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About PwC's Academy

PwC's Academy is the educational business of PwC. Our goal is to help improve the knowledge, skills, competence and expertise of our people in finance and business, to help organisations across the region grow and retain their talent. Our foundation is our team of expert professionals who convey their wealth of knowledge and the practical experience they have gained within leading organisations around the world.

PwC's Academy is committed to supporting the sustainable growth of local talent across the region. Our expanding Academy currently operates across the Middle East from six countries: UAE, Oman, Egypt, Lebanon, Qatar and Saudi Arabia. PwC's Academies in the Middle East are part of a growing network of Academies present in over 30 countries worldwide. We offer a variety of training courses covering financial competencies, management skills and professional qualifications. Our courses are based on the best practices of PwC Global and the individual experiences of our experts. We constantly adapt our courses to meet the needs of modern business, customising them to our client's requirements and assisting our clients in reaching their organisational training and strategic objectives.

PwC's Academy's global network of professionals sets us apart from other providers. We communicate constantly, exchange best practice, ideas and experience. We take this knowledge and evolve our courses to meet the ever-changing needs of modern businesses and their people in the region, this way we make sure that we are providing the very best training programmes for our clients, our students and their sponsors.

About the CFA

The CFA charter is an investment credential that, for more than 60 years, has been the global standard for embodying the integrity, dedication and advanced skills needed to build a stronger, more accountable financial industry. The CFA is one of the world's most highly respected and challenging credential in the finance and investment industry.

CFA charterholders are unique in that they have:

- Globally relevant knowledge
- Real-world expertise
- Ethical grounding
- The ability to earn industry respect
- A global community
- Membership of the CFA institute

The CFA designation is a mark of distinction that is globally recognised by employers as well as a host of other organisations including over 125 distinguished universities and colleges and regulatory bodies across the world.

Earning the CFA charter demonstrates a mastery of the analytic and decision making skills needed in today's fast paced and competitive work environment.

The CFA institute has over 135,000 members globally and is committed to promoting the highest level of ethics, knowledge and education of its members. Membership is mandatory for all CFA charterholders.



Getting qualified

To become a CFA charterholder, you must meet the eligibility requirements which include passing three exams, Levels I, II and III, and accumulating 48 months of approved work experience.

The CFA exams vary in their format and structure.

- Each exam is six hours long
- Level I can be taken in June and December
- Levels II and III can only be taken in June
- The CFA Institute Board of Governors sets the minimum passing score for each level every year.

For more information about the CFA credential, please visit www.cfainstitute.org

Level	Exam format
Level I	240 multiple choice questions
Level II	20 item sets of 6 multiple choice questions each
Level III	Essay style questions and 10 item sets

Minimum entry requirements

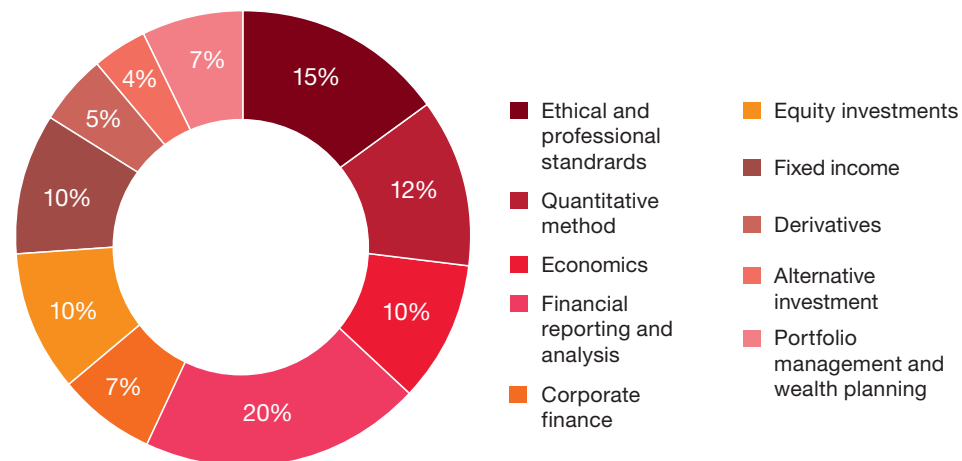
To become a CFA charterholder, you must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Hold a Bachelor's (or equivalent) degree
- Be in the final year of your Bachelor's degree programme,
- Have four years of qualified, professional work experience
- Have a combination of work and college experience that totals at least four years. (Note: summer, part-time, and internship positions do not qualify as work experience).

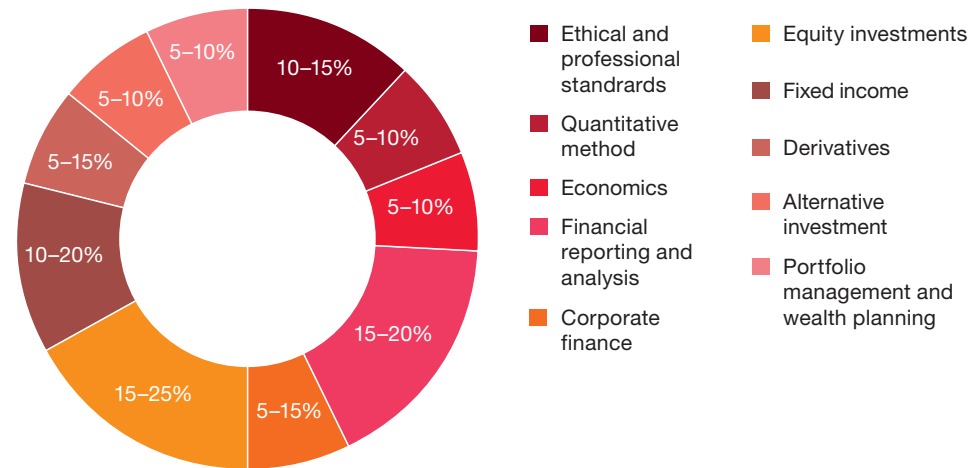
How long does it take?

How you study for your CFA exam is very flexible and you can progress at your own pace. Successful candidates take an average of four years to complete the programme. We recommend for each of the three exams, that you plan on at least six months of preparation to help you get the best results.

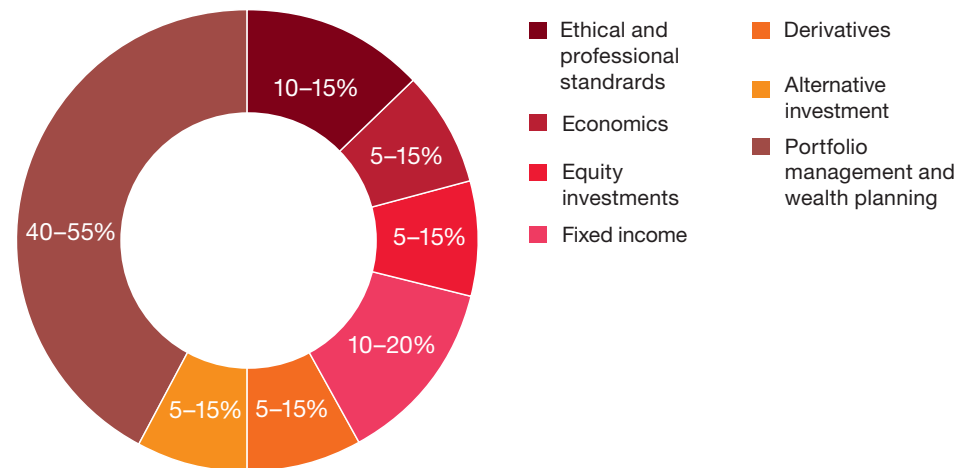
Level I*



Level II*



Level III*



*These exam weights are for 2017. Actual exam weights may vary slightly from year to year.

Our CFA training programme

Our CFA training programme prepares you for Levels I, II and III through a Comprehensive Preparation Series followed by an intensive Revision Boot Camp Programme.



Tuition

Our tuition programme comprises of a series of lectures and is made up of over 100 hours of classroom learning using a range of methodologies. The lectures include: Comprehensive study materials, access to over 2000 questions in the form of practice modules, mock exam, a question bank and access to over 60 hours of lecture video covering each of the core topics.



Revision

We conduct a five day intensive revision boot camp programme. This includes: Over 45 hours of classroom based revision classes, provision of self-study modules to use in addition to teaching material, access to over 750 exam questions to solve in class, feedback and one hard copy mock exam.



Distance learning programme

We offer comprehensive study materials access to over 60 hours lecture videos covering each of the core topics. We also provide access to over 2000 questions covering all 10 topics of the exam, 4 progress tests through the curriculum and 5 days intensive revision in Dubai.



One-on-one doubt clearing sessions



We provide one-on-one doubt clearing sessions. This is your opportunity to discuss topics you find challenging or any questions you might have.

Complementary workshops



We offer exclusive business skills workshops to CFA students for hands-on experience which enables them to apply the skills they learn in the classroom at work. These workshops include topics such as: Corporate ration analysis and modelling a capital budget and risk using Excel.

Support courses



We offer a series of unique, exciting and interactive support courses that will enhance your CFA preparation and assist you in your exams. These courses help you to learn skills, tips and techniques for better time management, overcoming exam nervousness, generating quality content, studying SMART and more.

“The CFA classes have given me an in-depth understanding of the focus areas relevant to the CFA exam. The friendly and approachable instructors made learning more conducive and interactive. Having a classroom-based learning experience did not only enhance interaction but also made the classes more interesting.”

Cydney Nash

CFA Level 1 student at PwC's Academy

Why choose PwC's Academy

Ensuring you pass!

At PwC's Academy our focus is to make sure you have all the knowledge and exam techniques you need to achieve your CFA Charter. Our core objective is to help you pass all three exam levels and our ability to do this is demonstrated by our exceptional pass rates.

Our programmes are designed to help you understand every learning outcome statement included in the CFA curriculum so that you get the maximum marks. We provide you with the very best course materials written especially for PwC students in addition to study texts, question banks and online resources. Our course materials are designed to help the learning process: graphic-rich slides and exam-style question banks complement our lecturers' lively presentations. A progress test every few weeks ensures that you stay up to speed, in addition to a full mock exam after the revision course.

Our lecturers

At PwC's Academy, our foundation is our fantastic team of lecturers, all of whom are not only CFA charterholders but have extensive experience teaching CFA. All our lecturers are experts in the subjects they teach and understand the exam requirements so that they are able to help you get the best results. Our lecturers are always close by so you don't have to wait until class to ask questions and get your problems solved.

Going the extra mile

We want your time studying with us to be a positive and happy experience and so we provide a range of services that help you to get the most out of your time with us.

- Mentoring and guidance from the CFA course manager
- Programme advisors to help with registrations and to guide you throughout your studies
- Student counselling and career guidance
- Full time lecturers available to help and support you
- Internship and graduate recruitment opportunities at PwC
- Student events and activities organised by PwC's Academy
- Student visas for international students
- Sessions on exam tips and strategies



“Fresh out of University, one of my biggest challenge was to prepare for the CFA Level 1 exam that I had registered for, without knowing much how to go about it. I was fortunate to be part of the PwC's Academy who made it about the journey rather than about the destination.”

Hitesh Lilaramani
CFA student – awaiting charter

Our trainers

Taimur Ali, CFA

Taimur is the Director of Professional Qualifications, UAE. He brings with him, extensive experience in finance and accounting training in the Middle East region, spanning over a decade. Taimur has led human capital enabling projects for the Academy in the region and has worked closely with government entities to identify and fill skill gaps in the workforce. He has designed and delivered customised financial training programmes for leading clients in the region.

Nausher Ahmed, CFA

Nausher is a professional qualifications trainer at PwC's Academy and has been involved in the delivery of accounting, finance, governance, ethics and financial management courses for the ACCA, ASC and CMA qualifications. He has delivered presentations to large audiences and has been active in providing counselling to high school graduates at the Qatar Academy. Nausher is passionate about sharing his knowledge with others and helping them learn from his experiences.

Ashutosh Pradhan, CFA

Ashutosh Pradhan is wealth management and finance trainer at PwC's Academy with a career spanning more than two decades. He has served reputed MNC's in Consumer goods, Telecom sectors and Financial services in Business Development roles in India and Middle East. He has been a wealth management professional since 2003, and has served in varied roles as Specialist Trainer, Investment Advisor and wealth management product specialist.

Arun Babbar, CFA

Arun is an accounting and finance trainer at PwC's Academy. He is involved in the delivery of professional qualifications and corporate programmes. He has over a decade of experience in investments, banking and training which allows him to adopt a consultative approach while designing and delivering training solutions. His passion for research based financial strategies reflect in multiple books on 'investment management' that he has authored and co-authored.

Asaad Ali Khan, CFA

Asaad is a finance and valuations trainer at PwC's Academy with over 8 years of experience in teaching professional qualifications and corporate programmes. His teaching methods draw from real life experience and provide students an opportunity to test their theoretical learning. His lecturing style focuses on developing exam technique and preparing students on the key requirements of examinations for professional qualifications such as CFA and ACCA.

Shahzaib Masud, CFA

Shahzaib is the regional CFO responsible for operations in MENA, the Sub-Continent and China for a multi-national manufacturing company. He is a Chartered Accountant from ICAP (Pakistan) where he worked with PwC in their FS advisory practice. He has more than 15 years of experience working with blue companies across a range of sectors with a proven record of delivering on strategic targets by leading functional and cross functional teams. Shahzaib has been delivering courses for CFA, CA and ACCA qualifications for the last 7 years.



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