CQHRM Programme Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



1. What does CQHRM stand for?

• Chartered Qualification in Human Resource Management (CQHRM)

2. Why CQHRM? Why doesn't CIPM continue with PQHRM?

- With IPM elevated to Chartered status, We at CIPM, carefully considered the current climate of HR education to understand the needs of our country in upgrading professional education in Human Resource Management. Thus, the CQHRM programme was introduced as a new professional study programme.
- 3. Is CQHRM more advanced than PQHRM
 - Yes

4. I have successfully completed PQHRM. With the introduction of CQHRM, will the recognition of my qualification be undermined?

• CIPM Sri Lanka had been conducting the NDHRM (National Diploma in HRM) from the 1980s up to 2005. With new market demands, CIPM introduced the PQHRM programme in 2005 as an advanced version of NDHRM. Large numbers of students obtained the PQHRM qualification. The new CQHRM programme will give students a new experience in pursuing a globally-oriented learning curve leading to the Chartered Qualification in HRM.

5. I have successfully completed PQHRM. How can I apply for CQHRM programme?

CQHRM Programme	For Normal Student (Exemption Path)	For PQHRM Graduates
Duration	10.5 Months (7.5 months + 3 months research)	6 Months (4.5 Months + Assessments)
Course Fee	LKR. 105,000	LKR. 70,000
Exemption Fee	LKR. 60,000	No
Research	Yes	No

6. What is the duration of the CQHRM Programme?

• 3 Years including Assessments

7. What is the composition of the CQHRM Composite Model?

• Four (4) Levels

8. What are those levels?

- a. Advanced Certificate in HRM (ACHRM)
- b. Diploma in Professional HRM (DPHRM)
- c. Chartered Intermediate in HRM (CIHRM)
- d. Chartered Qualification in HRM (CQHRM)

9. What is the duration of each level?

- a. Advanced Certificate in HRM 3.5 Months
- b. Diploma in Professional HRM 11 Months
- c. Chartered Intermediate in HRM 11 Months
- d. Chartered Qualification in HRM 10.5 Months-with Research Report (without Research 7.5 months)

10. What are the entry qualifications?

a. Advanced Certificate in HRM

- i. CIPM, FCHRM
- ii. 3 Passes at the GCE A/L
- iii. Undergraduates
- iv. 6 Passes at the GCE O/L and one year's working experience
- v. Students following any other professional qualification, acceptable to CIPM

b. Diploma in Professional HRM

- vi. CCHRM/ ACHRM
- vii. HRM/HCM Undergraduates
- viii. GCE A/L and one-year's executive-level experience
- ix. GCE O/L and 5 years' executive-level working experience
- x. All those with Managerial experience
- xi. Graduate from a UGC recognized University
- xii. Full Professional qualification from a professional Institute accepted by CIPM

c. Chartered Intermediate in HRM

xiii. Diploma in Professional HRM (DPHRM) / DHRM

- xiv. Degree with HRM
- xv. MBA/MSc with one HR module and 2 years HR experience
- xvi. Advanced Diploma in Human Resource Management with three years HR experience

d. Chartered Qualification in HRM

- xvii. PQHRM, CIPM
- xviii. PQHRM Strategic Level-I / CIHRM
- xix. MBA HRM/MSc HRM

11. What is the course fee for the new CQHRM programme?

• LKR 350,000/=

12. What is the course fee of each level?

- a. Advanced Certificate in HRM LKR 48,000
- b. Diploma in Professional HRM LKR 100,000
- c. Chartered Intermediate in HRM LKR 97,000
- d. Chartered Qualification in HRM LKR 105,000
- 13. Can existing students be transferred to the new programme?
 - Yes

14. What is the method of transfer?

- Please refer page annexure 01 herewith
- 15. How many subjects are included in the CQHRM?
 - 98 Subjects spread across each level and each competency

16. What is the uniqueness of the CQHRM?

- a. A composite model
- b. Chartered Qualification with a distinct difference
- c. 10 Competencies
- d. subjects are mapped to the competencies
- e. correlation between the competencies, and core behaviours
- f. Credit workout and mapping with Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF)
- g. A comprehensive syllabus outline

17. How many assessments are included in the CQHRM?

- a. Advanced Certificate in HRM 3
- b. Diploma in Professional HRM 13
- c. Chartered Intermediate in HRM 13 Chartered Qualification in HRM – 12

Total – 41

Please refer page annexure 02 herewith

18. Should a student possess working experience to obtain the CQHRM qualification?

• Yes. 02 years' experience in HRM function with at least one Key Result Areas(KRA) in HRM

19. Up to what level can I complete without work experience?

• CIHRM Level

20. How many years of experience?

- Students on acquiring two years' experience in HRM covering at least ONE KRA (specialized) will receive the Chartered Qualification in HRM.
- 21. How many exit points are included in the CQHRM?
 - Two Exits

22. At what level can students exit in the CQHRM?

- ACHRM Level
- DPHRM Level
- 23. Does the CQHRM include exemption procedures?
 - Yes

24. Can degree holders apply for exemptions?

• Yes

Qualification		Exempted	Entry Level
		Level	
i.	CCHRM	ACHRM	DPHRM
OR			
ii.	HRM/HCM (Human Capital Management) Undergraduates		

	OR					
ii	iii. A/L and one-year executive level experience					
	OR					
i١	 O/L and 5 years' executive level working experience 					
	OR					
١	 All those with Managerial experience 					
	OR					
V	. Graduate from a UGC recognized University					
i.	Degree with HRM	DPHRM	CIHRM			
	OR					
ii.	MBA/MSc with one HR module and 2 years HR experience					
	OR					
iii.	Advanced Diploma in Human Resource Management with					
	three years HR experience					
	OR					
iv.	HR Practitioners with managerial level experience of 05 years					
	or more with GCE AL					
i.	MBA HRM/MSc HRM	CIHRM	CQHRM			
	OR					
ii.	PQHRM, CIPM					
	OR					
111.	PQHRM Strategic Level-I, CIPM					

25. What is the medium of instruction? Can I follow CQHRM in the Sinhala medium?

English medium.

ACHRM and DPHRM (1st Level and 2nd Level) programmes can be followed in Sinhala medium.

1. A Comparison of PQHRM and CQHRM

Characteristics	PQHRM & CCHRM	CQHRM
Pillars	Yes-8	No
Competencies	Yes-9	Yes-10
Competencies integrated with Subjects	No	Yes
Subjects	74	98
No. of Hours (GLH)	606	684

No. of Assessments	32	41
Credits	90	120
Duration	30 Months	36 Months
SLQF Level	5	6

Common Questions

1. Which is the better programme? Is it old programme or new programme?

With current trends and market demands, the curriculum should be upgraded. The CQHRM programme comes with better syllabus content which caters to new market demands. It leads to Chartered HR qualification. This is the first Chartered HR qualification in the Asia Pacific Region.

2. On completion of CQHRM, is membership at CIPM automatic? If so at what level? CQHRM qualified students are eligible for Affiliate Membership. They should forward the duly filled membership application with relevant documents. To apply for Associate membership, student must have CQHRM with three years Executive level experience.

- 3. What are the universities that accept PQHRM/CQHRM for their MBA programmes?
 - Salford University (UK)
 - Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM)
 - Open University
 - Colombo University (With Experience)
 - Northumbria University (UK)
 - University of Wolverhampton (UK)
- 4. What avenues are available at CIPM for higher studies?
 - Chartered Qualification in HRM
 - Master's in HRM,
 - Bachelor in HRM

5. Are educational loans available for me to complete CQHRM?

YES (Letters can be issued at the request of students). Further Credit cards facilities from leading banks also available.

6. What are my career prospects after completing CQHRM?

After completing the ACHRM, which is the first step in CQHRM programme, students can become a trainee or Intern in a selected organization. With progression within the course structure to DPHRM and CIHRM, students will enhance their professional outlook and thereafter clinch the Chartered Qualification in HRM. The corporate world will recognize the Chartered HR Qualification, which will make Chartered Graduates an automatic choice for selection to HRM jobs.

7. Can I get my employer to sponsor me for CQHRM?

Yes, a fair number of our students has obtained sponsorship from their employer. You may receive sponsorship in keeping with you Organizational policies. In certain state/private sector Organizations, this is an essential pre-requisite for the career advancement of HR professionals.

8. Will there be a convocation to award my CQHRM?

Yes, all CQHRM passed-finalists will be awarded their qualification at the annual CIPM Graduation. Customarily held at the most prestigious venue location, BMICH,

9. What if I fail a subject? Can I re-sit? Is there a time limit?

Yes, the student can re-sit the examination. A student should complete all academic requirements within five years from the commencement date.

10. Can I use CIPM library?

Library (Knowledge Centre) facilities are available in all branches. All students have free access to physical library and online library. As a premium HR institute, The CIPM Knowledge Center has a wide range of HR books.

11. What is the future of HRM

The world of work is changing due to a rise in remote working, gig economy projects and free lancing, there is a generational switch, which is changing the way we view our roles at work and in society as a whole.

Thus, the curriculum should continuously be updated in line with market and societal demands. With COVID19 whole world is experiencing a paradigm shift which is 'New Normal'. Thus, HR professionals will experience greater challenges in this uncertainty times. The demand for qualified HR professionals will rapidly increase, thus the CQHRM is the answer to aspiring future HR professionals.

12. Annexure 01

CUTOVER FROM CURRENT SYLLABUS TO NEW SYLLABUS



13. Annexure 02

ASSESSMENTS	Advanced Certificate in HRM (ACHRM)	Diploma in Professional HRM (DPHRM)	Chartered Intermediate in HRM (CIHRM)	Chartered Qualification in HRM (CQHRM)	
Open Book 03 hours QP	0	0	2	1	3
Closed Book 03 Hours QP	1	0	1	0	2
Closed Book 02 Hours QP	0	3	2	1	6
Individual Assignment	0	4	2	1	7
Case Study	1	4	3	3	11
Group Presentation	0	2	1	2	5
Individual Presentation	0	0	2	2	4
Project Report	1	0	0	0	1
Research Report	0	0	0	1	1