



Frequently Asked Questions regarding Virtual Learning Programmes for Executives (VLPE)

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1. What is Virtual Learning Programme for Executives (VLPE)?

IIM Indore launched first BBEEP (Renamed as VLPE in the year 2017) programme in the year 2007. Since then several programmes were offered on this platform. These programmes provide an online, interactive platform with centres located at various cities in India. Faculty members of IIM Indore deliver the course using broadband technology. The VLPEs are intended to equip the participants with the necessary skills and competencies that are required for progression to managerial and supervisory positions in organizations. The online delivery of the programme gives flexibility to the participant to study while pursuing their work.

2. How Virtual Learning Programmes for Executives (VLPE) are delivered? Is it like a correspondence course?

This is NOT a correspondence programme. This programme is offered by the broadband infrastructure to deliver real-time, synchronous, live education to all the participating students. It is a multi-modal, multimedia e-learning platform that provides an immersive e-learning experience that is almost as good as a real classroom experience. The interaction is live and uses high-quality video, audio and data transfer. Courses will be delivered through Direct-to-Device (D2D) course accessed by smartphone/ tablet/laptop/desktop and S2C (Studio to Centre) mode using an appropriate technology platform. Participants can attend sessions from the studio located in their city (in S2C Mode) or even from any location having functional internet connectivity of at least 2mpbs or higher (in D2D Mode). Lectures will be delivered through broadband based technology involving two-way audio and video communication. Sessions will be held generally on weekends. Participants will be provided reading materials for each course as and when required. They may also interact with the concerned faculty through e-mails/ chat mode. The exam will be conducted at a specific centre in a particular city. Refer list of the study centres for more information.

3. Who are the technology and marketing partners of IIM Indore for VLPE Programmes?

At present, the Institute is offering programmes with the following technology partners:

- ICICIdirect Centre for Financial Learning (ICFL)
- Times TSW – A Times Group Initiative
- VC Now

Brief Profile of the technology and marketing partners of IIM Indore:

ICICIdirect Centre for Financial Learning (ICFL)

ICICIdirect Centre for Financial Learning (ICFL) is an initiative of ICICI Securities Ltd. set up to simplify financial knowledge and increase financial literacy amongst prospective or experienced investors & knowledge seekers. ICFL training programmes are categorized under Investment Education Programmes and Professional Certification & Development Programmes. The repository of domain knowledge includes a host of in-house developed seminars, workshops, certifications and training programmes leading to reputed certifications. These programmes are in the area of Stock Investing, Derivatives, Mutual Funds, Financial Planning, Wealth Management, Corporate Finance, etc.

ICICIdirect Centre for Financial Learning has been conferred with the Award for Innovation in Learning and Best Online Learning Solution at the World Education Congress. It also won the Emerging Brand Award at CMO Asia in Singapore.

Existing Programmes with ICICIdirect Centre for Financial Learning (ICFL):

- Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Finance (PGCPF)
- Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Investment Banking (PGCPIB)
- Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Treasury and Banking (PGCPTB)

Times TSW – A Times Group Initiative

TSW is an initiative by Times Professional Learning aimed to enhance leadership and general management skills of working professionals. With a vision to make world-class education accessible to aspiring business leaders through strategic collaborations, TSW's passion for excellence and a belief that "Executive Education Empowers" work hand in hand with the organisation's aim to impart knowledge to business professionals nationwide.

Programmes on offer with Times TSW:

- Executive Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Management (EPGCPM)
- Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Investment Banking (PGCPIB)

VCNow

VCNow provides High-Quality Video Conferencing solutions which are available at 40 HD Video Conference Centers across 30 cities in India and 3000 cities globally. Video conference solutions can be used for conducting interviews, sales meetings, product launches, board meetings, distance education, Continuing Medical Education (CME) for Doctors, conducting witness recordings for court trials etc. among other applications.

VCNow also provides other services related to planning, setting up, operations and management of Audio Conferencing, Video Conferencing and WebCast services.

Programmes on offer with VC Now:

- Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Management (PGCPM)
- Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Finance (PGCPF)

4. Admission Procedure:

- I. Application Form: All interested candidates should fill out the online application form available on our website:

<https://www.iimdr.ac.in/executive-programmes/vlpe/>

After registration, a participant can immediately apply for the programme or submit the application later by using the login credentials sent on their registered email id.

Candidates must complete all parts of the Application Form with required details and pay the application fee to be considered for further admission process. Incomplete application forms and forms without payment of fees will not be considered for further process.

- II. Payment of Application Fee: Candidates should pay the stipulated application fee inclusive of GST @18% using the online link given on the page. Applications without payment of application fee will not be considered. The application fee is non-refundable.
- III. Application Screening: Upon submission of the completed application form, the application will be screened based on the candidate's academic performance and relevant work experience.
- IV. Personal Interview: Short-listed candidates will be invited for a personal interview. Not all candidates are called for the personal interview. The personal interview will be conducted through video conferencing at different study centres across India.
- V. Selection: The selection in the programme is based on performance in Personal Interview, the candidate's academic performance and relevant work experience.

5. Discount Policy for Technology Partners and Bulk Nominations:

An organisation or technology partners sponsoring five or more participants to a VLPE Programme will be entitled to a group discount of 10% on the total fee payable provided that at least five participants attend the programme.

6. Are these programmes being equivalent to MBA / PGP / EPGP, etc.?

These programmes are tailored to meet the needs of the hour, taking into account the resource & time constraints of the aspirants and at the same time meeting the demand for quality education. These programs place a lot of emphasis on work experience. The biggest beneficiaries of this programme will be middle and senior management professionals who are looking at growing into general management roles. These programmes are neither the regular Post-Graduate Programme / Executive Post-Graduate Programme of IIM Indore, nor it is equivalent to any of the regular courses of IIM Indore.

7. Do I need to apply separately for each programme?

Yes, Separate application form is required for each programme along with application fee.

8. Is the attendance of classes compulsory? What is the minimum % attendance required?

Yes.

Minimum 75% attendance is required in each course. The Leave is granted only under extraordinary circumstances subject to prior approval from the VLPE Coordinator.

9. In between the course suppose one person is transferred from India to Abroad or gets a job at abroad, Can s/he complete the course from abroad?

At this point, the courses are conducted only in India and hence cannot be taken abroad.

10. Will there be placement assistance?

Placement at IIM Indore is a student-driven activity. The participants may form their Placement Committee, prepare a brochure or carry-out placement activities on self-finance basis. The Institute will host recruitment almanack on the Institute website under VLPE Programme Page for a specific period. The participants who complete the programme successfully will only be eligible to host their CVs under recruitment almanack. It will improve the visibility of participants to prospective employers and help them getting suitable employment opportunities. Many participants from past batches have been able to advance their career substantially based the programme qualification.

11. Will the participants get Alumnus status of IIM Indore?

The participants who will complete the programme successfully will be eligible for the Executive Education Alumni status of IIM Indore. They will require to apply separately along with the necessary fee to register their name.

Benefits available to the Executive Education Alumni:

- Accommodation on the campus at a preferred discounted rate, subject to availability of accommodation.
- Registration on Alumni Portal which hosts several networking events, job listing, notifications etc.
- Access to the Institute's library resources on campus
- IIM Indore's email id

12. What is the commitment fee?

A commitment fee of INR 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) + applicable GST to be paid at the time of acceptance of the offer of admission, which will be adjusted against the fee paid at the time of registration. The commitment fee is non-refundable.

13. How can I pay for the programme fee?

You can pay all the fees online using the link sent to you by the VLPE Office. Once the commitment fee is paid, the balance fee must be paid in instalments as per the payment schedule.

14. What is the applicable Goods and Services Tax rate?

As per the current rates, the goods and services tax rate is 18.0%.

15. Is there any age limit for applying to this programme?

No

16. Would candidates having a diploma be eligible?

They are not eligible. A candidate must have at least three years' bachelor's degree (10+2+3 pattern) from a university recognised by AIU. Please refer to the detailed eligibility criteria for each programme.

17. Candidates with their graduation and having their own business are they eligible?

Yes, they are eligible provided they are actively involved in the business.

18. How are the admission results declared?

The candidate will be intimated by an e-mail individually.

19. Will study material for courses be provided?

Depending on the nature of the course, study material may be provided from time to time.

20. How many times will a participant require to visit the centre for appearing in the examinations, especially for participants who have registered for the Direct to Desktop mode?

Generally, a participant will require to visit the centre 5 to 6 times in a year to appear for the examination. We mostly conduct two exams on a day. The tests will be held generally after the gap of 1.5 to 2 months.

21. What will be the evaluation procedure, grade system or pointer?

Performance of participants will be monitored continuously through quizzes, assignments, tests and examinations. The participant is required to score a minimum letter grade to qualify the test. The grading pattern and the evaluation procedure are specified in the Programme Handbook which is available for use to the registered participants.

22. Where are the centres going to be?

The details of centres for Personal Interview (PI), programmes delivery and exam are available under List of Centre. Centres may be changed depending on the number of candidates.

23. Where can I contact for clarifications?

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