

CASS

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Senior Specialist

**Know the risk.
Explain the
decision.**

Develop the knowledge and practical judgement to assess risk, investigate concerns and support a clear conclusion.

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Provider 50475



11

Modules

54

Lessons

10

Simulations

45

CPD hours

Specialist skills. Everyday decisions.



Develop the judgement to assess a situation, choose a proportionate response and explain the reasoning behind it.

01

Risk assessment & rating

Weigh customer, product and geographic exposure. Connect the assessment to appropriate controls.

02

Due diligence & KYC

Test whether the customer picture holds together. Identify information and control gaps.

03

Monitoring & typology analysis

Connect activity into a meaningful pattern and decide what warrants further review.

04

SAR/STR quality & reporting

Organise the facts, explain the concern and build a narrative another professional can follow.

05

Sanctions & crypto-asset risk

Examine exposure, trace activity and consider the limits of the available evidence.

06

Governance & regulatory judgement

Evaluate control ownership, assurance and the response to findings.

Who CASS is for

AML and compliance professionals building specialist capability or taking on senior responsibilities. Teams seeking a consistent approach to risk and decisions.

Foundational AML/CFT knowledge is recommended.

A clear route from knowledge to practice.

Work through the learning online, at your own pace. Return to the materials as your responsibilities develop.

45 hours

Approximate learning time

5–6 weeks

Suggested study schedule

Lifetime

Course-material access



01 Build the knowledge

Read the lessons and examine the concepts, frameworks and case examples.



02 Put judgement into practice

Make decisions in ten simulations and use feedback to review your reasoning.



03 Demonstrate your learning

Pass the required assessments and simulations, then complete the final examination.

A record of what you demonstrate.

Your skills profile brings together learning evidence and helps identify where to focus further practice.

Put country risk in context.

Connect where a customer operates, where ownership sits and where money moves. Use jurisdiction intelligence to inform a proportionate assessment.

201 jurisdiction profiles



Existing tool snapshot. Classifications can change; check the source, date and context.

Customer exposure

Assess geographic links alongside ownership, activity and due diligence.

Financial-institution risk

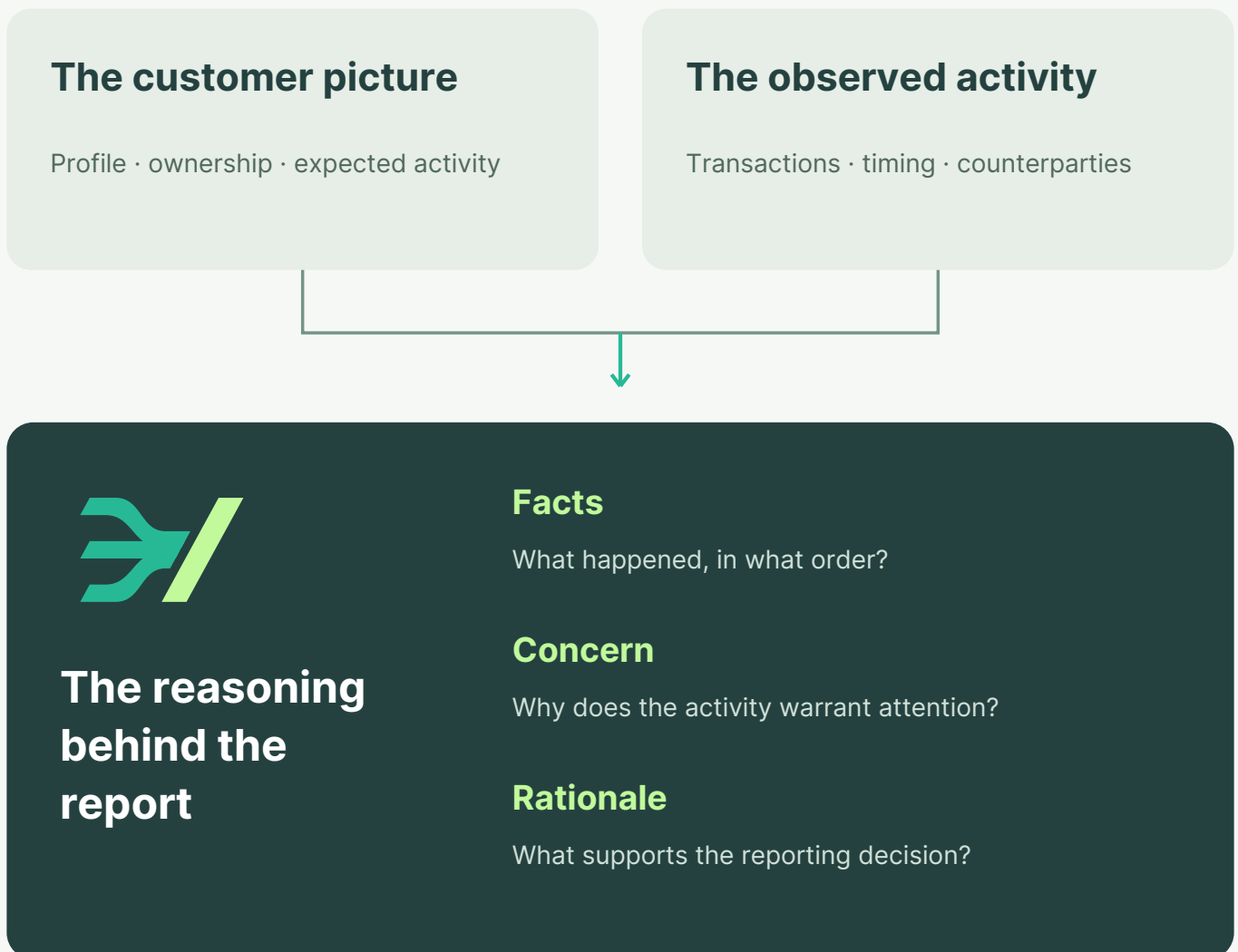
Consider jurisdiction factors when reviewing a financial institution relationship.

One input into your assessment.

From case evidence to a reporting decision.

The SAR/STR Drafting Workstation asks you to decide what matters, explain the concern and build a useful reporting narrative.

Illustrative learning flow



Review. Refine. Explain.

Use structured feedback to improve clarity, distinguish evidence from inference and strengthen the narrative.

Ten simulations. Different decisions.

Practise the decisions behind specialist AML work. Each simulation sits within the programme's learning sequence.

01 38 Accounts

Read account and transaction patterns; decide whether to escalate.

02 Trace & Decide: Crypto-Asset Lifecycle

Follow a crypto-asset lifecycle and weigh the next step.

03 Deputy MLRO: The Corridor Run

Connect corridor risk with control decisions and MLRO responsibilities.

04 New MLRO: First 30 Days

Assess a compliance programme and prioritise what needs attention.

05 The QA Finding

Evaluate a due diligence finding and the first line's response.

06 The 60-Day Review

Test second-line oversight and the quality of its supporting evidence.

07 The Audit Report

Connect audit findings to a supported report and escalation.

08 Digital Onboarding Failure

Assess a verification failure and its customer-risk implications.

09 SAR/STR Drafting Workstation

Turn case evidence into a coherent, supported reporting narrative.

10 Regulatory Examination Response

Evaluate programme evidence and respond to regulatory findings.

Understand the risk. Build the control framework.

11 modules connect the principles, operational decisions and oversight responsibilities of AML practice.

01 ML, TF, PF, and the Regulatory Framework

Understand how money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing shape detection and control decisions.

9 lessons

02 Threats, Typologies, and Products

Recognise how products, payment flows and crypto-assets are exploited, and evaluate the patterns that warrant attention.

10 lessons · 2 simulations

03 Governance and Compliance Structure

Design and assess a compliance programme, with clear responsibilities across the three lines of defence.

8 lessons · 5 simulations

04 Risk Assessment

Build a defensible risk assessment and test how its assumptions translate into controls.

5 lessons

05 Know Your Customer

Evaluate customer identity, ownership and activity to make proportionate due diligence decisions.

9 lessons · 1 simulation

Explore the full curriculum →

Investigate activity. Evaluate the response.

11 modules connect the principles, operational decisions and oversight responsibilities of AML practice.

06 Transaction Monitoring and Investigation

Connect monitoring scenarios, evidence review and the decision to close or escalate an alert.

3 lessons

07 Suspicious Activity Reporting

Decide when to report, write a useful SAR or STR and manage the work that follows.

3 lessons · 1 simulation

08 Sector-Specific Risk

Adapt controls to financial and non-financial sectors and their particular risks.

2 lessons

09 International Cooperation and Information Sharing

Use international standards, intelligence and information-sharing arrangements in practice.

2 lessons

10 Technology and AI in AML

Evaluate AML technology and use AI with appropriate oversight.

2 lessons

11 Program Health Assessment

Assess the health of a compliance programme and prepare for regulatory scrutiny.

1 lesson · 1 simulation

Explore the full curriculum →

Our Faculty

Experience across compliance, financial investigation and professional practice. Meet the wider faculty of AML Certification Centre.



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AML Certification Centre was selected by CEPOL through open competitive procurement, scored 95.80/100, to design, develop and deliver its Diploma Course on Financial Investigations, together with Hochschule Neu-Ulm.

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Clear requirements. A meaningful achievement.

Complete the learning and pass the required assessments and simulations before taking your final examination.

01 **Module assessments**

Pass each module assessment to continue. Revisit the learning and try again as needed.

70%

Unlimited attempts

02 **Required simulations**

Pass each required simulation. Its instructions explain the threshold and attempt rules.

Pass

Simulator-specific threshold

03 **Final examination**

100 questions · 180 minutes
Complete the exam independently.

75%

Three included attempts

Your own work. Your demonstrated learning.

Follow the exam rules on independent work, permitted resources and confidentiality. Learning achievements have separate criteria from the CASS certificate.

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A certificate you can share. A record others can verify.

Successful completion earns the CASS designation and a digital certificate with a public verification record.



Sample certificate · Jane Doe



45 CPD hours

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No expiry. No mandatory paid renewal.

Build the reasoning behind your decisions.

CASS · Specialist certification

€959

One-time programme fee

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Learn

11 modules · 54 lessons

Practise

10 simulations

Keep

Lifetime access to course
materials

Start your CASS enrolment →

Create your learning account to begin.

Explore CASS online →



For your team

Align learning to responsibilities. Review skills by person and team, then target further development.

Discuss CASS for your team →

AML Active membership is optional and separate from certificate validity.