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Diploma in International Maritime Arbitration (Virtual)

8 April – 1 July 2026



Key facts



One of the arbitration industry's gold standard qualifications



The London Maritime Arbitrators Association's (LMAA) President is part of the faculty



Delivered online every Wednesday via a series of interactive seminars, workshops and lectures



Learn the law, practice and procedure of international maritime arbitration



Ciarb members benefit from 30% discount on the full fee when booking early – limited time only



On successful completion, candidates can apply to become a Ciarb Fellow



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Welcome Letter

Dear Candidates,

Fast track your maritime arbitration career with our Diploma in International Maritime Arbitration, an immersive 13 week course.

Ciarb's prestigious Diploma has been designed to meet the increasing demands for accredited arbitrators to resolve maritime disputes. The Diploma will provide candidates with knowledge of the procedural elements of an international maritime arbitration, as well as how to write an enforceable award.

Our faculty is made up of internationally recognised experts with a wealth of experience, who have the ability to transport candidates into maritime arbitration settings.

I encourage you to join us on this exciting learning opportunity.

George Lambrou FCI Arb
Diploma Director



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George Lambrou FCI Arb is an international dispute resolution specialist experienced in resolving multi-jurisdictional disputes. A partner in a leading London shipping law firm, George has a strong maritime background. He is a Solicitor Advocate, largely working in maritime arbitrations, both as counsel and arbitrator. He has been involved in over 100 arbitration proceedings.

George is regularly engaged in international arbitrations as counsel, co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator and chairman under the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), and Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC), sitting in London, Athens, Geneva, Stockholm, Istanbul and Washington DC.

He has experience in construction, energy, trade, software, securities, and investment treaties in addition to maritime disputes. He is an Honorary Member of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS) and sits on the LMAA's User Liaison Committee. He also accepts appointments as an arbitrator as an active Supporting Member of the LMAA.



Learn from arbitration experts

The scale, diverse range and complexity of maritime arbitrations, coupled with an increase in arbitral systems, means that it is essential to have the right knowledge and skills to navigate this field.

The 2025 programme included interactive sessions led by:



George Lambrou FCI Arb



Jonathan Elvey



David Steward



James Clanchy FCI Arb



Daniella Horton FCI Arb



Clive Aston



Ian Gaunt FCI Arb



Sara Gillingham



Nick Donnelly



Matthew Harvey KC



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Agis Georgiades FCI Arb



Corina Song



Michael J Harakis FCI Arb



Philip Burns MCI Arb



Tim Hartland FCI Arb MICS



I chose to pursue the Maritime Arbitration Diploma with Ciarb because I wanted to deepen my knowledge of arbitration in the maritime context, an area that directly complements my professional field. With this mindset and given Ciarb's reputation for high calibre training and its strong links to the arbitration and maritime sectors, enrolling in the Diploma felt like a natural decision.

What I appreciated most about the Diploma was the way it combined theory with real-world application. The structure was clear and rigorous, covering the arbitration process from initiation to enforcement, with a strong focus on hot areas such as charter party,

cargo and shipbuilding disputes. The tutors were exceptionally knowledgeable and experienced, and their guidance was both insightful and practical. There were plenty of opportunities to engage actively in discussions, ask questions, and test your knowledge and experience in a supportive and intellectually stimulating environment.

I would strongly recommend Ciarb's Maritime Arbitration Diploma to anyone working in shipping, maritime law or dispute resolution. It is a well-rounded, challenging and rewarding Diploma that will undoubtedly enhance both your confidence and competence in the field.

The Diploma is highly valuable regardless of whether your goal is to become an arbitrator or simply to gain a deeper understanding of how arbitration operates in practice.

The Diploma equips participants with the analytical tools needed to navigate this intricate legal landscape while also addressing critical issues, such as the enforcement of awards, jurisdictional conflicts, and procedural coordination in complex, multi-jurisdictional disputes. It strengthens both confidence and competence in handling the realities of international maritime arbitration.

Angelos Kostakos



Diploma structure

This Diploma follows the international maritime arbitral process from beginning to end. Candidates will be involved in interactive sessions from day one.

Typical day

Session 1:

Commencement of ad hoc arbitration.

Session 2:

Cargo claims, bills of lading and maritime arbitration.

Session 3:

Arbitration in shipbuilding disputes.

Session 4:

Conflicts and Code of Conduct.

Session 5:

Problem-based interactive workshop.



An underwater photograph showing a heavy metal anchor chain descending from the surface. The chain is composed of large, dark, circular links. In the background, the white hull of a ship is visible, with water splashing around it. The water is a deep blue color.

Assessment structure

Part 1 Law, Practice and Procedure of International Maritime Arbitration

Candidates will have 48 hours to submit an assessment.

The first part of the assessment is a case study with questions. This is worth 40% of the overall mark.

In the second part of the assessment, candidates choose three questions to answer from a selection of five questions. This is worth 60% of the overall mark.

Candidates need to obtain 65% to pass.

Part 2 Law of Obligations

Candidates must demonstrate expertise in common law and civil law of contract tort.

Candidates with a recognised law degree are eligible for the exemption test, otherwise they must complete and successfully pass Module 2.

Candidates complete a 90-minute test which comprises 30 questions, and must obtain 70% to pass.

The exemption test needs to be completed by 10 August 2026. Ciarb Fellows do not need to complete the exemption test.

Part 3 Evidence and Award Writing of International Maritime Arbitration

Candidates are required to submit an award.

The assessment is split into two stages.

Stage one:

The documents in the case are released on 11 August 2026 and the assessment begins on 21 August 2026.

The papers are sufficient to allow candidates to grasp the nature of the case and the likely legal problems.

Candidates should consider the recitals they intend to include and the relevant law.

Stage two:

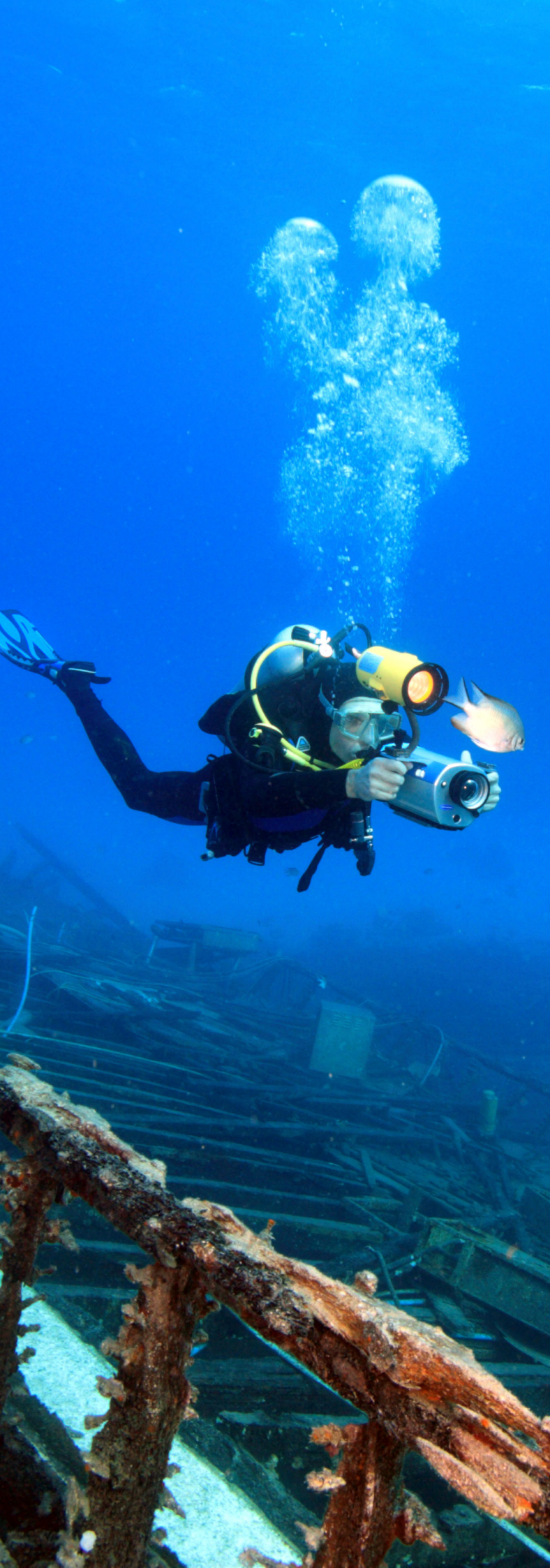
This is the equivalent of the hearing stage. It includes an extract from the candidate's (arbitrator's) notebook. This records the oral evidence and arguments the arbitrator has heard, as well as any other relevant documents.

From the evidence, candidates must make their findings of fact. Different candidates will make different findings.

Stage two is released at 12:00 GMT +1 on 21 August 2026.

It is available for five days. Candidates have 48 consecutive hours within these five days to submit their award. Results will be released 12 weeks after the deadline.





Entry requirements

To successfully enrol on this Diploma, you must demonstrate one of the following:

- You are actively involved in, or have experience of, domestic or international arbitration
- You have at least five years' professional experience in a related field

Additionally, you must have a high standard of English.

How to apply

Send your most up-to-date CV to diploma_maritime@ciarb.org at your earliest convenience.

If your application is successful, you will be contacted regarding registration and payment.

The review process is thorough and can take up to four weeks. We appreciate your patience.

Diploma fee

The full fee is £5,995.00, including VAT. When booking early members will pay £4,225 and non-members £5,225.

50% of the full fee must be paid as a deposit on registering. This is non-refundable.

LMAA members are eligible for a 10% discount off the full fee.

Candidates who are Hong Kong residents can apply to claim back up to 80% of the full fee via the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund ([MATE](#)).

For more information, email diploma_maritime@ciarb.org.



What does the fee include?

The fee includes:

- Diploma registration
- All study materials
- Part 1 assessment
- Part 2 exemption test
- Part 3 assessment
- Full access to Ciarb's learning platform

The full fee is due by 18 March 2026.

Important dates

Date	Event
18 March 2026	Full course fee due
8 April to 1 July 2026	Seminars, workshops and lectures take place every Wednesday, each lasting 2.5 hours
9 July 2026	Part 1 assessment
10 August 2026	Module 2 exemption test must be completed
11 August 2026	Part 3 Assessment released



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