

## **Introduction to International Arbitration**

### ***Overview and Objectives***

The Introduction to International Arbitration course is a foundational short programme that explains what international arbitration is, how it works, and why it is used. It covers the basic legal and procedural framework governing international (non-domestic) arbitration (such as the UNCITRAL Model Law and arbitral rules) and relates arbitration to other dispute-resolution method. The course provides a broad understanding of arbitration principles and practices in participants' jurisdiction. It is ideal for anyone new to arbitration or considering a career in arbitration or alternative dispute resolution.

### ***Learning Outcomes***

On successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the background and rationale of international arbitration
- Describe the key steps, procedures and practices in an international arbitration
- Explain how international arbitration differs from other dispute resolution processes

### ***Duration of the Course***

The course is delivered over one day. For registrations write to [coordinator.ciarbndia@gmail.com](mailto:coordinator.ciarbndia@gmail.com).

Upon registration and payment of course fees, candidates will receive confirmation that they are booked for the course. Joining instructions and course materials will be sent to candidates prior to the course start date by email, on the condition that full payment has been received.

### ***Assessment Format and Process***

- The assessment for this course is conducted through an online multiple-choice examination.
- Candidates receive login credentials to access the exam via CIArb's LearnADR platform.
- The exam must be completed within a 28-day window from the date of receiving access.
- The test consists of 60 multiple-choice questions.
- Candidates are allowed up to three attempts to pass the assessment within the 28-day period.
- Results are displayed immediately upon submission of the test.
- A minimum score of 55% is required to successfully pass the course.
- Upon passing the assessment:
  - Candidates can download their course certificate.
  - Candidates are invited to apply for Associate Membership (ACI Arb) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

### ***Eligibility Criteria***

- There are no formal prerequisites to enrol in the course.
- The course is open to Lawyers, Working professionals across industries, Students new to arbitration.
- It is particularly suited for:
  - Individuals pursuing a career in arbitration.
  - Those seeking a foundational knowledge base before advancing to higher CI Arb qualifications.

### ***Course Fees***

- Tuition Fees: INR 20,000/-
- Centralised Examination Fees to be directly paid to the CIArb HQ: 72 GBP

## **Module 1 – Law Practice and Procedure of International Arbitration**

### ***Overview and Objectives***

The Module 1 course offers an in-depth study of the legal principles, processes, and procedures of international arbitration. It builds on basic knowledge to provide detailed understanding of arbitration law and practice. Using the UNCITRAL Model Law, international conventions and institutional rules as benchmarks, the course explains how arbitrations are commenced, conducted and concluded. It covers topics from the arbitration agreement and tribunal jurisdiction to hearings, evidence and awards. Module 1 is essential for those aiming to become fully qualified arbitrators; successful completion is a prerequisite for the CIArb Member and Fellow pathways.

### ***Learning Outcomes***

Upon finishing Module 1, candidates will be able to:

- Define international arbitration and explain the legal framework governing arbitrable disputes.
- Apply procedural rules and principles at each stage of an arbitration, including appointing arbitrators and managing communications.
- Understand an arbitrator’s authority, limitations and duties, as well as the rights and responsibilities of the parties.
- Conduct all key steps of an international arbitration (from drafting the arbitration clause and filing a notice of arbitration to rendering an enforceable award)
- Evaluate and apply the UNCITRAL Model Law and relevant arbitration rules in practical situations.
- Demonstrate practical case-management skills (e.g. handling evidence, hearings and timetable, applying the rules effectively) and effective communication within the arbitral process.

### ***Duration of the Course***

The course will be delivered over a period of three months, with a combination of private study and tutorials spanning over three days.

### ***Assessment Format and Process***

- The assessment is conducted through an online examination via CIArb’s LearnADR platform.
- Candidates are provided a 48-hour window within a 5-day period to complete the assessment.
- The exam is divided into two parts:
  - Part 1: A compulsory case study exercise worth 40 marks.
  - Part 2: A written section with 5 questions, out of which candidates must answer 3, worth 60 marks.
- To pass the assessment, candidates must achieve an overall score of at least 65%.
- Results are typically released within 12 weeks of submission.

### ***Eligibility Criteria***

- There are no formal prerequisites to enrol in Module 1.
- Candidates do not need to hold prior CIArb qualifications (such as ACIArb) to take the course.

- The course is designed for professionals aiming to strengthen their knowledge of international arbitration, including Legal counsel, In-house legal teams, Dispute resolution consultants.
- Although not required, many candidates hold Associate status (ACI Arb) at the time of enrolling.

### *Course Fees*

- Tuition Fees: INR 70,000/-
- Centralised Examination Fees to be directly paid to the CI Arb HQ: 174 GBP

### *Certification and Progression*

- Upon successfully passing the Module 1 assessment, candidates become eligible to apply for Member grade (MCI Arb) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
- MCI Arb is a globally recognized professional credential that authorizes the use of the “Member” designation.
- After completing Module 1, candidates may continue their progression in the CI Arb pathway by enrolling in: Module 2 – Law of Obligations and ultimately working toward Fellowship status (FCI Arb).

### **Draft 1 – Accelerated Route to Membership (ARM) – International Arbitration**

#### *Overview and Objectives*

The Accelerated Route to Membership (ARM) is a fast-track programme designed to qualify professionals for CI Arb Member status in a concentrated format. ARM is ideal for practitioners who already have substantial knowledge of international arbitration (e.g. from working as party counsel or tribunal members) and want to assess their knowledge. Rather than teaching from scratch, the course assesses and tests candidates’ existing skills and knowledge against CI Arb’s benchmarks. Successful participants complete Module 1-level outcomes in a compressed timeframe, accelerating their progress toward membership.

#### *Learning Outcomes*

By the end of the ARM programme, candidates will be able to:

- Explain core arbitration principles and requirements, including arbitrability limits, the nature of arbitrator appointments, party rights/duties, tribunal powers, and the role of national courts.
- Navigate the arbitration process from A to Z: drafting arbitral clauses, starting proceedings, organizing hearings and documents, and ensuring enforceable awards.
- Apply key arbitration laws (such as the UNCITRAL Model Law and relevant regional arbitration statutes) to practical scenarios.
- Analyze and resolve common arbitration issues by identifying and applying procedural rules and good practice.

#### *Assessment Format and Process*

The ARM assessment has **three components**:

##### **Assessment 1**

**Type of Assessment:** A written assignment to be submitted before the programme.

**Marking:** Not on a pass or fail basis. The marks achieved shall contribute up to 20% of the final marks.

##### **Assessment 2**

**Type of Assessment:** Two-day interactive assessment in a series of workshops. Scenarios will be presented to the candidates in groups for their consideration. Candidates knowledge, judgment and interactive/ self presentation skills are assessed during these workshops.

**Marking:** The assessment is on a pass or fail basis. Candidates must pass all the workshop sessions. Candidates who fail the workshop will be required to re-sit the assessment.

### **Assessment 3**

**Type of Assessment:** The final exam will be through the LearnADR. The candidates will be given access to the LearnADR only 5 days prior to the date of assessment. The exam paper will become available on the LearnADR for 5 days from the date of assessment. Candidates will have a block of 48 hours in these 5 days to complete the exam paper and submit their answers on the LearnADR itself.

The exam paper shall consist of two parts. Part 1 is a case study exercise with the number of questions that the candidates will be required to answer. Available marks 40%. Part 2 will consist of 5 questions, the candidates are required to select and answer any 3. Available marks 60%.

**Marking:** Assessment is on a pass or fail basis. Candidates must achieve a minimum of 65%. Candidates who fail the examination will be required to re-sit the examination.

To pass ARM overall, candidates must pass assessment 2 and should achieve minimum **65%** combined marks of assessment 1 and assessment 3. Results are released approximately 12 weeks after the exam.

### ***Eligibility Criteria***

In order to register for the ARM, candidates must submit their CV to demonstrate the following:

- They have extensive knowledge of the framework and skills required to conduct an international arbitration.
- The contractual nature of the appointment of an Arbitrator, the range and limitations of an Arbitrator's powers and jurisdiction, the rights, duties and responsibilities of a party to an Arbitration.
- The methods of initiating and processing an Arbitration, the relevance of the court regarding all stages in an Arbitration, the requirements of an enforceable Award, evaluate and apply the principles and legal requirements of an International Arbitration.

The CV must be sent to [coordinatorciarbndia@gmail.com](mailto:coordinatorciarbndia@gmail.com) with the subject "CV for ARM course". Should a candidate be successful, they will be contacted regarding registration and payment.

**Please note** that CV's are processed in batches and as such, the review process can take upwards of 4 weeks. You will be contacted should you be successful in your application.

In practice, candidates should already be comfortable with Module 1 topics (legal framework, tribunal jurisdiction, procedural stages, enforcement, etc.) before applying. In short, ARM is intended for busy professionals who have learned arbitration on the job and seek a formal qualification.

### ***Course Fees***

Tuition Fees: INR 70,000/-

Centralized Examination Fees to be paid to the HQ: 174 GBP

### ***Certification and Progression***

Upon passing the ARM assessments, candidates become eligible to apply for CI Arb Member (MCI Arb) grade. This immediately grants the Member designation, which would otherwise be obtained through Module 1.