


Finance & Accounting Pathway

CIMA - Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

 Text-based distance learning

Qualification

ACMA

Awarding Body

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

Course Description

CIMA will give you the key strategic, management accounting, management and project management skills to succeed in many areas of business. This is a modern syllabus for a complex business world.

The qualification consists of:

- The CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting
- The CIMA Professional Qualification

The CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting is an entry requirement to the CIMA Professional Qualification – and is a recognised qualification in its own right. It will give you a solid grounding in the basics of management accounting and business skills.

The CIMA Professional Qualification is highly regarded and recognised by business around the world. The syllabus is made up of three elements:

- The Managerial level
- The Strategic level
- The Test of Professional Competence in Management Accounting (TOPCIMA)

Mode

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Course Content (Modules)

Comprises five subjects at certificate level, six subjects at managerial level and three subjects at strategic level:

The Certificate in Business Accounting

There are five subjects:

- C1 Management Accounting Fundamentals
- C2 Financial Accounting Fundamentals
- C3 Business Mathematics
- C4 Economics for Business
- C5 Business Law

The Professional Qualification – Managerial Level

There are six subjects:

- P1 Management Accounting Performance Evaluation
- P2 Management Accounting Decision Management
- P4 Organisational Management and Information Systems
- P5 Integrated Management
- P7 Financial Accounting and Tax Principles
- P8 Financial Analysis

When you complete these subjects you will receive the 'CIMA Advanced Diploma in Management Accounting'. You must complete all of the Managerial level, either through exemptions or exams, before you can move onto the Strategic level.

The Professional Qualification – Strategic Level

There are three subjects:

- P3 Management Accounting Risk and Control Strategy
- P6 Management Accounting Business Strategy
- P9 Management Accounting Financial Strategy

The Managerial level syllabus content may also be relevant for the Strategic level exams. For example, content in the Paper P1 Management Accounting Performance Evaluation syllabus may also be relevant in the Paper P6 Management Accounting Business Strategy exam. You must pass all three Strategic level subjects before you can sit the TOPCIMA. The Test of Professional Competence in Management Accounting (TOPCIMA) TOPCIMA is the final exam you will sit. You must sit this exam after you have completed all other exams in line with guidelines produced by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC). It is based upon a case study and set within a simulated business context. By passing this exam you will prove that you have the ability to transfer your strategic and practical knowledge to a "real life" business situation. The TOPCIMA has no specific syllabus content. Material from any of the Managerial and Strategic level subjects could be relevant.

Assessment

The CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting You will be examined by computer-based assessment (CBA). You can take these assessments at a time that suits you in one of CIMA's accredited CBA centres. Subjects C1, C2 and C3 are 90 minutes long and C4 and C5 are 60 minutes.

The Professional Qualification: Managerial, Strategic Level and TOPCIMA Exams
The Managerial level – six exams
The Strategic level – three exams
The Test of Professional Competence in Management Accounting (TOPCIMA) – one exam based on a case study.



All of the exams are three hours long. CIMA holds two paper based exam sittings per year, in May and again in November. Exam entry takes place online:

February to mid-March for May exams
August to mid-September for November exams
Visit CIMA's website www.cimaglobal.com to find your nearest computer based assessment centre and paper based exam centre.

Please note that you must register to become a CIMA student before you can take any computer-based assessments or paper based exams.

Duration of Programme

From start to finish the course gives maximum flexibility allowing the student to work through the course and progress through to completion at their own pace. However, CIMA can be a long-term commitment as the course is a minimum 3 years if starting at the Foundation level.

Entry Requirements

The CIMA qualifications are open to everyone. Your entry level will depend upon your previous experience. The syllabus builds step by step and you will develop your knowledge and skills as you progress through the qualifications. The CIMA qualifications are similar in standard to undergraduate and postgraduate studies. You will need a good standard of maths and be competent in the English language before you start.

Please contact CIMA directly to confirm your entry level before you submit your application form to RDI:

Telephone: 020 8849 2251
Website www.cimaglobal.com

What's Included

All study materials are supplied. You will be allocated a tutor for academic support who you can contact as often as you like by telephone and email. You will also have access to a programme co-ordinator for administrative support.

Workload

We recommend an average of 8-10 hours study time per week for each level.

Exemptions

If you've already studied a relevant qualification - such as a degree or a professional qualification in accounting or business subjects - you may not need to sit all of the exams. In these cases you may be awarded exemptions from selected CIMA papers.

Please contact CIMA directly to confirm your standing regarding exemptions before you submit your application form to RDI:

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Enrolment Dates

Enrolment can take place at any time. Although it is highly recommended by CIMA that students should not be registering one month prior to exams.

How to Apply



Apply online

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Email us

Email applications@rdi.co.uk



Call us

Contact us today on **FREEphone**
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What You Could Study Next

Successful completion of the programme may allow you entry to:

University of Bradford MA Finance & Accounting
University of Bradford MBA
University of Sunderland MBA
University of Wales MBA