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Certified Professional Accountants®

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Choose your study pathway to become
a CGMA® designation holder.





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BE IN DEMAND

Who are potential CGMA® designation holders?

Non-traditional thinkers. Problem-solvers. Cyber enthusiasts. Digital-first brainiacs. Strategic rock stars. Environmental and sustainability warriors. These are the kind of people who are perfect for CIMA's CGMA® Professional Qualification. You are the future of the profession. You will shape it and influence businesses globally for years to come.

The CGMA designation

The Chartered Global Management Accountant® (CGMA) designation is the world's most widely held management accounting designation. It's recognised and prized by employers worldwide.

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants® (CIMA®) awards the CGMA designation globally. The CGMA Professional Qualification is the most comprehensive route for professionals and students of all educational backgrounds to obtain the CGMA designation.

When you complete the CGMA Professional Qualification and obtain the CGMA designation, you'll become a part of a global network of finance professionals with AICPA® & CIMA, together as the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants®.

Be part of the world's biggest — and most influential — group of management accountants.

With AICPA & CIMA, opportunity is community. And you'll join an international one, learning how finance is done in various countries and cultures, giving you global opportunities. And what unites you all? Experience. It's what makes you stand out, and it's what makes a real difference.

597,000

AICPA and CIMA members, candidates and registrants

150,000

firms and employers worldwide employ our members

188

countries and territories

THE ROLE OF A MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING?

Officially, management accountants help organisations worldwide manage their finances. In practice, they're so much more than that. They are business leaders, innovators, decision-makers and forecasters. You'll find them in all kinds of companies, public and private, big and small.

Day to day, they interpret financial data, prepare reports and use business knowledge to help management make decisions. They're always looking to the future and working to improve things for the company.

In short — they're pretty important.

Four letters. Endless opportunities.

When you get the letters CGMA after your name, you get unprecedented access to a huge range of exciting roles. Here are just some of the most common positions that local and global organisations hire CGMA designation holders for:



CGMA DESIGNATION HOLDERS WANTED

Unlock your opportunity.

Your CGMA designation really could take you anywhere. It's not just for people who want to become management accountants. The CGMA designation is the hallmark of a seasoned business professional. As a CGMA designation holder, you can work in any business, anywhere.

Expand your professional network.

Through AICPA & CIMA, you'll become part of a growing network of over 698,000 professionals, candidates and leaders in the accounting and finance profession worldwide.

Get exclusive access to high-value jobs.

Thousands of finance, business and management jobs are added to our Global Career Hub daily. Our extensive employer network spans over 150,000 organisations (and counting) globally.

Boost your earning potential.

Ninety-six of FTSE 100 companies, 91 of 100 Fortune 100 companies and 87% of global employers say they will hire a CGMA designation holder.

REAL SALARIES AROUND THE WORLD

- 1

Australia
Student: *
Members: 163,000 AUD
- 2

Botswana
Student: 124,000 BWP
Members: **
- 3

Ireland
Student: *
Members: 105,000 EUR
- 4

Malaysia
Student: 102,000 MYR
Members: 219,000 MYR
- 5

Poland
Student: 165,000 PLN
Members: **
- 6

South Africa
Student: 534,000 ZAR
Members: 1,155,000 ZAR
- 7

Sri Lanka
Student: 929,000 LKR
Members: 3,144,000 LKR
- 8

United Kingdom
Student: 38,000
Members: 73,000 GBP
- 9

Zambia
Student: 209,000 ZMW
Members: **

* The average annual salary for students is not available for this country.
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THE ROLE OF A MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING?

Be a game-changer.

Whatever your passion, management accounting is a fantastic way to work in the businesses and industries that excite you. The CGMA designation is your global passport to a dream career and making a difference by advising on strategic and sustainable business practices. It'll allow you to make a difference in the workplace and serve as a leader.

Professional services and consulting Accenture, Deloitte, EY, Grant Thornton, IBM, KPMG and PwC	Financial services Barclays, Citigroup, Credit Suisse, HSBC, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley and Zurich	Public sector and not-for-profit Government, The Red Cross, UNICEF, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
FMCG Diageo, Innocent, Nestle, P&G, PepsiCo and Unilever	Retail Asos, Boohoo, Kerry Group, Kingfisher and Walt Disney	Media and publishing BBC, FT, Google, Informa, MacMillan Publishers, News Corp Australia, OUP, ITV, Sky and Pearson
Telecoms and IT BT, Cisco Systems, Dell, O2, Siemens, Virgin Media and Vodafone	Transport, travel and leisure British Airways, Hilton Worldwide, InterContinental Hotels, European Professional Golf Association	Engineering and manufacturing Airbus, BAE Systems, Balfour Beatty, Ford, GlaxoSmithKline and Rolls-Royce

CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

The Certificate in Business Accounting (Cert BA) is open to anyone, no matter your education, background or experience. It will help you discover your true business potential, teaching core business and finance skills beyond simple accounting.

The Certificate in Business Accounting covers four subjects:

- Fundamentals of Business Economics
- Fundamentals of Management Accounting
- Fundamentals of Financial Accounting
- Fundamentals of Ethics, Corporate Governance and Business Law

The Certificate in Business Accounting is a standalone qualification and a formal entry route to the full CGMA Professional Qualification.

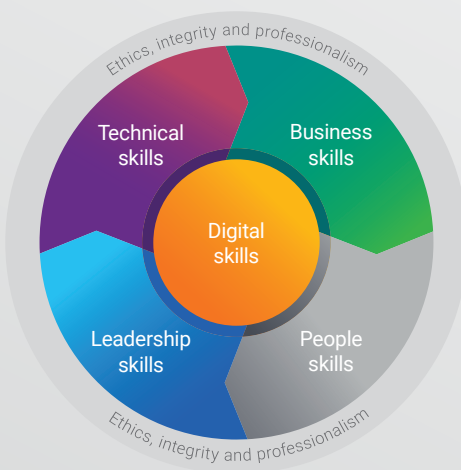
Find out more about the [Certificate in Business Accounting](#).

THE CGMA COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK

Skills for today, tomorrow and beyond.

We update the CGMA syllabus regularly to reflect economic developments and the needs of global employers. The CGMA Competency Framework reflects the technological and business skills finance professionals need. It also helps management accountants and employers understand the practical experience and professional development required to stay competitive and promote business success.

Explore [CIMA's CGMA Competency Framework](#).



OVERVIEW OF THE CGMA PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

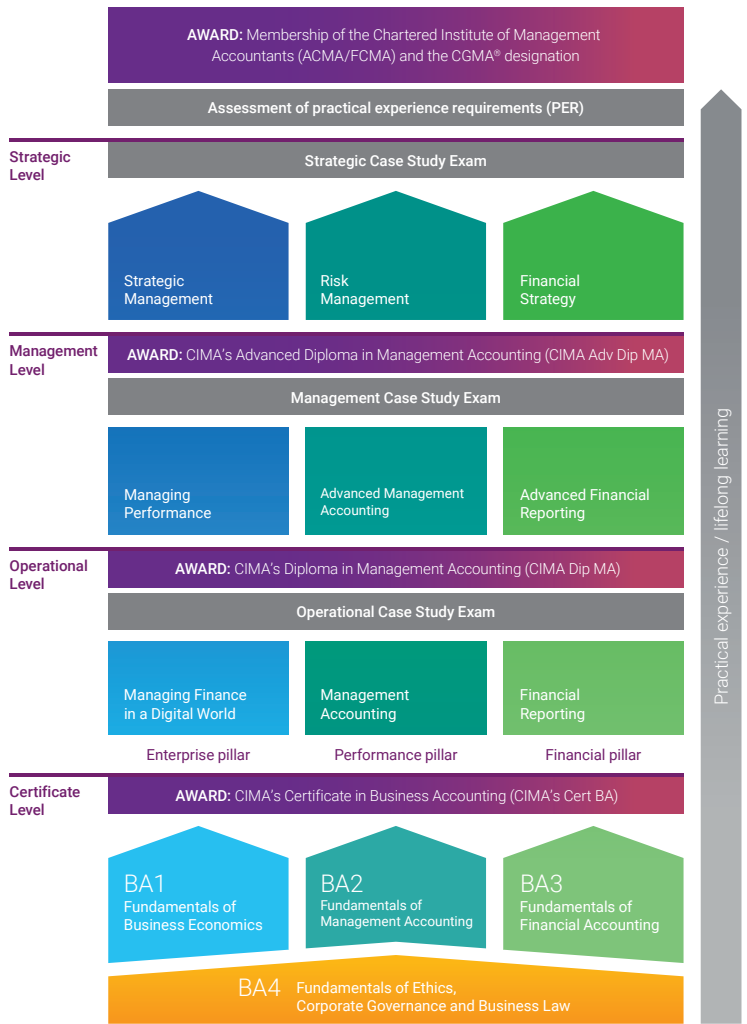
The CGMA Professional Qualification gives you the skills, competencies and mindset employers seek.

It comprises three pillars of domain knowledge divided into three levels of achievement. The pillars are Enterprise, Performance and Financial. To earn the CGMA designation, you'll need to:

- Meet the entry requirements of the professional level qualification.
- Study for and complete the relevant professional level assessments, culminating in the Strategic Case Study Exam.
- Complete three years of relevant practical experience, which can be gained before, during and/or after studies.

Studying for the qualification is rigorous and rewarding. But, once you've finished, you'll be a Chartered Global Management Accountant designation holder capable of supporting and leading an organisation through the challenging environment of constant change. And with the CGMA designation in your list of credentials, everyone will know how capable you are.

This diagram shows the CGMA Qualification Framework. It includes the Certificate in Business Accounting; the Professional Qualification; Assessment of Practical Experience; and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in the form of lifelong learning.



PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Today's aspiring management accountants want the world to revolve around their schedules. They do not want to give up free/family/personal time to study at someone else's convenience.

That's why the following three pathways to CGMA designation are so attractive. You can study with us, with a third-party provider or on your own. It's flexible, self-paced and fits into your lifestyle. Choose the one that fits your learning preferences and schedule.

Study with us.

Earn your CGMA designation through the CGMA® Financial Leadership Program (CGMA® FLP), a digital learning and assessment platform. It's a flexible way to cover content available in other pathways but has no Objective Tests. You can study anytime, anywhere.

The CGMA FLP is available in three subscription packages: Skills Core, Skills Plus and Skills Premium. Learn more about the CGMA Finance Leadership Program.

Study with our tuition providers.

Learn with our tuition providers worldwide. It's ideal if you prefer being taught by a tutor or studying with others. Your study will be in the classroom, online or hybrid, depending on the tuition provider you choose. You can earn the CGMA designation through any programs, products or resources from tuition providers or other third parties.

[Find your tuition provider.](#)

Entry requirements

To earn the CGMA designation, you'll need one of the following:

- The Certificate in Business Accounting
- A relevant degree in accounting, finance, commerce or business
- An MBA or master's degree in accounting
- Membership or part-qualified status from an IFAC body

Study on your own

If you want the flexibility to learn at your pace and the freedom to choose your study methods, plan your learning and decide when to sit exams, then this route is for you. Case Study Exams and Objective Tests are part of the assessment to earn your CGMA designation. You can study through textbooks and resources, including CGMA Study Hub and CIMA Study.

Your three pathways to completion

Depending on your needs and preferences, you can study with us, our tuition providers or on your own. Each approach has unique benefits and resources, which we explain in detail on the following pages. They enable you to earn the qualification while working, adding skills and knowledge to your professional life.

Designatory letters

Once you complete the Operational Level, you earn the part-qualified designatory letters CIMA Dip MA.

Once you complete the Management Level, you earn the part-qualified designatory letters CIMA Adv Dip MA.

Once you complete the Strategic Level and your three years of practical experience requirements (PER) submission has been approved, you will become a CIMA member and get the designatory letters CGMA after your name.

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

CGMA Finance Leadership Program

Our unique online CGMA Finance Leadership Program (CGMA FLP) enables you to study the CGMA Professional Qualification with us. It's a fast-track pathway to earn the CGMA designation. Requiring a maximum of three formal examination assessments compared to nine on the traditional route to qualification.

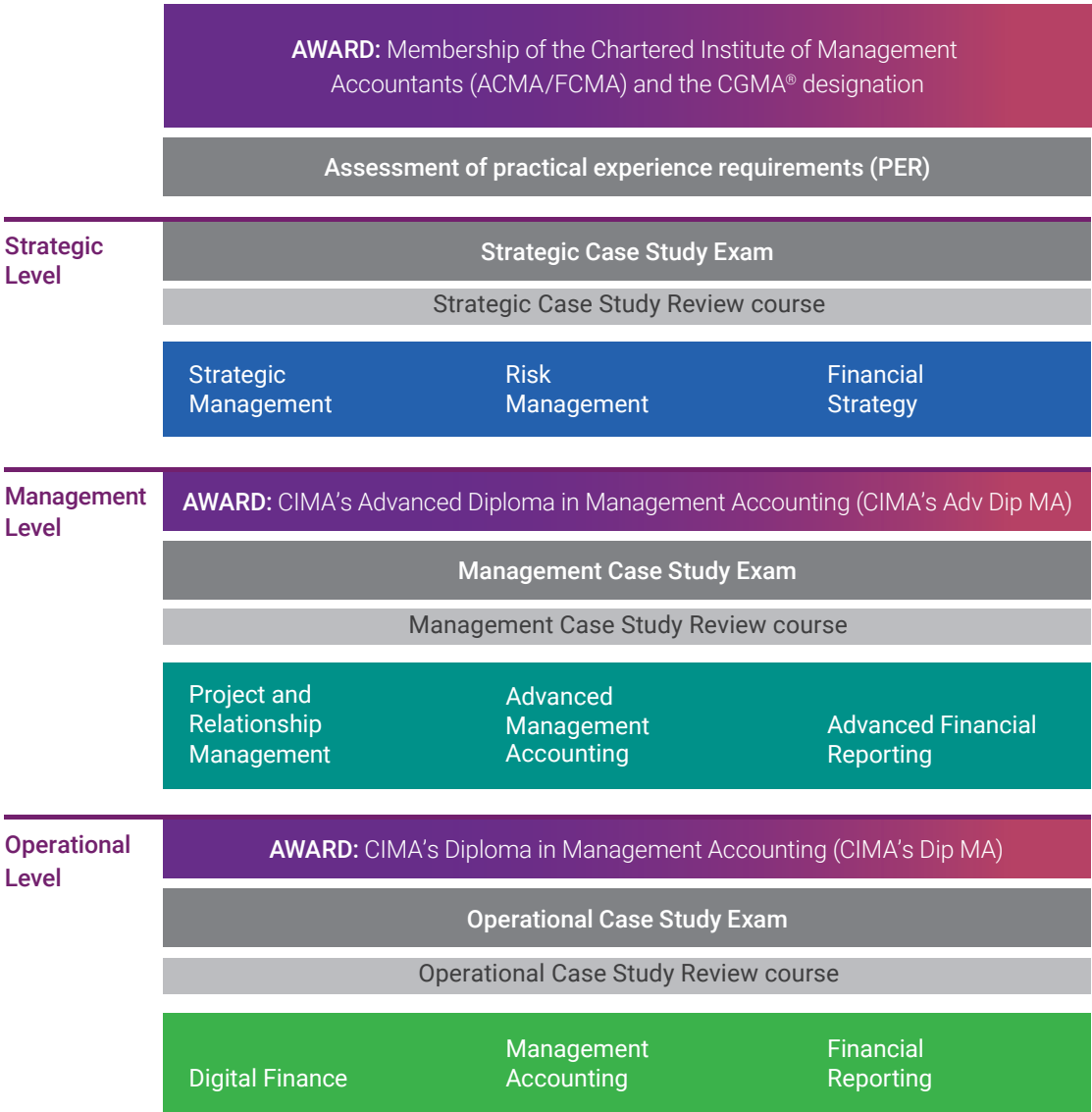
CGMA FLP has three subscription options:

Skills Core — Learn competencies for a career in finance. Earn Skills Certificates to showcase accomplishments. Skills Core does not include either exam credits or Case Study Exam review material.

Skills Plus — Gain competencies to accelerate your career and advance your journey towards the qualification by completing each level and preparing for and taking the Case Study Exams. Two exam credits per required Case Study Exam are included in this option.

Skills Premium — Develop critical competencies, pass the levels, take the Case Study Exams and advance towards the qualification with additional live, online, interactive classes and support from expert tutors. Two exam credits per required Case Study Exam are included in this option. All your learning, assessments and Case Study Exam preparation takes place within the comprehensive CGMA FLP platform:

- Learn through interactive exercises and assignments where and when you like.
- Tutor videos and video analysis of material help you prepare for Case Study Exams
- Two graded mock exams with personalised feedback
- A personalised dashboard tracks your progress
- There are no Objective Tests; instead, Case Study Exams and topics are assessed.
- Earn digital skills certificates upon completion of each subject area.
- Same syllabus as the CGMA Professional Qualification
- All-inclusive subscription model on a 1-, 2- or 3-year option that includes registration, learning and assessment materials, tuition and exam fees



STUDY WITH OUR TUITION PROVIDERS.

This route is suitable if you work better being taught by a tutor or studying with other CGMA candidates in a classroom environment.

The study can be online, in-person or hybrid. It all depends on the tuition provider you choose and what study method you want. When studying the CGMA Professional Qualification, you can complete your nine Objective Tests online or at a testing centre and have the opportunity to sit Case Study Exams four times a year.

The following tuition providers have been recognised for their Case Study pass rates at the CIMA Awards for Excellence and are holders of a Global Pass Rate Excellence Award.



We also have international tuition providers, so you never need to look further than your region. [Find your tuition provider.](#)

STUDY ON YOUR OWN.

This customisable way to complete the CGMA Professional Qualification prioritises your independence. You choose your preferred way to learn, your ideal study methods and when you're ready to take assessments:

- Study on your own using CIMA-approved textbooks.
- Work online, in a classroom or take a blended approach.
- Complete your nine Objective Tests online or at a testing centre.
- Four windows a year enable you to sit Case Study Exams at your convenience.



RESOURCES TO CONSIDER

Your style of studying is unique to you. That's why you can choose when, where and how to study. Regardless of your chosen pathway, the following resources are available to you.

Tuition provider support

You can study with one of the many global tuition providers that teach the Certificate in Business Accounting or CGMA Professional Qualification. This is a good option if you like studying with others and appreciate having a tutor for any questions.

Online and distance learning with CIMASTudy.com

CIMASTudy.com is the only online learning resource reviewed and approved by CIMA, delivered in partnership with Kaplan. It's ideal if you live somewhere with little or no tuition provision or prefer to self-study at your pace.

Study with official AICPA & CIMA textbooks and materials.

Looking for a cost-effective way to study with AICPA & CIMA? Our study texts, exam practice kits and revision cards provide everything you need to learn on your own.

Your study support options

Get exam resources, one-on-one support, well-being resources, study guides and more from [study resources](#) and the [CGMA Study Hub](#).

The Study Hub has over 50 hours of CGMA focussed study support resources with animations and videos detailing all the essential skills and techniques required to pass exams and assessments.

EXEMPTIONS

We value your prior education and experience.

Your relevant prior education or studies and qualifications may exempt you from some of our assessments and exams — and we are the only international accountancy body that doesn't charge for exemptions.

This initiative is based on our belief that people from all walks of life should be able to study based on merit and without financial restrictions. Exemptions mean starting your studies at the right level and qualifying as a CGMA designation holder sooner.

Tell us what type of qualification you are currently studying or have previously completed in accounting, finance, business or commerce.

Learn more with our [essential guide to CIMA exemptions](#).

START YOUR CGMA JOURNEY.

- 1 Choose your route.**
Explore which pathway suits you best.
- 2 Check your eligibility for exemptions.**
Find out if you're eligible for exemptions and how to get recognition for prior learning.
- 3 Become a CGMA candidate to begin the journey to the CGMA designation.**
- 4 Start studying for the CGMA Professional Qualification.**
Whether you've chosen to study with us, with one of our tuition providers or on your own, you'll complete the CGMA Professional Qualification and earn the CGMA designation.





Find out more about the CGMA designation.

To learn more about becoming a CGMA candidate, call one of our candidate advisors at +44 (0)20 3510 6865 or visit our Global Career Hub mycareer.aicpa-cima.com.

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