



Introduction to International Arbitration

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What is the aim of the course?

To provide an understanding of the general principles of International (i.e. non-domestic) Arbitration and its relationship to other dispute resolution processes. The course will provide candidates with an introduction to the legal framework of, and good practice and procedure in, International Arbitration in their jurisdiction.

What are the learning outcomes?

On successful completion of this course candidates will be able to:

- understand the background to International Arbitration,
- describe the process and procedure of International Arbitration,
- understand International Arbitration in the context of other forms of dispute resolution.

What is covered within the syllabus?

- Comparison of dispute resolution procedures
- Fundamental principles of the International Arbitration process
- The UNCITRAL Model Law and Arbitration Rules
- Arbitration rules: time-limited, institutional, industry standards, industry schemes and *ad hoc* agreements
- Arbitration procedures: documents only and oral hearings
- The legal framework: the importance of the seat, the New York Convention, procedural laws, and procedural rules
- The Arbitration agreement

- Commencement of the Arbitration
- An Arbitrator's jurisdiction and powers
- The Arbitration process: obligations of the tribunal, responsibilities and obligations of the parties
- Managing the Arbitration process: communications, preliminary meeting, interlocutory matters, dealing with factual and opinion evidence and disclosure of documents including introduction to the IBA Guidelines
- Presenting the claim and the defence: alternative methods
- Procedure at a typical hearing, including contrasting common and civil law jurisdictions
- Costs and interest: alternative approaches in different jurisdictions
- Essentials of an enforceable Award

How is the course delivered?

The course is delivered over 1 day in-person. The day starts at 9:30am to 5:00pm (UAE time).

Will the Tutorials be recorded?

Due to data protection laws, we do not guarantee that the tutorials will be recorded. CIARB is committed to supporting candidates to be successful in their courses and to achieve successful outcomes in their assessments. **We therefore strongly recommend candidates attend the entire scheduled tutorial.**

Our tutorials are designed to be interactive teaching and learning experiences taught by Senior Tutors who will assess your individual needs. Candidates therefore will be at a disadvantage if they do not attend the entire tutorial.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment of this course is completed through an online multiple-choice test accessed via LearnADR, Ciarb's online learning platform. Candidates will be given 28 days to complete and submit the assessment. Candidates must achieve a minimum overall mark of 55% to pass the course.

Results are made available to candidates immediately upon completion of the assessment. The assessment fee is not included in the course fee. It must be registered and paid for separately. The assessment fee is £72 inclusive of VAT (circa AED 350).

What are the entry requirements?

There are no entry requirements. The course is intended for candidates who:

- are new to the field of International Arbitration,

- wish to learn more about International Arbitration and its benefits to users,
- wish to become an Associate member of Ciarb.

Candidates enrolling on any Ciarb course/assessment are required to ensure that their command of spoken and written English is adequate for the course/assessment for which they have applied. Ciarb does not require any evidence of this standard prior to enrolment on a course/assessment. However, it is the candidate's responsibility to ensure their English language skills are at a Professional Working Proficiency level, in order to meet the required standard when enrolling for any Ciarb course/assessment. It is recommended that candidates have achieved a standard that is, as a minimum, equivalent to the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) level 7 or a score of 94-101 in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) system. *(Please note that we do not require an official IELTS or TOEFL result).*

Please contact the British Council for further details on how to improve your English skills:
<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/>

What is the course fee and what does it include?

The course fee is AED 1,470 inclusive of VAT. The fee includes registration on the course, access to classroom, and study materials

Kindly be advised that the process for scheduling assessments requires a separate booking. Additionally, it is imperative to be mindful of the specified deadline associated with the assessment booking.

How to register

To register for this course please email Jinky Co Long at jc_ciarb@yahoo.com and Atheeq Mohammed at atheeq@etamimi.com stating in the Subject: **"Registration – Introduction to International Arbitration"**, followed by your full name, address in the UAE and mobile number. This information is required to prepare an invoice for you to make the payment.

Once you make the payment, please share the screenshot as the proof of payment.

What happens when I register for the course?

Upon successful registration on the course, candidates will receive confirmation they are booked on the course. Joining instructions and course materials that will be available on LearnADR approximately 1 weeks before the course start date, candidates will receive an email with their username and password.

What is Ciarb's policy on cancellation of courses?

Ciarb reserves the right to cancel or change the date, venue or content of programmes and the names of speakers, lecturers and tutors. Candidates will be provided with adequate notice of any change. If Ciarb has to cancel a course, candidates will be provided with a full refund or the opportunity to transfer their registration to the next course. Should a candidate wish to cancel/defer their registration of a course, notification must be received in writing to kateblotskaya@gmail.com. Deferral charges apply. Please refer to the Fee Terms and Conditions for full details.

What is my next step when I complete the course?

On successful completion of this course and its corresponding assessment, candidates:

- will be awarded an Introductory Certificate,
- may progress onto Module 1 of the International Arbitration Pathway,
- will be eligible to apply for Associate grade membership of Ciarb and take advantage of a range of educational and professional benefits.
- Candidates are only eligible to apply for the relevant membership grade for a maximum of 2 years after having successfully completed the course & assessment.



Mohieeldin Elbana, Specialist Disputes Lawyer at QAF Legal

Mohieeldin is a specialist disputes lawyer with more than 20 years' experience. Before setting-up QAF Legal, Mohieeldin was a team member of Dispute Resolution team in the biggest regional law firm in the GCC.

Before that he acted as the ME Senior Manager of one of the big four companies in the UAE.

He has specialist disputes experience having been focused on UAE court disputes since 2004. Further, he has handled cases in numerous regional jurisdictions including primarily Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Mohieeldin has particular expertise in construction, commercial and Intellectual Property disputes. He has tried more than 500 cases and more than 100 expert panels in his career. He acts as counsel in construction arbitrations.

Mohieeldin is a member of the CIArb since February 2016.

Mohieeldin holds a master's from the BUiD in association with King's College in Construction law and Dispute Resolution.

Mohieeldin is a member of the CIARB UAE Branch Committee and is committed to promoting and supporting use of ADR in the region.



Wisal Nema

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Listed Arbitrator at the International Islamic Centre for Reconciliation and Arbitration (IICRA)

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Dr. Wisal has more than 27 years of experience in civil engineering, Dr. Wisal specializes in claims management and dispute resolution. As Head of Section at a leading engineering consulting firm in Dubai

she manages the analysis of complex cases, determine root causes and responsible parties, and deliver technical assessments for infrastructure, road, and building projects across both governmental and private sectors.

A central part of her work is the accurate quantification of project delays and the preparation of detailed evaluations.

Expertise extends to providing technical support for courts and arbitral tribunals, through in- depth analysis and the preparation of comprehensive reports throughout the dispute resolution process.

Recognition includes being listed on the approved faculty of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) in the UAE, with teaching delivered in both Arabic and English.

Active contributions to the arbitration community are demonstrated through participation in conferences held in Jordan, Egypt, and Lebanon, where research on arbitration and mediation has been presented.

This reflects a strong commitment to promoting continuous development and excellence in arbitration and dispute resolution.



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Dr. Zeina Obeid is a Partner at Obeid & Partners based in Dubai, specializing in litigation and arbitration. She has represented clients in major international arbitration cases across the Middle East and North Africa and serves as an arbitrator (sole arbitrator, chair, and tribunal member) in both domestic and international cases, under institutional and ad hoc rules, including those of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), and Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR).

She is a Fellow and Lecturer at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). In 2022, she was elected as a Board Member of the CI Arb UAE Branch and, in 2025, as Vice Chair in Dubai. Dr. Obeid also serves on the ICC Arbitration and Mediation Committee and has been appointed as the ICC YAAF representative for Dubai and Lebanon (2024–2026). She currently co-chairs the Young Lawyers' Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA) for 2025–2026 and previously represented the Middle East in the IBA Anti-Corruption Committee.

Dr. Zeina holds a PhD with distinction from Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II), an LL.M. from Columbia University (New York), a dual Master's degree in Arab Commercial Law and Arbitration/ADR from Paris II, and a Master's degree in Lebanese Law from the Lebanese University.

She is widely recognized as a leading voice in arbitration. In 2017, she published her book *The Annulment of Arbitral Awards* in Arab Countries, which remains a widely cited reference across the MENA region. She also publishes regularly and speaks internationally on arbitration-related topics.

Dr. Zeina is admitted to practice law in Beirut and Paris, licensed by the Dubai Legal Affairs Department, and is fluent in Arabic, English, and French.