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Fixed Income Investment course launched for planners

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Financial planners looking to brush up on their fixed income investment knowledge can sign up to a new course being run by fixed income broker FIIG Securities.

The course, which is accredited by the Financial Planning Association (FPA), consists of 13 sessions on topics including product descriptions, mathematics and formulae, bonds, hybrids, floating rate notes, as well as a session on how fixed income works in a balanced portfolio.

According to FIIG, the course came about due to the rapidly-changing nature of the fixed income setting in Australia.

"Ever since the GFC there has been increasing awareness that fixed income plays a vital role in a diversified portfolio but many people aren't quite sure of what is available and how they can best use it," said managing director, FIIG, Jim Stening.

"This course aims to remedy that and give financial planners and investors the confidence to start using fixed income securities to improve their returns and reduce their risk."

The course costs \$295 and planners who complete it are entitled to 5.5 CDP points as members of the FPA.

FIIG maintained Australia is lagging behind other developed economies when it comes to educating the investment community about fixed income investing.

The also company published a reference guide on fixed income investment, "An Australian Guide to Fixed Income".

FIIG Securities has offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth, with more than \$6 billion in term deposits under advice in its short-term money market business.

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