



CIMA FACTSHEET

CIMA QUALIFICATION SAQA NQF RECOGNITION

CIMA Part Qualification	# of exams	NQF Level
Certificate in Business Accounting	4	5
Diploma in Management Accounting	4	6
Advanced Diploma in Management Accounting	4	7
Professional Qualification	4	8

HOW TO GET STARTED

The first step is to register as a CIMA student, which costs GBP90. No pounds, no problem, we can assist you pay the fees in ZAR.

Exemptions Enquiry Grid

	PQ/ Traditional Route	FLP Route
Matric / O level	Certificate Level	Foundation Level
Bachelor's Degree NON-Accounting	Operational Level	Operational Level
Bachelor's Degree Accounting	Operational Level	Managerial Level
Honors Financial Management	Managerial Level Gateway Route	Managerial Level
MBA / SAIPA	Managerial Level	Managerial Level
SAICA	E3 strategic Level or ICS (CIMA discretion)	Strategic Level

If you would like to check which exemptions you would most likely qualify for before registering as a student, you can check [online here](#) or email a copy of your academic transcripts to info@graduatesa.co.za and we will advise you accordingly.

Note - Above is a general guide, exemptions vary and are awarded at CIMA discretion

FINANCE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME.

The CGMA, Finance Leadership Programme is a competency-based digital learning experience and a pathway to earn CGMA Professional Qualification the CGMA designation. The Finance Leadership Programme is delivered purely online, learning and assessment underpinned by the CGMA Competency Framework .

Who is eligible for FLP?

Anyone can study CIMA via FLP starting from Foundation Level. Holders of other relevant qualifications get exemptions and start at higher levels.

Lapsed students or current students on traditional route can join FLP. There is no re-registration fee, as all fees are covered in the bundled CGMA FLP purchase price.

Exemptions Grid- Where do I start!

Foundation Level

CIMA FLP bridging course.

- Matric Holders
- School Leavers

No previous accounting qualification required.

Operational Level

- Bachelor's degree in business-related field, not specialising in finance.

Managerial Level

- Bachelor's degree in accounting and finance.

Strategic Level

- A current SAICA member OR Member or passed finalist of an IFAC or other recognized body.

Our recommendation

FLP subscription Packages

- 1 Year - Ideal and recommended for students starting at strategic Level.
- 2 Years - Ideal and recommended for students starting at Managerial Level
- 3 Years subscription - Ideal for students starting at Operational Level and Foundation Level.

How long does it take to complete CIMA via FLP

FLP Learning Structure.

	Competencies	Skills set	Topics
Foundation Level	3	6	23
Operational	10	22	67
Managerial	11	46	124
Strategic	12	38	116

Note:

- Knowledge tests - Not graded.
- End of topic assessments - Graded

FLP Completion Times (Guide)

Study area.	Duration	Key notes
Strategic Case Study	4 - 6 months	All level learning needs to be completed before sitting the case study.
Strategic Learning & Assessments		
Management Case Study	6 - 9 months	Students have access to all learning both above and below entry route.
Management Learning & Assessment		
Operational Case Study	6 - 9 months	Scope of work on each level is not equal. Each case study needs to be passed before the student can attempt the next one.
Operational Learning & Assessment		
Foundation Level	2 - 3 months	Students are entitled to 2 exam credits per case study at each level during the subscription period.

PQ / TRADITIONAL ROUTE - CIMA STRUCTURE

Certificate in Business Accounting

Duration of study 8 - 12 months

- BA1 - Fundamentals of Business Economics
- BA2 - Fundamentals of Management Accounting
- BA3 - Fundamentals of Financial Accounting
- BA4 - Fundamentals of Business Law, Corporate Governance and Ethics

Diploma in Management Accounting

Duration of study 8 - 12 months

- P1 - Management Accounting
- E1 - Managing Finance in Digital World
- F1 - Financial Reporting and Taxation
- ICS - Operational Level Case Study

Advanced Diploma in Management Accounting

Duration of study 8 - 12 months

- P2 - Advanced Management Accounting
- E2 - Managing Performance
- F2 - Advanced Financial Reporting
- ICS - Managerial Level Case Study

Strategic Level leading to CGMA Designation

Duration of study 8 - 12 months

- P3 - Risk Management
- E3 - Strategic Management
- F3 - Financial Strategy
- ICS - Strategic Level Case Study

CIMA Exams

Objective Tests	Integrated Case Study- ICS
<p>Each paper will be assessed by an Objective Test. This is a computer-based exam which will be available on-demand. Students will be able to attempt these in any order and write whenever they are ready. Once you have attempted an OT the results will be available immediately.</p> <p>More information about the OT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On PC • 90 minutes long • Marked by computer • Short questions, including multiple-choice, multiple response, data entry, fill-in- gaps, etc. • On demand - can be sat at any time with immediate results • Students must complete 3 OTs at each level before they can attempt the ICS • Pass score is 100 	<p>The Integrated Case Study combines the knowledge from each of the subjects within each respective level. Students can only attempt the ICS once they have successfully completed each OT from within the level. After completing the three OTs and ICS for a level, students can progress to the next level.</p> <p>More information about the ICS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On PC • Three hours long • Marked by an examiner • Long questions - similar to the previous written exams • Integrated case study covers all subjects within the level • Exams available quarterly (Feb, May, Aug and Nov) • Pass mark is 80

CGMA Designation

Upon successful completion of all the exams, student must have a minimum of 3 years of relevant, work-based, practical management accounting experience. The **CGMA** Designation. Chartered Global Management Accountant™ (**CGMA**®) is the global designation for management accountants. It's powered by the resources and expertise of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and CIMA, two of the world's leading accounting organizations.

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