NABMA
the voice of markets

Welcome to NABMA
Professional Development 2026/27

National Diploma in Market Administration

Supporting professional management of markets, high streets and places.



FEB 2027	3 MONTHS	3	300+
Course start	Programme length	Written assessments	Candidates since 2012

Validated with our educational partners

IPM Institute of Place Management

Manchester Metropolitan University

Supporting Professional Management of Markets

NABMA represents market operators throughout the United Kingdom and is committed to promoting markets on the national stage and offering a wide range of services to its members and the wider markets community.

One of our main priorities is to raise the profile of market officers and provide support to increase the professionalism in markets. At the same time we seek to give market officers the opportunity of securing a training qualification.

Professional development is important because it helps individuals grow in confidence and academic ability, remain adaptable in a changing workplace, and achieve long-term career success while contributing more effectively to their employer.

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Our Diploma 2027 will recognise the increasing policy shift that markets should not be treated as peripheral retail. They are practical assets that drive growth, strengthen social value, support food policy objectives and deliver visible public value. They, of course, also provide familiar, affordable places for everyday shopping, enterprise and community activity.

NABMA has created and delivers year on year a diploma qualification.

The National Diploma in Market Administration
A Level 4 Qualification

The NABMA DMA is a bespoke training and qualification, recognised by the Markets Industry and validated by the Institute of Place Management and Manchester Metropolitan University that covers an extensive range of key areas in operational High Street, Regeneration, Place, Community and Market Management.

Being involved in the running of any kind of market in a town or city produces many different challenges and it is important that the relevant officers are equipped to deal with these challenges effectively. The NABMA Diploma will give such officers greater confidence and knowledge in tackling the many challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Established in 2012 with over 300 candidates having completed the course, we offer home based study supported by Residential Schools, Market Visits and Online Lectures

Our DMA is delivered over 3 months from February 2027 with 3 written assessments required. A helpline is always available.

Member Rate

£1,250/candidate
Flexible Payments Available
Prices plus VAT

Non-Member Rate

£2,000/candidate
Flexible Payments Available
Prices plus VAT

Who Can Benefit?

Are you Part of a Markets Team, Town Centre Manager, High Street Regeneration Officer, Place Manager, Retail Strategy Manager, Economic Development Officer, Retail Innovation Manager, Business Development Manager, BID Manager?

Are you involved in regeneration, community planning, urban policy, Asset Management, Event Management, Sustainability Agendas, Retail and Economic Consultancy, Public Realm Consultancy?

Are you a local council with the opportunities and challenges of local governance devolution looming that involve local markets and local high streets?

Remember that across the country, markets are already providing the kind of multifunctional high street activity that national policy is seeking to encourage. Markets often fill gaps where local services are under pressure.

We believe our Diploma will be of interest to a wide range of market related roles that focus on shaping the future of local retail, supporting independent businesses, increasing footfall, and adapting town centres to changing consumer behaviours.

About The National Diploma in Market Administration

The Diploma course covers an extensive range of key areas in Market Management. These include:

- ✓ How markets and traders fit within a competitive retail environment
- ✓ The legal framework and the history of Markets and Street Trading
- ✓ Trading standards and food hygiene legislation for market traders and market managers
- ✓ Health and Safety and Risk Assessment
- ✓ Principles of budget management & effective financial planning
- ✓ Principles and practices of resource management
- ✓ Basic performance monitoring and project planning
- ✓ The changing nature of open market/street market operation
- ✓ Market design, layout, sizing and site scale planning
- ✓ High Street, Event, Place and Regeneration shaping markets
- ✓ Communication skills

Why is the NABMA Diploma for You?

Professional development is important because it helps people improve their knowledge, skills, and abilities throughout their careers. It benefits both employees and employers in several ways:

✓ It keeps skills up to date

✓ It improves job performance by developing new techniques and knowledge

✓ It can make employees more effective, efficient, and confident in their roles

✓ Developing new skills can lead to promotions, increased responsibilities, higher salaries, and new career opportunities

✓ It builds confidence

✓ Professional development promotes a mindset of continuous improvement, helping you to adapt to changes and solve problems creatively

✓ It provides for networking opportunities allowing you to connect with fellow professionals to share ideas and build valuable relationships

✓ It benefits your organisation. Employers gain a more skilled, motivated, and productive workforce, which can improve innovation, relationships and overall business success.

Register Your Interest for the NABMA DMA 2027

Our Educational Partners

The Institute of Place Management is a professional network that creates positive impact and transformation in places through place-based research, education and knowledge exchange with a trusted and respected community of academics, students, practitioners, policy makers and local and central government.

Manchester Metropolitan University has a long history of driving innovation and progress. Through excellent education and research, they seek to make a difference and transform how people live. It is home to one of the UK's largest and most diverse student communities and delivers excellent education and a tailored university experience for students.

Express Your Interest

Reserve a Provisional Place

We are delighted to have extended our long-standing relationship with the Institute of Place Management for 2027. As a result, we are reviewing the partnership, the DMA course structure and syllabus with a commitment to return to residential schools and market visits that collectively offer a quality learning experience. Full details will be available by the end of September 2026.

NOW	END OF SEPTEMBER 2026	FEBRUARY 2027
Register your interest	Full details available	Programme begins

The courses are very popular and usually get fully booked. If you want to avoid disappointment register your expression of interest with the below information and we will provisionally reserve a place for you pending your formal confirmation of the booking.

Your Name

Your Council or Organisation

Your Job Title

Contact Telephone Number

Email Address

Contact David Preston via diploma@nabma.com / 07989 943444

Please confirm your registration of interest and willingness to receive further updates.