

What are the DLDU & DLDC?

The diplomas are a joint venture of The Insurance Institute of Ireland, the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) and the Assurance Medical Society (AMS) in the UK. Each acts as a stand-alone qualification in the area of Life and Disability Underwriting or Claims.

They have also been set by the Financial Regulator as meeting the competency requirements for those involved in claims arising under contracts of life assurance. Full details of the competency requirements can be found on www.financialregulator.ie.

They are also a natural follow on from the Diploma in Life Administration building knowledge to a specialised level. The diploma is achieved through a number of specific modules and is also then subject to certain work experience requirements as specified by the AMS. Students are required to pass the following modules:

- IPO5 Insurance Law (with reference to Irish Law and Practice)
- 561 Life Assurance Pensions and Administration (with reference to Irish Law and Practice) or 735 Life Assurance
- 555 Life and Disability Underwriting or 556 Life and Disability Claims (depending on your specialism)

There are also experience requirements set by the AMS:

- to provide evidence of reasonable experience in various aspects of life and disability claims or underwriting
- to provide evidence to the AMS that a satisfactory degree of expertise in this subject has been achieved

Full Information on these experience requirements can be obtained by contacting the AMS on 0044 207 6366308 or in writing at Lettsom House, 11 Chandos St., London, W1G9EB. Further information is also available on their website - www.assurancemedicalsociety.org.uk

Exam

- All 3 modules are examined by 3 hour written examinations

It is recommended that you allow a minimum of 120 hours study for each module.

A detailed course syllabus for all modules is included on our website, www.insurance-institute.ie. Past papers for IPO5 and 561 are available free of charge on our website, www.insurance-institute.ie. Past papers for 555, 556 and 735 also available for purchase from the CII website - www.cii.co.uk.

Textbook Update

Textbooks are updated annually. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have the relevant textbook, in particular students who defer an exam from one session to another and students who fail an exam and need to re-sit the exam. Details of current textbooks are available on the Education section of the Institute website www.insurance-institute.ie.

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On successful completion of the 4 modules, students will be required to complete an application to the AMS to enable them to assess their experience. If the AMS confirm that they meet their requirements, students will be obliged to pay an election fee (currently £25) made payable to the AMS. Successful applicants will be presented with the diploma at our next available graduation ceremony. Graduates will be required to participate in a programme of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) and will be required to maintain continued membership of the Insurance Institute of Ireland. Graduates will be notified when the DLDU/DLDC CPD scheme becomes available.

How to apply for the DLDU & DLDC

After you have read all other applicable sections of this handbook, paying particular attention to our important dates, exam information and procedures, please complete the textbook & exam entry application form on page 49 with the membership form on page 41 and return with payment to The Insurance Institute of Ireland. **You are required to be a member of the Insurance Institute of Ireland to undertake the qualification.**