



Institute  
of **Hospitality**

**AWARDING BODY**

## Comparability Statement for HCIMA Qualifications

The Institute of Hospitality holds the archive records for qualifications awarded by the Hotel and Catering International Management Association (HCIMA).

The HCIMA qualifications listed below are benchmarked at management level (NQF Level 4) and may be considered comparable to a degree.

Universities in the UK determine their own equivalence for meeting the standard entry requirements to degree and higher degree programmes such as MBA, MSc. HCIMA's professional qualifications would normally be accepted for entry on to a higher degree programme when accompanied by appropriate management experience:

- **Final Membership Examination** (offered up to 1980)
- **Part B** (offered up to 1990)
- **Professional Diploma** (offered up until 2001). In addition, it should be noted that the HCIMA Professional Diploma provided an excellent basis of underpinning knowledge for anyone preparing for an S/NVQ at level 4.

Without suitable management experience, these qualifications would at the least give exemption from part of a degree course, in the same way that a Foundation Degree or HND would, and from this candidates could progress onto a higher degree programme.

The following HCIMA qualifications are benchmarked at supervisory level (NQF Level 3) and may be considered comparable to a BTEC National Diploma:

- **Intermediate Membership Examination** (offered up to 1980)
- **Part A** (offered up to 1990)
- **Professional Certificate** (offered up to 2001)
- **Advanced Certificate in Hospitality Studies** (offered up to 2006)

These qualifications were generally accepted for entry onto a Higher National Diploma (HND). In addition, it should be noted that the HCIMA Professional/Advanced Certificate provided an excellent basis of underpinning knowledge for anyone preparing for an S/NVQ at level 3.