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> CIArb Pathways programme
– *an updated summary*

> the global standard for professional education in dispute resolution



In today's busy and increasingly international world, civil and commercial disputes inevitably happen. Helping people to resolve such disputes calls for a wide range of specialist knowledge and skills.

If you're involved in the field of dispute resolution – as a specialist practitioner, lawyer, professional adviser, expert, or person or organisation that has to deal with conflict – the CIArb can help you gain the specialist know-how you need.



The CIArb professional Pathways programme is a world-class framework of knowledge and skills needed in order to be proficient in the field of non-court dispute resolution, covering the main disciplines of arbitration, adjudication, and mediation.

The programme provides the ideal platform to underpin and support the development of professional experience in these disciplines, whilst also offering a tiered range of professional membership qualifications to provide public recognition for your level of expertise.

You can achieve CIArb's qualifications by completing the Institute's own programme of courses or, alternatively, choose from a growing number of accredited educational institutions around the world which provide equivalent courses of study.

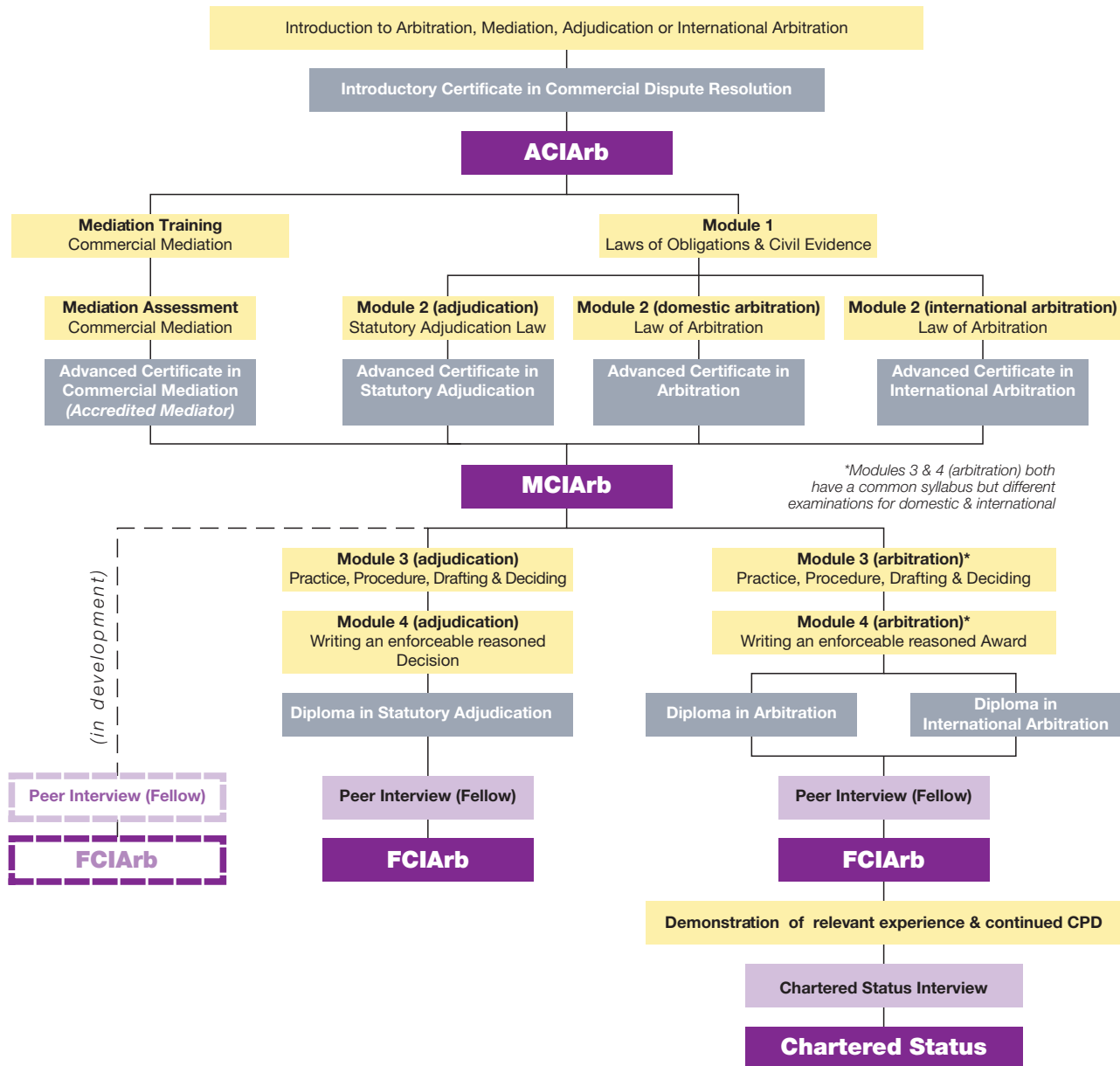
The structure of the Pathways programme is shown opposite.

It provides a progressive educational 'ladder', starting from the level of a newcomer to the field right through to advanced levels of knowledge and skill. You can advance through the defined levels as you wish, depending on your career aims.

At the same time the programme allows a choice from four specialist discipline pathways (arbitration, international arbitration, adjudication and mediation) to further match with your specific career plans or desired areas of specialisation.

By choosing the CIArb professional Pathways programme, you will gain the expert know-how – and recognition – you need from the world's leading professional body for dispute resolution.

> the CI Arb Pathways programme



> progressing through the CI Arb Pathways programme



Becoming an Associate (ACI Arb)

Unless you have some suitable prior experience, you will need to complete a CI Arb introductory course in arbitration, adjudication, or international arbitration. Each involves a one-day workshop, guided reading and completion of a written assignment. If your interest lies in mediation, a similar one-day course is available or you can become an Associate by completing a more intensive mediation skills workshop. Many CI Arb Branches also offer localised versions of these courses.

From Associate to Member (MCI Arb) – arbitration & adjudication

You need to complete two CI Arb Modules, or demonstrate similar knowledge from study of recognised external courses. Qualified lawyers are exempt from Module 1. Both modules are self-study courses combined with regular tutorial workshops and assessment includes written examinations.

Module 1 – Law of Obligations & Civil Evidence – this covers the key aspects of

the relevant legal system and approach to contracts/obligations/evidence that influence how disputes may be handled.

Module 2 – Law of Arbitration or Adjudication – This covers the national law relevant to your jurisdiction or, alternatively, the legal principles and variety of legal requirements involved in international arbitrations.

From Associate to Member (MCI Arb) – mediation

This involves a training course over several days covering the main principles, process and skills needed to conduct a civil or commercial mediation, together with a follow-up assessment workshop. Successful completion provides a valuable practice qualification (Accredited Mediator) as well as CI Arb Membership.

From Member to Fellow (FCI Arb)

To progress to Fellowship, for arbitration or adjudication, you will need to complete:

Module 3 – Practice, Procedure, Drafting & Deciding – This covers all the practical steps and procedural elements involved

in handling a commercial arbitration or adjudication case.

Module 4 – Writing an Award/Decision – this covers all the practical issues and skills involved in writing a final, reasoned and enforceable Award or Decision.

Being a more skills-based discipline, separate requirements apply for mediators wishing to progress to Fellowship. Contact us for details.

Chartered Arbitrator

This is CI Arb's highest-level arbitration qualification, available to arbitrators who can demonstrate a substantial record of both experience and continuing professional development.

Other CI Arb professional training

As well as the above courses, CI Arb and its Branches in many countries offer a growing range of specialist, vocational and 'masterclass' training, as well as seminars and conferences on topical dispute resolution issues.

> accelerated CIArb membership routes

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For practitioners who already have significant legal knowledge or dispute resolution experience, CIArb can offer 'accelerated' assessment arrangements to achieve Membership or Fellowship.

Accelerated route to Membership

This scheme is for individuals who have a law degree and some limited knowledge or experience of non-court dispute resolution but which has not been formally assessed.

It involves a one and a half day assessment workshop that includes group work and individual written exercises. Assessment consists of a written coursework assignment and a 3-hour written examination.

Accelerated route to Fellowship

This scheme is for individuals who can show they already have substantial knowledge of non-court dispute resolution (at least several years' experience working as an arbitrator, for example) and who wish to become a CIArb Fellow. It involves attending a 2-day workshop which assesses candidates' legal knowledge and practical know-how and skill in conducting an arbitration or adjudication process. Successful participants then need to complete Module 4 (award-writing).

Experienced Practitioner scheme

Exceptionally, individuals who have achieved very substantial experience and renown in the field of dispute resolution may be invited by the Institute to become a Fellow (FCIArb) directly without needing to complete formal examinations. Further details are available on request



Reasons to choose CI Arb's Pathways programme:

- + CI Arb is the world's leading professional body for dispute resolution
- + Globally recognised qualifications
- + Solid academic knowledge is combined with practical skills
- + A tiered learning programme to support career progression
- + Choice of discipline pathways to suit desired career specialisation
- + Syllabus content is tailored in key areas to match local jurisdiction
- + High standards of knowledge assessment, including written examinations
- + Much training and support is provided by practitioners and local Branches.

For further information about CI Arb Pathways, or for advice about starting or progressing further in the programme, please get in touch:

- visit www.ciarb.org/pathways
- call the CI Arb central Member Services Team on **+44 (0)20 7421 7439**
- speaking to your local CI Arb Branch (*details on CI Arb website*)



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