IQAB

INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AWARDING BODY

UK RQF LEVEL 7
QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATION

QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK	TOTAL QUALIFICATION TIME	CREDIT VALUE RANGE	ASSESSMENT MODE
UK RQF Level 7	**1,200 - 1,800 Hours**	**120 - 180 Credits**	**Coursework & Project**

1. PROGRAM FRAMEWORK OVERVIEW

The IQAB Level 7 Postgraduate Framework provides structured, postgraduate-level professional qualifications designed to equip senior leaders, executives, and managers with strategic competencies. Aligned strictly with the UK Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF Level 7), these programs maintain equivalency to Master's degrees and postgraduate diplomas offered across European and UK higher education systems.

2. QUALIFICATION ARCHITECTURE & CREDIT STRUCTURE

QUALIFICATION TITLE	RQF LEVEL	TOTAL CREDITS	TQT (HOURS)	GLH	CORE FOCUS AREA
Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) in Strategic Management	Level 7	120 Credits	1,200 Hrs	480 Hrs	Core Management & Operational Strategy
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	Level 7	180 Credits	1,800 Hrs	600 Hrs	General Management & Strategic Project
Executive MBA (EMBA)	Level 7	180 Credits	1,800 Hrs	540 Hrs	C-Suite Leadership & Corporate Transformation
Professional MBA (PMBA)	Level 7	180 Credits	1,800 Hrs	580 Hrs	Specialized Functional Mastery & Industry Applied

Regulated Qualification Framework (RQF) Alignment Note

All IQAB Level 7 modules correspond to Master's level complexity (European Qualifications Framework Level 7). Learners completing the 120-credit PGD are eligible for direct top-up pathways into the final thesis stage of UK University MBA awards.

3. SPECIALIST MAJOR PATHWAYS

Candidates enrolled in the MBA, Executive MBA, or Professional MBA can select specialized elective pathways to tailor their qualification toward key sector-specific strategic domains.

Business Management

Focuses on corporate governance, operational excellence, enterprise risk, dynamic resource deployment, and international expansion strategy.

Business Administration

Emphasizes organizational architecture, financial control, human capital optimization, administrative law, and business process automation.

Strategic Leadership & Management

Designed for executive leaders driving organizational agility, culture transformation, strategic decision-making, and disruptive innovation.

Digital Transformation & FinTech

Tailored for leaders navigating digital disruption, AI deployment, tech-enabled business models, and modern corporate finance frameworks.

4. CORE LEVEL 7 MODULE MATRIX (PGD & CORE MBA)

CODE	MODULE TITLE	CREDITS	TQT	STATUS
IQAB-701	Strategic Leadership and Executive Management	20	200	Mandatory
IQAB-702	Strategic Financial Management & Governance	20	200	Mandatory
IQAB-703	Global Corporate Strategy & Sustainability	20	200	Mandatory
IQAB-704	Advanced Marketing & Digital Brand Strategy	20	200	Mandatory
IQAB-705	Organizational Behaviour & People Leadership	20	200	Mandatory
IQAB-706	Strategic Operations & Supply Chain Management	20	200	Mandatory

5. DETAILED MODULE SPECIFICATIONS (CORE UNITS)

IQAB-701: Strategic Leadership and Executive Management

20 Credits | Level 7

Aim: To enable executives to critically evaluate theories of strategic leadership and apply them to complex, rapidly changing international business environments.

Learning Outcomes (LOs):

- Critically analyze leadership models in multicultural and multinational enterprises.
- Synthesize strategies for leading organizational change and overcoming resistance.
- Formulate ethical decision-making frameworks under conditions of uncertainty.

Assessment: 4,000-word Strategic Executive Report & Portfolio (100%).

IQAB-702: Strategic Financial Management & Governance

20 Credits | Level 7

Aim: To provide learners with senior-level mastery over corporate financial decision-making, capital structures, risk appraisal, and board-level governance.

Learning Outcomes (LOs):

- Evaluate capital investment projects using DCF, WACC, and sensitivity techniques.
- Critique corporate governance frameworks and regulatory reporting compliance.
- Design financial risk management solutions using financial derivatives and hedging.

Assessment: Financial Analysis Case Study & Board Presentation (4,000 words equivalent).

IQAB-703: Global Corporate Strategy & Sustainability

20 Credits | Level 7

Aim: To equip senior managers with tools to formulate competitive global strategies while integrating ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles.

Learning Outcomes (LOs):

- Evaluate global market entry strategies, strategic alliances, and M&A activities.
- Develop sustainable business models aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Conduct macro-environment and competitive dynamics audits (PESTEL/Porter's).

Assessment: Strategic Business Plan & ESG Audit Report (4,000 words).

6. MASTER'S COMPLETION & CONSULTANCY STAGE (MBA / EMBA / PMBA)

IQAB-707: Advanced Business Research Methods

20 Credits | Level 7

Prepares candidates for academic and applied corporate research. Covers quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-method research designs, sampling, data collection, and ethical considerations.

Assessment: Research Proposal & Methodology Defense (3,000 words).

IQAB-708: Strategic Capstone / Executive Consultancy Project

40 Credits | Level 7

An independent, high-impact consultancy project or empirical dissertation where candidates resolve a complex organizational challenge within their chosen specialist major.

Assessment: 12,000-word Executive Project Dissertation & Oral Defense.

7. QUALITY ASSURANCE & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENT CATEGORY	STANDARD ENTRY CRITERIA
Academic Entry	UK Bachelor's degree (2:2 or above) or equivalent international qualification.
Professional Experience	Minimum 2-3 years (MBA/PMBA) or 5+ years executive experience (EMBA).
English Proficiency	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in all components) or medium-of-instruction proof.
Assessment Grading	Pass, Merit, Distinction awarded per unit based on standard rubrics.