

Selection Guidelines and Sponsorship

The selection process gives priority to government officials whose professional assignments are closely related to the subject matter of a course.

Courses at HQ and at the IMF regional training centers and programs tend to be most appropriate for officials from ministries of finance, economy, and planning, or from central banks and statistics agencies.

For courses on macroeconomic statistics, priority is given to statistical compilers. The IMF cannot consider applications from persons employed in nongovernmental businesses or private institutions, such as commercial banks, universities, or trade unions.

All applicants and nominees, with the exception of online courses, must submit a valid Sponsor's Nomination Form which certifies that the candidates are officially endorsed by the sponsoring agency and have its approval to represent the agency. Official sponsors should not propose or endorse applicants who fail to meet the criteria of academic background and job relevance, or who are not fluent in the language of instruction or, where provided, interpretation.

The sponsoring agency is required to certify that, if accepted, the applicant or nominee will receive leave of absence with regular pay for the duration of the course; that during attendance at the course, the applicant will have no other duties or assignments; and that upon return to duty the applicant will return to either the former position or one with equal or greater responsibility.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA RELATING TO PREVIOUS COURSE ATTENDANCE: Due to the high demand for training, previous participation is taken into account when considering applicants and nominees for classroom course offerings:

- ▶ Those who have taken a course at HQ should generally wait two years before applying for another course at HQ.
- ▶ Those who have taken a course at a training center or program are generally not eligible to attend the same course at another training center or program.

SELF-FINANCED STATUS: Candidates from international agencies and advanced regional countries who apply to attend IMF training events, if accepted, will be considered self-financed. Local staff in IMF Resident Representative offices selected for courses at regional training centers and programs would also be self-financed. However, they are eligible to attend training at HQ as regular participants.

Attending as self-financed provides the same access to course content and activities, but all associated costs (accommodation, travel, and per diem) need to be covered by the sponsoring institution.

SELECTION GUIDELINES FOR ONLINE TRAINING: OL courses are free and are open to all government officials of IMF member countries. There are no restrictions on the number of officials who can participate in these courses.

