Banking and Insurance · BA387

# International Trade Finance & Banking Operations

Letters of Credit, Bank Guarantees, SWIFT & Risk Management

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| Duration<br>**1 Week** | Fee<br>**from £5,150** | Category<br>**Banking and Insurance** |
| Ref<br>**BA387** | Language<br>**English** | Certificate<br>**Certificate of attendance** |

## Introduction

International trade requires secure financial mechanisms, standardised documentation, and reliable payment systems to facilitate transactions between buyers and sellers across borders. Financial institutions and trade professionals must understand the operational, legal, and risk management frameworks governing global trade.

This 5-day training programme provides participants with practical knowledge of international trade finance instruments and procedures, including export–import operations, letters of credit under UCP 600, bank guarantees under URDG 758, documentary collections governed by URC 522, and international payment messaging through SWIFT. The programme also highlights the key risks associated with cross-border transactions and strategies to mitigate them.

Participants will gain practical insight into the full lifecycle of trade finance transactions, enabling them to manage trade operations efficiently and securely.

## Course Objectives

### By the end of this programme, participants will be able to:

- **Understand the structure and mechanisms of international trade finance.**
- Explain the end-to-end export and import operational processes.
- Apply rules and procedures governing documentary credits under UCP 600.
- Understand the role and application of bank guarantees under URDG 758.
- Manage documentary collections according to URC 522.
- Understand SWIFT payment systems and international settlement processes.
- Identify and mitigate financial, operational, and documentary risks in trade transactions.

## Organisational Impact

### Organisations whose employees attend this programme can expect:

- More efficient management of international trade transactions
- Reduced operational and documentary errors
- Stronger compliance with international trade finance rules
- Improved risk control in cross-border payments
- Enhanced banking relationships and trade settlement efficiency
- Increased confidence in handling global trade operations

## Personal Impact

### Participants will gain:

- Strong knowledge of international trade finance instruments
- Practical understanding of letters of credit and bank guarantees
- Confidence in handling export-import documentation
- Improved ability to detect and mitigate trade risks
- Better understanding of global payment systems
- Enhanced professional credibility in banking and trade finance roles

## Target Audience

### This programme is suitable for:

- Trade Finance Officers
- Banking Professionals working in international operations
- Export and Import Managers
- Treasury and Finance Professionals
- Logistics and Supply Chain Managers involved in trade documentation
- Compliance and Risk Management Officers
- Professionals involved in international business transactions

## Course Outlines

### Day 1

### Fundamentals of International Trade Finance

- Overview of international trade finance ecosystem
- Key parties involved in trade transactions
- Trade finance instruments and their functions
- Introduction to export–import operations
- Trade documentation and Incoterms overview

### Day 2

### Export–Import Operations & Documentary Credits

- Export process workflow
- Import process workflow
- Structure of documentary credits
- Roles and responsibilities in letters of credit
- Practical case studies on LC transactions

### Day 3

### Letters of Credit (UCP 600)

- Rules and principles of UCP 600
- Types of letters of credit
- Documentary examination procedures
- Discrepancies and compliance issues
- Risk management in LC transactions

### Day 4

### Bank Guarantees & Documentary Collections

- Fundamentals of bank guarantees
- URDG 758 rules and applications
- Types of guarantees in international trade
- Documentary collections under URC 522
- Differences between collections and letters of credit

### Day 5

### SWIFT Payments & Risk Management in Trade

- SWIFT messaging system in international banking
- International payment methods and settlement processes
- Key SWIFT message types in trade finance
- Risks in international trade transactions
- Fraud prevention and compliance considerations
- Practical case studies and best practices

## Dates & Venues

| Date | Venue | Duration | Fee |
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| 21 - 25 Dec 2026 | Paris | 1 Week | £5,150 |

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