

CIArb Module 1 – International Arbitration

1. Course Overview

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 a 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.

The course covers:

1. Arbitration agreements and tribunal jurisdiction
2. Hearings, evidence, and awards
3. Practical procedures for managing international arbitration

Importance: Module 1 is essential for those aiming to become fully qualified arbitrators. Successful completion is a prerequisite for the CIArb Member (MCIArb) and Fellow (FCIArb) pathways.

2. Learning Outcomes

Upon completing Module 1, candidates will be able to:

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

- The course is delivered over **three months**.
- Learning includes a combination of **private study and tutorials**, spanning **three days**.

4. Assessment Format and Process

1. The assessment is conducted **online via CIArb's LearnADR platform**.
 2. Candidates have a **48-hour window within a 5-day period** to complete the assessment.
 3. The exam consists of two parts:
 - **Part 1:** Compulsory case study exercise, **40 marks**
 - **Part 2:** Written section with **5 questions**, answer any **3, 60 marks**
 4. **Passing Criteria:** Minimum overall score of **65%**.
 5. **Results:** Typically released within **12 weeks** of submission.
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5. Eligibility Criteria

1. No formal prerequisites to enrol in Module 1.
 2. Prior CIArb qualifications (e.g., ACIArb) are **not required**.
 3. Designed for professionals aiming to strengthen knowledge of international arbitration, including:
 - Legal counsel
 - In-house legal teams
 - Dispute resolution consultants
 4. While not mandatory, many candidates hold **Associate status (ACIArb)** at the time of enrolment.
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6. Course Fees

1. **Tuition Fees:** INR 80,000/-
 2. **Centralised Examination Fees:** 174 GBP (to be paid directly to CIArb HQ)
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7. Certification and Progression

1. Successful completion of Module 1 makes candidates eligible to **apply for Member grade (MCIArb)** of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
 2. **MCIArb** is a globally recognised professional credential authorising the use of the "Member" designation.
 3. After Module 1, candidates may continue in the CIArb pathway:
 - **Module 2 – Law of Obligations**
 - Ultimately progressing toward **Fellowship status (FCIArb)**
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