

Factsheet

Program for technician in financial market operations with Federal Diploma (FMT)

The study program is a financial training with a focus on financial market operations and covers the basic knowledge required by operations professionals, namely the post trade functions related to financial instruments and the market infrastructures.

Target audience

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

Content

Role and organization of the financial institutes

- Organization of capital markets and financial institutions
- Practicing as a provider of financial services

Trade and post-trade functions

- Dealing
- Billing
- Stamp tax
- Clearing and settlement
- Reconciliation

Custodian activities

- Asset servicing
- Payment function
- Accounting
- Corporate actions
- Performance reporting
- Securities lending and borrowing
- Repo and reverse repo
- Collateral Management
- Financial Messaging Systems
- Swiss withholding tax, Tax recovery process
- FATCA

Financial instruments

- Money market instruments
- Bonds
- Equity
- Forwards
- Futures
- Options
- Funds
- Structured products

Admission

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	3 years
Degree University of sciences	2 years
University degree (Master)	1 year

Format

Classroom teaching or distance-learning

Teaching: 6-8 lessons twice per week, starting at 16.30

Start

February (distance-learning: any time)

Duration

5 months

The time necessary to complete the program is 280-380 hours, depending on the students' previous knowledge, corresponding to around 16 hours per week. In the classroom teaching format, around 80 hours of the total effort are teaching lessons.

Examination

Format 2 multiple-choice and open questions exams

Dates June, November

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 and recognition

Federal Diploma for technician in financial market operations

«The program provided me a comprehensive understanding and detailed knowledge of the post trading activities related to the financial instruments used.»

Venues

In-class teaching Zurich, Geneva

Examination Zurich, Geneva

Languages

In-class teaching German (Zurich), French (Geneva)

Study material English

Examination German, French, English, Italian

Costs

In class teaching CHF 5'400

Distance-learning CHF 4'600

Examination costs CHF 1'300

Students having paid the training expenses themselves are entitled to reclaim 50% of the costs from the Swiss Confederation (conditions see [here](#)). The examination costs of CHF 1'300 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

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