

## Chartered Institute of Housing

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### Level 4 Certificate in Housing (RQF)

A 10 month blended learning course with 10 tutor led days.

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## Qualification Aims

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- Provide the knowledge and skills required to operate effectively at a management level in the housing sector.
- Prepare learners for further study in housing related qualifications at level 5/under graduate level.

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## Entry Requirements

CIH does set entry requirements, however we recommend that to pursue achievement of the qualification, the learner will:

- Be working in housing or housing related industry, preferably at a supervisory or management level.
- Have completed the CIH Level 3 Certificate in Housing Practice or a comparable/equivalent qualification.

## Progression routes

The learner may wish to progress onto further learning;

By using the credit gained in the CIH Level 4 Certificate in Housing, combined with further learning to achieve the CIH Level 5 Diploma in Housing.



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## Units

### **Financing for Housing**

The unit aims to provide an understanding of how housing is financed across tenures and how it operates. The learner will understand how housing across tenures is funded and how this links to policy.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the impact of financing policy on the provision of housing.
- Understand the income and expenditure of housing organisations.
- Understand approaches to budgeting and forecasting for the financing of housing organisations.

Assessment Criteria includes:

- Analyse the impact the subsidies have on housing supply and demand regionally and nationally.
- Summarise the constraints that impact on income and expenditure for a housing organisation.
- Apply an approach to an area of housing finance.

### **Housing Law**

The unit aims to provide learners with an understanding of the legal system in relation to housing. It explores the law in relation to landlords and tenants and requires learners to examine the application of the law in relation to housing practice.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the legal framework in a housing context.
- Understand the key legislation in relation to landlords and tenants.
- Understand the application of the law to an area of housing practice.

Assessment Criteria includes:

- Explain how housing related decisions can be challenged in the courts.
- Explain the key legislation in relation to landlords and tenants.
- Assess the differences in the application of the law in relation to an area of housing practice.

### **Housing Policy**

The unit aims to provide learners with an understanding of housing policy by exploring its historical development and the relationships between different policy making bodies and their policy making processes. It also aims to develop a learner's understanding of how policies are implemented.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the policy process in a housing context.
- Understand the historical development of national housing policy.
- Understand how a housing policy impacts on practice.

Assessment Criteria includes:

- Identify the key drivers and participants for the development of housing policy.
- Examine how the impact of national housing policy varies on a local level.



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## Professional Practice Skills for Housing

The unit aims to give learners the understanding and skills to progress at management level in housing. It does so by helping them to become more “reflective practitioners”. It emphasises the importance of relating individual skills and performance to the effectiveness of the organisation as a whole, and being proactive in their own professional development.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the concepts of being a member of a profession and acting professionally.
- Be able to assess own professional performance and personal development.

Assessment Criteria includes:

- Analyse a range of key skills required to be a housing professional
- Explain the concept of reflective practice and apply those techniques.
- Use a professional development plan to plan own training and professional development to meet current and future challenges.

## Housing Need, Demand and Supply

The unit aims to provide the learner with knowledge of the demographic profile and understand the impact this, and socio-economic factors, have on housing need, demand and supply. The will also examine a range of factors influencing local housing market strategies.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the demographic profile and its impact on housing need and housing demand.
- Understand the relationship between the demand for and the supply of housing across all tenures.

Assessment Criteria includes:

- Differentiate between housing demand and housing need.
- Discuss the factors that influence housing supply, demand and need in all forms of tenure and evaluate the impact of national policy and initiatives on local housing market.

## Housing Management Services

The unit aims to provide the learner with the knowledge of the key functions of housing management services. Learners will also consider approaches to how individuals access housing.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the basis for the provision of housing services.
- Understand key housing management functions and how individuals access housing.

Assessment Criteria includes:

- Explain different approaches to the provision of housing and identify legal responsibilities.
- Critically compare alternative models to delivering housing management services.

**For further information on this course please contact us on:**

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