates and the latest product **ACi-train** a **FREE** i-phone / i-pad app featuring interactive multiple choice questions, accompanying texts and mock (trial) examinations for ACI *level 1* candidates.

The company boasts many WINDEAL and **WinFOREX** Site licence clients – being financial institutions and banking institutes across the globe together with several hundred individual candidates purchasing the **WinFOREX** Single User licence products.

Names of trainers: Phil Parker, Managing Director

CD Rom based

Language : English

Price : **WinFOREX Module DIP** Single User licence Price: **GBP 180.00** plus p+p (or DHL courier charges – if preferred).

A WinFOREX Site licence covering all four ACI qualifications is available for institutional purchasers. Site licence cost: **GBP 1,950.00** complete (ACI Dealing Certificate, ACI Operations Certificate, ACI Model Code and ACI Diploma) plus p+p (or DHL courier charges – if preferred).

Contact details (buy on-line): www.lywood-david.co.uk/winforex1a.htm

The WinFOREX product range consists of a series of unique PC based interactive Study aids designed specifically with the ACI Education examinations in mind. WinFOREX is however equally appropriate for more general product education and financial market training for Treasury personnel. **WinFOREX Module DIP** contains a database of over 1,700 interactive ACI and ACI style multiple-choice questions and a comprehensive accompanying text book - 460 pages for the ACI Diploma (available in hard copy A4 binder at extra cost - depending on licence purchased) which complements the interactive training software. The Single User licence product features 1 load and 100 accesses to the question databases, dynamic on-screen feedback for all multiple-choice questions, the ability to random generate mock (trial) examinations and an interactive Excel spreadsheet including all ACI formulae.

Please note there are also study materials for the other ACI syllabuses and examinations. Please contact the company for further details.

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Our trainers (listed below) have 10+ years of experience in FX/Treasury dealing positions and operational roles in UK, Asia and NA and LATAM. We regularly design bespoke training programs meeting precise client objectives via a combination of blended classroom lectures, webcasts, WBT and originally design case studies based on our clients processes and systems. The learning experience is greatly enhanced by simulating lecture modules and methodology through our Bourse Trading Simulation® for cash trading. FDRS® for derivative simulations and eTraderEx® capital markets algorithmic trading simulation. Over the last decade we have delivered training programs to thousands of introductory to advanced level staff in 30 different nations in English, Spanish and French. Our audiences include graduates, middle to senior line managers, professional hires, middle office, operations and technology staff. We lecture executive education, MBA, MSc & PhD students in the UK and USA, and prepare staff for professional certificates exams like the ACI Dealing Certificate, ACI Operations Certificate, ACI Diploma exams

Names of trainers: Maricar Obieta, Donald Lawrence, Bernard Lind, Bruce Weber

• **Classroom style**

Language	: English, Spanish, French
Duration in days	: 5 days (40 hours) + practice exam + post mortem
Usual locations	: Central London & New York public course or your institutions requirements
Fee per participant	: Please call or email for details
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Markets International Ltd is an independent company which provides both public and in-house training on financial markets and mathematics, risk management and other financial subjects. We specialise in the ACI exams - Dealing Certificate, Diploma and Operations Certificate - which we teach with a very high success rate both in London and on behalf of national ACI associations across a wide range of countries. All courses are 'workshop' in style, with numbers generally limited to a maximum of 12, and delegates work through extensive examples and practice exams. Our ACI Dealing Certificate and Diploma courses include a revision day, to ensure thorough preparation for the exams. We provide a free help line: candidates can contact us at any time until they take the exam, to discuss any problems.

Names of trainers: Bob Steiner

• Classroom style

Language : English
Duration in days : 7 days total (two 3-day sessions plus a 1-day revision session included as part of the course)
Usual trainer : Bob Steiner
Usual locations : London and many European cities; also outside Europe
Fee per participant : GBP 2,050 plus VAT
Information/Registration : training@markets-international.com or +44-1451-850055

• Home-study / Distance-learning pack

Author : Bob Steiner
Language : English
Price : GBP 450 for all the written material; GBP 250 for a 6-month help-line.
Where available : training@markets-international.com or +44-1451-850055

Complete package (no other books are needed) including all the learning material, exercises and practice exams. An e-mail help-line is also available for questions about any of the material, exercises and exams.

- **Books**

Title : Foreign Exchange and Money Markets
Author : Bob Steiner
Language : English
Price : (Amazon, approximately GBP 59)
ISBN : 0-7506-5025-7
Where available : Booksellers such as Amazon

Comprehensive coverage of these topics.

Title : Mastering Financial Calculations
Author : Bob Steiner
Language : English
Price : (Amazon, approximately GBP 30)
ISBN : 978-0-273-70444-7
Where available : Booksellers such as Amazon

Comprehensive coverage of the necessary calculations in FX, Money Markets, FRAs, Bonds, Repo, Swaps and Options

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Name of trainers: David Hayes, Chris Louch, Terry Goodwin

- **Web based**

Language : English
Price : GBP 163.50 (+VAT if applicable) for 12 months online subscription
Information/registration : www.riskmanagergroup.com/aci

Magellan online learning covers all mainstream products and markets, from introductory to advanced levels. Includes all the topics required to pass the ACI Dealing Certificate and ACI Diploma exams. Students can use our Risk Manager Trading Simulation for hands on dealing experience. There are multiple tests and exercises within the course.

- **Classroom style**

Language	: English
Duration in days	: 4 days full time + one day mock exam / debrief
Usual trainer	: Chris Louch
Usual locations	: London for public courses or bespoke in-house requirement.
Fee per participant	: Please call or email for details
Information/registration	: sales@riskmanagergroup.com

Our trainees understand the topics by 'doing' and emerge from the training programmes with a satisfying sense of 'owning' new practical skills. This enhances their individual growth potential and ultimately the success of their company.

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Rolland Consultancy provides training and management consultancy to financial institutions globally. Established in 1992 we bring more than twenty-five years of experience of financial markets, but still maintain a strong emphasis on ensuring all our training is relevant to today's marketplace. We provide training in all major markets, including FX & money markets, and also specialise in infrastructure training, enhancing understanding of the institutions and individual roles that form today's marketplace.

Name of trainers: Gail Rolland

- **Classroom style**

Language	: English
Duration in days	: 6
Usual trainer	: Gail Roland
Usual locations	: Available in any location
Fee per participant	: Only provided on an in-house basis that can be tailored to the client's requirements
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