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Diploma in International Maritime Arbitration (Virtual)

7 April – 30 June 2027



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Key facts

One of the arbitration industry's gold standard qualifications

Learn the law, practice and procedure of international maritime arbitration

The faculty comprises world-leading experts, including the London Maritime Arbitrators Association's (LMAA) President, Jonathan Elvey

Ciarb members benefit from a discount on the full fee when booking early – limited time only. Please see course fee section

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

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



Welcome Letter

Dear Candidates,

I'd like to invite you to take the next step in your career with our Diploma in International Maritime Arbitration.

This immersive 13-week course has been designed to meet the increasing demands for accredited arbitrators to resolve maritime disputes.

Our faculty is made up of internationally recognised experts with a wealth of experience who will arm candidates with knowledge of the procedural elements of an international maritime arbitration, as well as how to write an enforceable award.

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

George Lambrou FCIArb
Diploma Director



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George Lambrou FCIArb is solicitor advocate, arbitrator and mediator of maritime disputes with 25 years of experience in London and internationally. He originally trained as a solicitor at Thomas Cooper which was one of the then leading shipping law firms with a history going back to 1825. He was a partner for 13 years at that firm based in London and Piraeus.

George continues to engage daily in maritime arbitrations, both as counsel and arbitrator. He has been appointed as arbitrator in over 150 disputes and is an active Supporting Member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) where he sits on the Users Liaison Committee. He is an Honorary Member of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS) and a member of the Baltic Exchange.

In addition to maritime disputes, George is regularly engaged in international arbitrations as co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator and chairman under the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), 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.

George is a fluent Russian speaker having worked in Russia and Central Asia for many years. He also speaks Greek and is native in English.



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 2026 programme included interactive sessions led by:



George Lambrou FCIArb



Jonathan Elvey



David Steward



James Clanchy FCIArb



Daniella Horton FCIArb



Clive Aston



Philip Burns MCIArb



Nick Donnelly



Ian Gaunt FCIArb



Agis Georgiades FCIArb



Sara Gillingham



Michael Harakis FCIArb



Matthew Harvey KC



Steffen Pedersen FCIArb



Corina Song



Marieke Witkamp FCIArb

Hear from a past candidate



"As someone with almost 40 years' experience in the maritime construction industry, the last 15 years of which have been in dispute resolution, including advocating and providing expert witness reports in arbitrations, I considered that I would probably know much of what this diploma teaches. This probably follows the 80/20 rule, in that I probably already knew around 80% of its content, although it is always good to refresh.

However, the other 20% was invaluable in helping me to move toward my goal of becoming a maritime arbitrator. I would recommend this diploma not just to anyone thinking of becoming a maritime arbitrator, but to anyone who is involved at any level in maritime disputes."

Martin Barker

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:

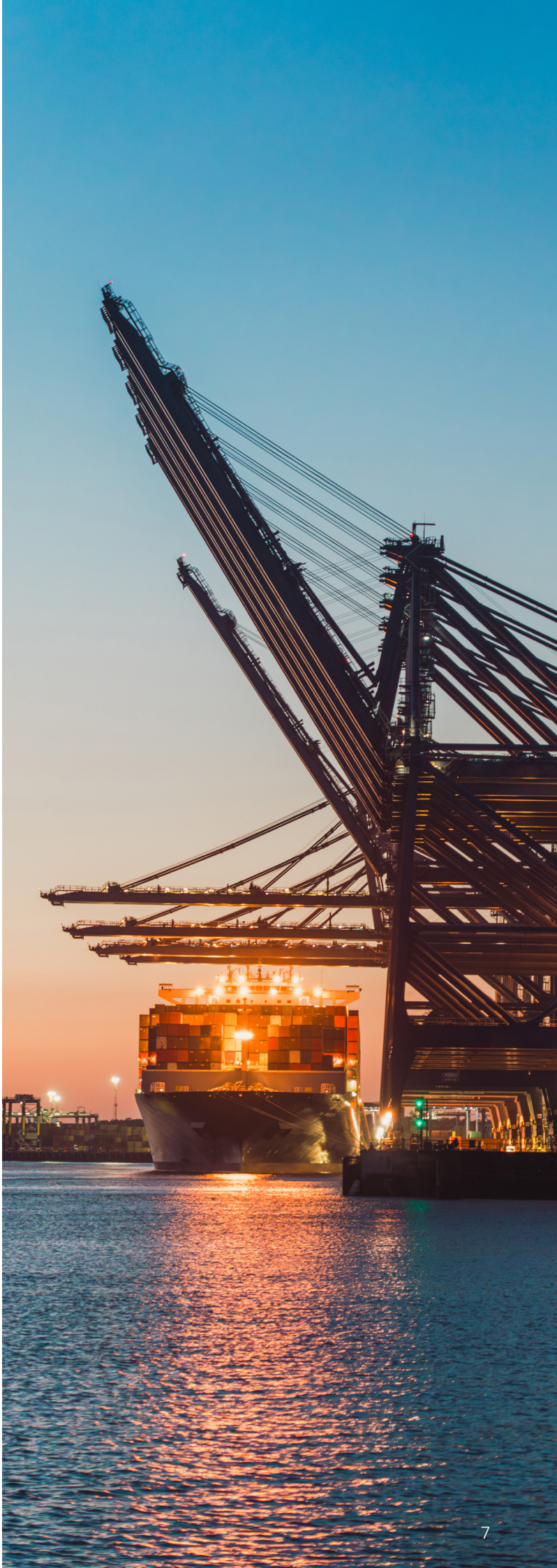
Arbitration in shipbuilding disputes.

Session 4:

Conflicts and Code of Conduct.

Session 5:

Problem-based interactive workshop.





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 must 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 2027. Ciarb Fellows do not need to complete the exemption test.

Candidates from a non-legal background will be expected to complete a full Module 2 course. The cost of this course will be in addition to the diploma course fees.

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 10 August 2027.

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 20 August 2027. 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.

Candidates from a non-legal background will be expected to complete a full Module 2 course.

The cost of this course will be in addition to the diploma course fees.

How to apply

To apply for this Diploma, please register for or log in to your MyCiarb account and submit your CV using the application form.

Please note, the CV review process is thorough and can take up to four weeks.

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

Or for more information, email our team at customerservices@ciarb.org.

Diploma fee

The full fee is £6,495.00, including VAT for non-members (£5,995.00 member price).

Savings may be availalbe to candidates who are able to book and pay early.

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

Candidates who are Hong Kong residents may be able to apply to claim back up to 80% of the full fee via the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund (MATF).

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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 17 March 2027.

Important dates

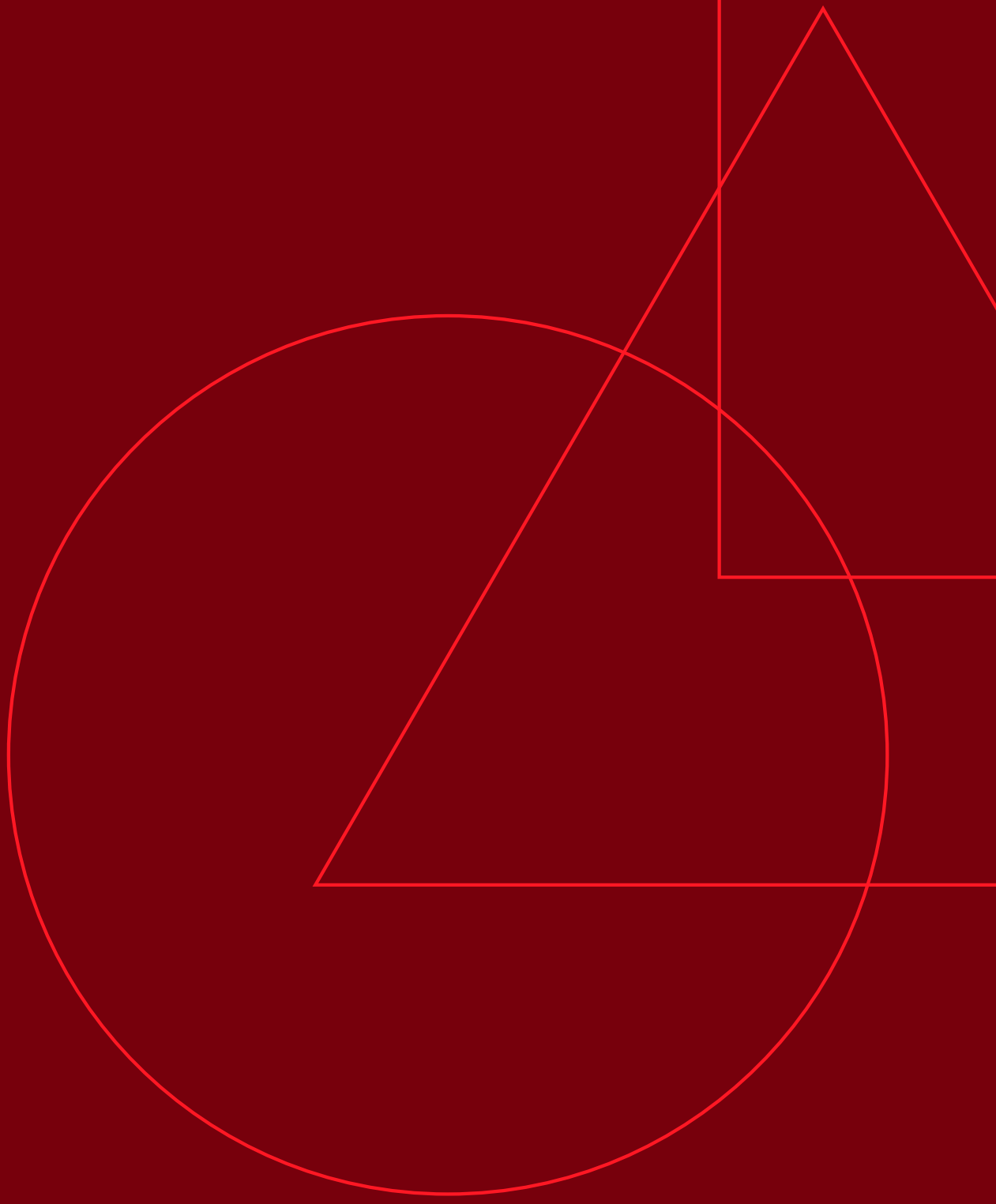
Date	Event
17 March 2027	Full course fee due
7 April 2027 to 30 June 2027	Seminars, workshops, and lectures take place every Wednesday, each lasting 2.5 hours
8 July 2027	Part 1 assessment
10 August 2027	Module 2 exemption test must be completed
10 August 2027	Part 3 assessment materials released
20 August 2027	20 August 2027 Part 3 assessment window opens



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