

ENERGY FINANCIAL MARKETS

Energy Financial Markets is a module in the Financial Markets Program. The module examines the National Electricity Market and the range of products used – and strategies underpinning them – to manage its unique risks. It also examines the drivers and operation of Australia's gas and environmental markets.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Once you have successfully completed this module, you will be equipped to:

- ✓ demonstrate a broad knowledge of selected electricity financial market products, incorporating theoretical concepts, with substantial depth in some areas
- ✓ use information effectively to evaluate prices, develop strategies and assess risk
- ✓ develop, implement and evaluate trading strategies to meet the needs of your business and clients
- ✓ apply your knowledge of rules and practices on the different exchanges and OTC market conventions in order to trade successfully
- ✓ determine, manage and evaluate strategies to manage risk exposures
- ✓ apply your knowledge of legal and regulatory requirements and market practices to execute an order
- ✓ communicate your analysis and/or recommendations effectively, both orally and in writing, using a range of technologies, to a professional standard
- ✓ recognise and resolve regulatory and ethical problems and issues that you encounter in your day-to-day professional work
- ✓ participate effectively in work teams in order to complete a transaction involving electricity market derivatives and, where appropriate, take responsibility for the achievement of team outcomes.

ASSESSMENT TASKS

1	Assignment
2	Skills assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case study• Role play

Assignment

The assignment is based on a series of short answer questions covering market structure, economic drivers, financial products, the regulatory framework and the role of risk.

Skills assessment

The skills assessment for this module consists of two separate activities – a case study and a role play exercise.

Case study: the case study consists of a scenario and a series of questions that are based on authentic workplace issues. To complete the questions, you must draw on both the knowledge that you have gained from studying this module and the knowledge you have gained through your experience of working in financial markets.

Role play: the role play exercise, in which you act the part of a dealer, allows you to demonstrate oral communication skills when advising clients on strategies and transactions. You will need to book the role play assessment via Moodle.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

You must read the manual, take notes and attempt any activities to prepare yourself to successfully complete the assessment.

STUDY SCHEDULE

It is recommended that you follow the study schedule to complete this module.

Week	Tasks
Week 1	Download assessments and start Complete Chapter 1
Week 2	Complete Chapter 2
Week 3	Complete Chapter 3 Assignment due
Week 4	Complete Chapter 4
Week 5	Complete Chapter 5
Week 6	Complete Chapter 6
Week 7	Work on skills assessment (case study)
Week 8	Work on skills assessment (case study)
Week 9	Work on skills assessment (case study)
Week 10	Skills assessment (case study) due
Week 11	Skills assessment (role play) due

WHAT WILL YOU ACHIEVE FROM COMPLETING THIS MODULE?

Upon successful completion of the module and related assessment tasks, you will be awarded the following competency units from the Diploma of Financial Markets FNS51015:

- FNSFMK509 Apply knowledge of transaction documentation and processing
- FNSFMK601 Price financial transactions
- FNSFMK602 Hedge financial products
- FNSFMK510 Prepare trading strategies for clients
- FNSFMK511 Apply limits when trading

OTHER INFORMATION

Student support

Jason Sheil, Learning Services Manager at AFMA is your main point of contact as you progress through the module, so if you have any concerns or questions, or need additional guidance as to what you should be doing, Jason can be reached at education@afma.com.au.

If your question relates to the learning material then you should post to the Support Forum on the module page in the AFMA Moodle.

Duration

AFMA provides a maximum of 18 months to complete the full FNS51015 Diploma of Financial Markets (from date of initial registration) or 9 months if you intend on completing one module only (from date of initial registration).

It is important to note that AFMA has structured each module so that it should be completed in a time frame of 4 months.

Grading of assessments

AFMA grades student work as either 'competent' or 'not yet competent'. Grades that indicate level of achievement, e.g. high distinction or distinction, are not awarded.

Extensions for assessments

If you require an extension, you must submit your request before the submission date to psivanesan@afma.com.au.

Extensions are granted only on the basis of sickness, major family crisis, or unexpected emergency travel connected with employment (employer's confirmation is required).

Any extensions granted are for a fixed period of two weeks and your results may be delayed.

Submitting your skills assessment

You must submit your completed skills assessment for marking through AFMA Moodle. When you upload the skills assessment, it will be checked by Turnitin, a plagiarism detection software.

Academic honesty

Personal integrity is a core ethical principle in AFMA's Code of Ethics. Consequently academic integrity is an important principle to which all students enrolled in the Financial Markets Program are expected to adhere. For example, any academic work that you submit for assessment must be your own work and when you do include ideas and work from other people, this must be acknowledged.