



# **Factsheet**

# Program for expert in financial market operations with Advanced Federal Diploma (FMO)

The study program is a financial training with a focus on financial market operations and provides comprehensive knowledge about post trade functions related to financial instruments and market infrastructures, aiming at improving communication within organizations, understanding und managing risks and efficiently introduce new instruments and services. It qualifies the students for executive positions in their field.

### **Target audience**

The program is aimed at operations professionals in executive positions in middle and back office, accounting, internal and external audit, risk management/control, project management, change management and IT in banks, insurance companies, with outsourcing partners or providers of IT services.

#### Content

Operations processes in relation to financial instruments

- Money market instruments
- Foreign exchange transactions (spot, forward, swap)
- Equity
- Bonds
- Derivatives
- Structured products

Mutual and hedge funds

- Investment strategies
- Legal framework, Taxation, Subscription and redemption
- Fund administration and fees
- Custodian activities
- Compliance, risk management and controlling

### Management of Operations

- Project, change and risk management
- Infrastructure, systems and IT
- Management of operational risks
- Environmental Social Governance (ESG)

## Admission

Admission with the Federal Diploma for technician in financial market operations or an equivalent Diploma.

The program is conceived as in-service training. The diplomas are only issued if the number of years of professional experience, as shown below, has been satisfied:

Apprenticeship/Swiss Matura 5 years
Degree University of sciences 3 years
University degree 2 years

### Format

Distance-learning

### **Start and Duration**

Start at any time, duration approximately 6 months

The time necessary to complete the program is 300-400 hours, depending on the students' previous knowledge, corresponding to around 16 hours per week.

#### **Examination**

Format 3 exams with open questions (open book)

Date March

The Swiss Financial Analysts Association SFAA as the parent company of the AZEK training centre is the organization that the Swiss Confederation has recognized as the examining and awarding body in relation to the diplomas.

#### Certification

Advanced Federal Diploma in financial market operations (FMO)

«The program provided me a thorough understanding and knowledge of operations activities from trade via accounting and post trade to mutual funds and system infrastructure. »

#### **Venues**

Examination Interlaken

#### Languages

Study material English

Examination German, French, English, Italian

### Costs

Course CHF 4'600 Examination CHF 1'600

Students having paid the training expenses themselves are entitled to reclaim 50% of the costs from the Swiss Confederation (conditions see <a href="here">here</a>). The examination costs of CHF 1'600 are not subject to the refund.

## **Option: preparatory courses**

For candidates without thorough previous knowledge, in Dec / Jan, accounting (CHF 480) and mathematics (CHF 1'090).

#### For more information and any further questions