

PwC Academy Middle East Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) training programme



About CFA

The CFA is one of the world's most highly respected and challenging credential in the finance and investment industry.

CFA charter holders are unique in that they have:



Globally relevant knowledge



Real-world expertise



Ethical grounding



Membership of the CFA Institute

Roadmap to becoming a CFA Charter:

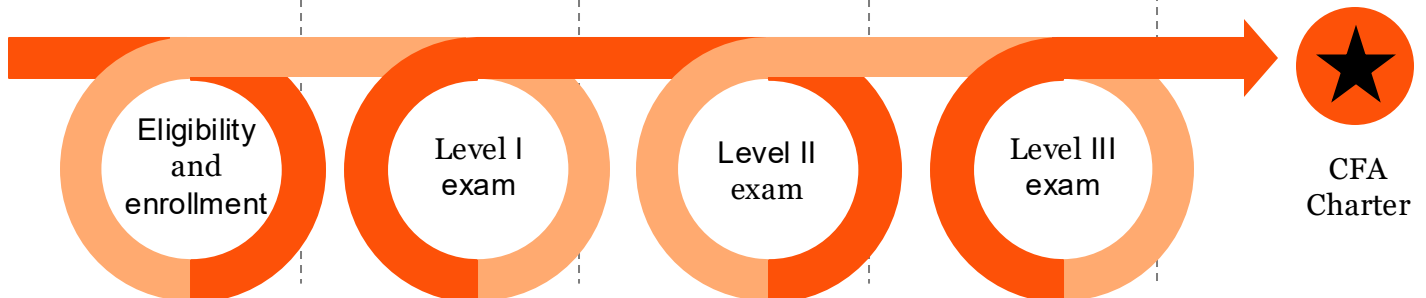
- Bachelor's degree
- Final year of degree program or equivalent
- 3 years of professional work experience

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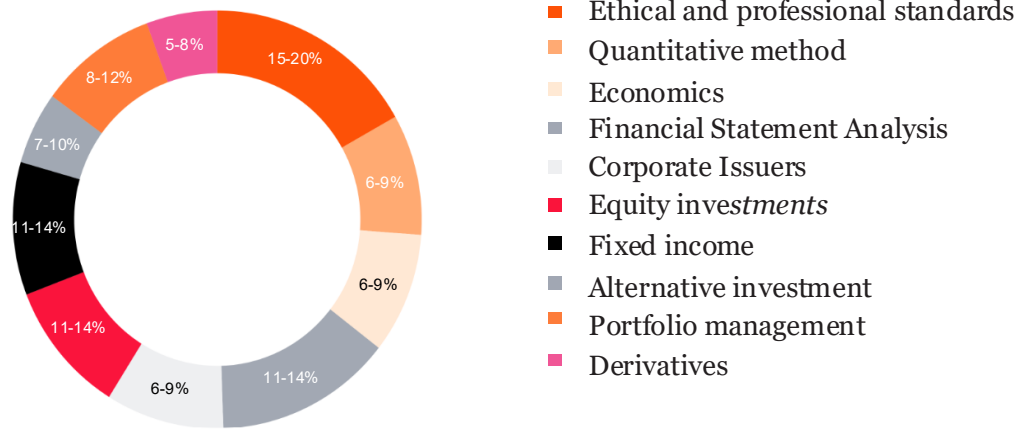
- Become a CFA member
- Acquire 36 months of relevant work experience to earn the CFA Charter



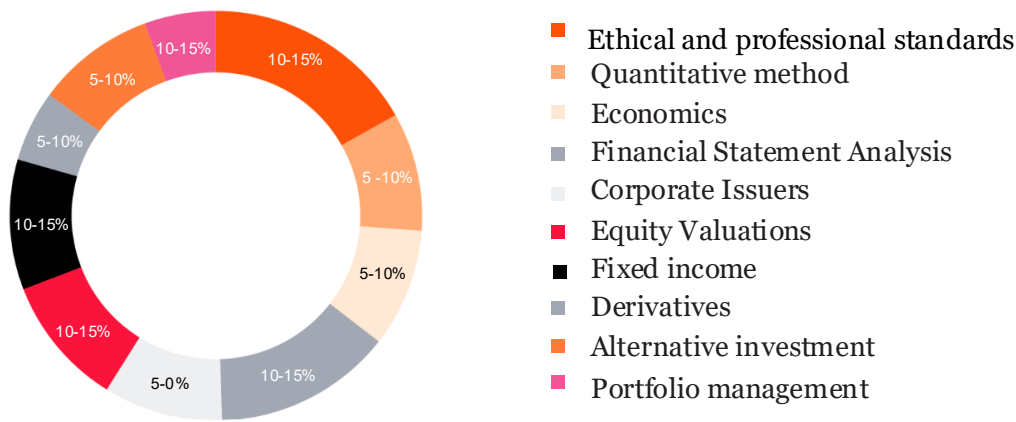
For more information about the CFA credential, please visit www.cfainstitute.org

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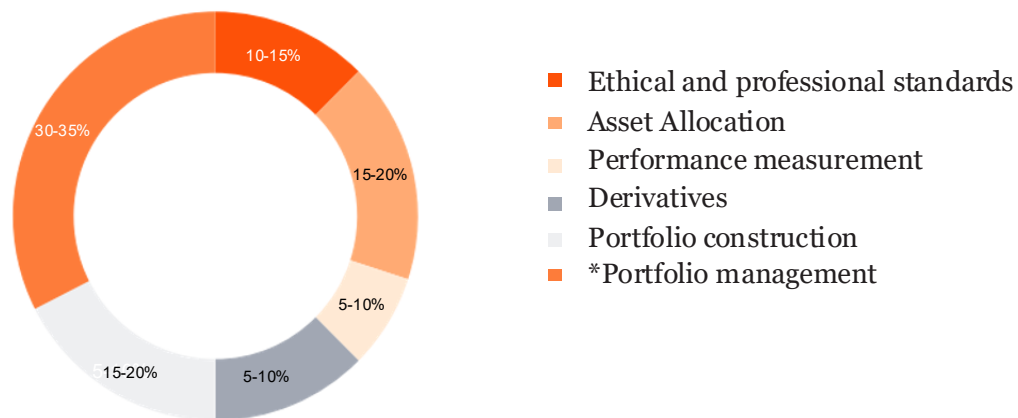
Level I - 180 multiple choice questions



Level II - 22 Item sets of 4 multiple choice questions each



Level III - 11 Essay style questions and 11 item sets



*Actual exam weights may vary slightly from year to year.

CFA level III 2025: What's new?

Candidates can choose from three pathways: Private Wealth, Private Markets, and Traditional Portfolio Management.

The core curriculum (65-70%) is shared across all pathways, with 30-35% specialised content. Allows candidates to align studies with career goals.

Traditional Portfolio Management Pathway

- Focuses on asset allocation, risk, and investment decisions.
- Covers equities, fixed income, derivatives, and alternatives. Includes performance measurement and investment policies.

Private Wealth Pathway

- Covers wealth management, business models, fees, and regulations.
- Focuses on advising ultra-high-net-worth clients and family dynamics.
- Includes tax planning, liquidity, and wealth transfer.

Private Markets Pathway

- Compares private vs. public markets, investments, and performance.
- Covers private equity, private debt, real estate, and infrastructure.
- Focuses on valuation, economic factors, and asset allocation.



Why CFA?

Widely considered the apex for professional development in investment management, the CFA designation is valued by both individuals and employers for roles and functions in every sector of the global finance industry, including portfolio management, analysis, private wealth, and consulting.

For individuals



Value to employers

CFA charterholders are highly preferred by top finance firms around the world. For some employers, this qualification is also a requirement.



Higher compensation levels

The average base salaries of CFA Institute members and charterholders in 2019 increased at a greater rate (year over year) than the rate of increase for the general market, according to the findings of the CFA Institute Compensation Study.



Wide range of career options

CFA charter also equips professionals with the versatility to take their career paths in different directions. The full range of job functions includes relationship management and wealth management, data science, credit analysis, chief investment officer, trading, accounting and auditing, investment banking, financial planning, asset ownership, and brokerage.



For Organisations



Increases credibility of the organisation

CFA Charterholders enhances the credibility of firms as the clients are not only reassured by the top-level expertise of the Charterholder, but also satisfied by an ethical behaviour that puts the clients' interests first, a key condition to building a long-lasting franchise.



Strengthens industry know-how

CFA Charterholders give organisations access to the latest market insight and expertise that lead to better design and execution of public policy. They have an in-depth understanding of your client needs, and the capacity to tailor and implement specific solutions.



Committed workforce

It takes an average of 1,000+ hours of rigorous study, along with four years of professional experience and successful completion of the CFA Program exam, to earn the distinction of the CFA Charterholder. Employing a CFA Chartered assures a committed candidate for organisations.

About us

PwC Academy is the talent and skills development business of PwC. We operate across the Middle East and are part of a growing network of PwC Academies present in over 40 countries worldwide.

At PwC Academy, we are committed to bridging this skills gap and to developing a sustainable workforce for the future, today!



2,000+

CFA students trained



16,000+

CFA training hours delivered



50+

years of combined training experience

Our CFA experts



Taimur Ali, CFA

Taimur is a PwC Partner and Head of Professional Qualifications at PwC Academy. He has trained over 3,000 delegates during the course of his career and has consistently surpassed global pass rates.



Hassan Abdullah, CFA

Hassan is a finance trainer at PwC Academy and has an experience of over 5 years. He is an expert in Asset Management, Investment Management, Research, Audit & Assurance.



Fareeha Hussain, CFA

Fareeha is senior trainer at PwC Academy. Her ability to influence and build trust with students and her approach to simplify difficult concepts has resulted in consistently high pass rates.

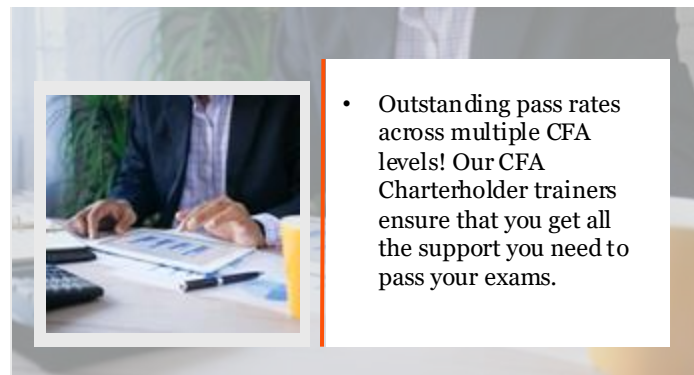
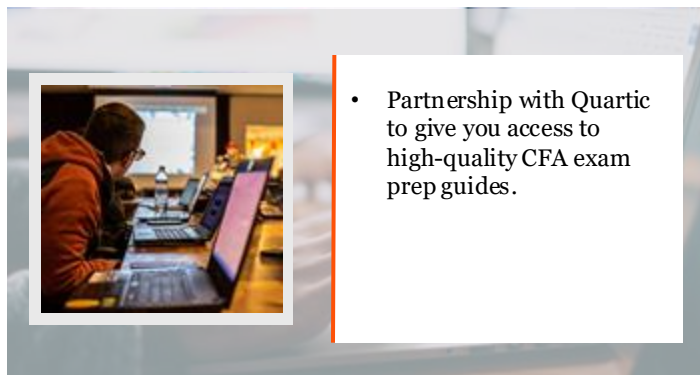
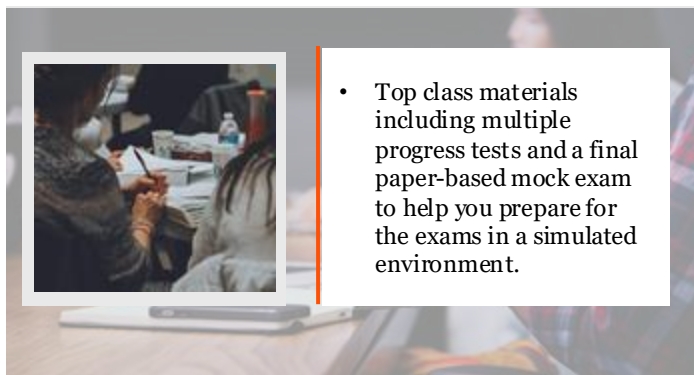


Ashutosh

Yegnanarayanan, CFA

Ashutosh is a Manager at PwC Academy with significant experience within investment and corporate finance management.

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Signing up for classes with PwC Academy is the best decision anyone can take to increase your chance of passing the CFA Level exam.

I am extremely grateful to my trainers and the Academy for helping me pass the exam and achieve my goal of earning the coveted CFA charter!

Kamillia AlMarashi



PwC Academy played an integral part in my CFA exam success by providing me with the ideal environment to learn at my preferred pace and comfort. The tutors always went out of their way to support me in any queries I had and simplified overly complex topics.

Mili Raju



The trainers at PwC Academy helped me to understand the concepts and constantly supported throughout this journey by clearing doubts and giving real life examples to understand the curriculum better.

Majeed Hussain



PwC Academy helped me achieve my goal to pass CFA Level III. The tutors were very helpful in explaining the knowledge. The class rooms and library facilities are amazing which provides a perfect environment to focus on studying.

Rizwan Ahmed



Our Offering



Tuition

Our tuition programme comprises of a series of lectures and is made up of over 140+ 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.



Complimentary 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.



Revision

We conduct a 7 day intensive revision boot camp programme. This includes: Over 55 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.



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.



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.



Course Schedule

CFA Level I February 2026 - DIFC			
Tuition	Date	Topic	Time
Session 1	Tuesday, September 9, 2025	Introduction & Orientation	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Session 2	Saturday, September 13, 2025	Equity Investments	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 3	Tuesday, September 16, 2025	Equity Investments	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 4	Saturday, September 20, 2025	Equity Investments	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 5	Tuesday, September 23, 2025	Quantitative Methods	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 6	Saturday, September 27, 2025	Quantitative Methods	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 7	Tuesday, September 30, 2025	Quantitative Methods	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 8	Saturday, October 4, 2025	Quantitative Methods	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 9	Tuesday, October 7, 2025	Quantitative Methods	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 10	Saturday, October 11, 2025	Corporate Issuers	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 11	Tuesday, October 14, 2025	Corporate Issuers	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 12	Saturday, October 18, 2025	Corporate Issuers	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 13	Tuesday, October 21, 2025	Portfolio Management	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 14	Saturday, October 25, 2025	Portfolio Management	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 15	Tuesday, October 28, 2025	Portfolio Management	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 16	Saturday, November 1, 2025	Financial Statement Analysis	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 17	Tuesday, November 4, 2025	Financial Statement Analysis	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 18	Saturday, November 8, 2025	Financial Statement Analysis	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 19	Tuesday, November 11, 2025	Financial Statement Analysis	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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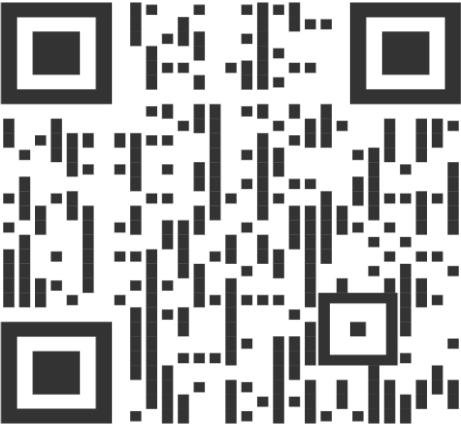
CFA Level I February 2026 - DIFC			
Tuition	Date	Topic	Time
Session 20	Saturday, November 15, 2025	Financial Statement Analysis	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 21	Tuesday, November 18, 2025	Fixed Income (Online Only)	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 22	Saturday, November 22, 2025	Fixed Income	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 23	Tuesday, November 25, 2025	Fixed Income	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 24	Thursday, November 27, 2025	Fixed Income	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 25	Saturday, December 6, 2025	Fixed Income	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 26	Thursday, December 9, 2025	Economics (Online Only)	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 27	Saturday, December 13, 2025	Economics	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 28	Tuesday, December 16, 2025	Economics	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 29	Saturday, December 20, 2025	Economics	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 30	Tuesday, December 23, 2025	Derivatives	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 31	Saturday, January 6, 2026	Derivatives	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 32	Tuesday, January 8, 2026	Alternative Investments	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Session 33	Saturday, January 10, 2026	Ethics	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 34	Sunday, January 11, 2026	Revision Day 1	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 35	Saturday, January 17, 2026	Revision Day 2	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 36	Sunday, January 18, 2026	Revision Day 3	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 37	Saturday, January 24, 2026	Revision Day 4	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 38	Sunday, January 25, 2026	Revision Day 5	9:00 am - 4:00 pm

*Please note this schedule is subject to change

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