

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 and may be considered comparable to a British Ordinary degree (Pass):

- **Final Membership Examination** (offered up to 1980)
- **Part B** (offered up to 1990)
- **Professional Diploma** (offered up until 2001).

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

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 (FdA) or Higher National Diploma (HND) would, and from this a candidate could progress onto a higher degree programme.

The following HCIMA qualifications are benchmarked at supervisory level and may be considered comparable to a relevant Level 3 qualification on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (England and Northern Ireland).

- **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 are generally accepted for entry onto a Higher National Diploma or equivalent qualification.

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