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20 One-Liners to Remember

Quick-fire facts for last-minute revision.

- 1 The IIBF MSME Course is a certification offered by the Indian Institute of Banking & Finance on financing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.**
It trains banking professionals in the practical aspects of MSME credit and finance.
- 2 MSME stands for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.**
This is the sector the entire IIBF MSME Course syllabus is built around.
- 3 The IIBF MSME Course is open to both members and non-members of the Institute.**
Unlike some IIBF papers, this course does not require prior Institute membership to enrol.
- 4 Eligibility for the IIBF MSME Course requires passing the 12th standard or an equivalent qualification.**
This keeps the entry bar low so branch staff and BCs can also attempt the exam.
- 5 Candidates who have passed the IIBF BC/BF examination are also eligible for the MSME Course.**
This gives business correspondents and facilitators an alternate eligibility route.

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6 The IIBF MSME Course exam paper has 120 objective-type multiple-choice questions.

All questions are MCQs, testing applied knowledge of MSME finance.

7 The IIBF MSME Course exam carries a total of 100 marks.

The 120 questions are distributed to add up to 100 total marks.

8 There is no negative marking in the IIBF MSME Course exam.

Candidates are encouraged to attempt every question since wrong answers do not deduct marks.

9 The minimum pass mark for the IIBF MSME Course is 50 out of 100.

Scoring half the total marks is enough to clear the subject.

10 The IIBF MSME Course exam duration is 2 hours.

Candidates get 120 minutes to attempt all 120 questions.

11 The IIBF MSME Course exam is conducted online and only in English.

There is no Hindi or regional-language option for this particular paper.

12 Candidates who clear the IIBF MSME Course become eligible for the Certified Credit Counsellor designation.

Passing the exam unlocks the CCC credential recognised in MSME-credit roles.

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13 SIDBI-recommended candidates receive a joint certificate issued by IIBF and SIDBI.

This joint recognition adds extra weight to the CCC credential for such candidates.

14 The IIBF MSME Course exam fee for members is Rs 1,000 per attempt.

The same fee applies to both the first attempt and each subsequent attempt for members.

15 The IIBF MSME Course exam fee for non-members is Rs 1,500 per attempt.

Non-members pay a higher fee than Institute members for the same exam.

16 Candidates must register separately and pay the fee afresh for every attempt of the MSME exam.

There is no single registration that covers multiple attempts.

17 A late fee of Rs 200 plus taxes applies during extended registration windows for the MSME exam.

This penalty is charged on top of the regular exam fee for late registrants.

18 The IIBF MSME Course syllabus subject is titled Small and Medium Enterprises in India.

This single subject covers the entire scope of the examination.

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The MSME Course syllabus covers setting up MSMEs, policy framework, institutional financing, financing modes, development and rehabilitation of sick units.

These six themes mirror the real-world lifecycle of an MSME credit relationship.

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Registration for the IIBF MSME Course is done online through the IIBF website www.iibf.org.in.

Exam schedules and registration dates are also published on the same official site.

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