



## General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions select Pearson VUE for online exam delivery

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The General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI) has announced that it will deliver tests online for the first time in its history after agreeing to a partnership with Pearson VUE.

Formed in 2001, CIBAFI is a non-profit organisation based in Manama, Bahrain which provides information and services to the Islamic Financial Services Industry (IFSI).

CIBAFI, through the International Center for Islamic Finance Training, recently launched its Certified Islamic Bankers (CIB) qualification - the first ever internationally recognised Islamic banking certificate - to target candidates around the world. From August, the initial five-year partnership with Pearson VUE - the global leader in computer-based testing - will ensure that Islamic bankers have greater access to the prestigious award via a network of over 5,000 test centres worldwide. Initially, the exam will be delivered in Arabic but will later be made available in English and French to further increase global accessibility.

Dr. Ezzedine Khoja, Secretary General for CIBAFI said:

*"We are delighted to administer tests in partnership with Pearson VUE. The agreement shows our dedication to making CIBAFI exams more accessible to Islamic bankers not only in the Middle East but around the world."*

Suzana Lopes, Pearson VUE, VP Sales and Marketing EMEA, added:

*"This partnership will help to ensure that CIBAFI offer even more accessible and recognisable awards. Our status as the global leader in computer-based testing, combined with our ability to deliver a full suite of testing solutions, will ensure that we meet all of CIBAFI's future needs."*

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**Notes to editors:** Pearson VUE ([www.pearsonvue.co.uk](http://www.pearsonvue.co.uk)) is a global leader in computer-based testing for information technology, academic, government and professional testing programmes around the world. Pearson VUE provides a full suite of services from test development to data management, and delivers exams through the world's most comprehensive and secure network of test centres in 165 countries. Pearson VUE is a business of Pearson (NYSE: PSO; LSE: PSON), the international media company, whose businesses include the Financial Times Group, Pearson Education and the Penguin Group.