

# Getting started

## With CIMA



# Contents

What is CIMA?.....	3
Why study CIMA?.....	3
Where can CIMA take you?.....	4
Can I study CIMA?.....	5
What will it cost me?.....	6
Subscribe to learn.....	7
CIMA syllabus explained.....	8
How do I progress?.....	9
Your CIMA checklist.....	10
Contact us.....	10



# What is CIMA?

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) is perfect if you're looking to develop your accountancy skills to lead finance departments, or provide management accounting consultancy.

CIMA accounting qualifications are recognised around the world, and offer a wide range of job prospects in a multitude of industries. Once qualified, the average salary is around £65,000 a year.\*

You'll learn a broad range of real-world accounting and finance skills, such as:

- Financial strategy
- Risk and control
- Business modelling
- Leadership and people management

The knowledge you take from these topics will help you progress into a management role and open up new career paths.



## Why study CIMA?

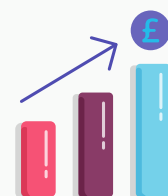
CIMA is a globally respected qualification, with over 100 years' experience as a leading professional accounting body. By earning a CIMA qualification, you can open doors in industries around the world.



**70%** of part qualified students say the CIMA qualification **strengthens their position** in salary negotiations\*



**91%** of CIMA students and members agree that the CIMA qualification **creates career opportunities**\*



**One-fifth** of qualified CIMA members are in **very senior roles**, earning in the region of **£100,000 to £150,000** and upwards per annum\*\*

\*Source: [salary.aicpaglobal.com](http://salary.aicpaglobal.com)

\*\*CIMA Salary Survey 2013.

# Where can CIMA take you?

The CIMA qualification can lead to a wealth of opportunities in many industries, from fashion to football. And because of its global reputation, it's your passport to work around the world.

If you want to lead finance departments or be a management accounting consultant, this is the perfect place to start.

## Changing career? You're not alone!

Accountancy is one of the most popular choices for people who want a new career path, with new accountants coming from all walks of life.

### Research shows:



Studying members earn, on average, **£32,000** in the UK\*



This rises up to **£63,000** per annum once qualified, and more as you progress\*



**96%** of FTSE 100 firms employ CIMA accountants\*\*



## Can I study CIMA?

Whether you've just finished school, want to change career, or already hold a financial qualification, there are lots of ways to start CIMA. The four main entry routes are highlighted below.

### **Certificate in Business Accounting**

This level is designed for those who want to take the first steps into accounting, but don't have any previous relevant qualifications.

#### ***Entry Requirements***

None, but a good level of English and Maths is recommended.

### **Professional Operational**

At this level, you'll learn about managing finance in a digital world, costs and analysis used in production, and financial reporting.

#### ***Entry Requirements***

You will need to have done the Certificate in Business Accounting Qualification, AAT Professional (Level 4) or have prior experience/qualifications to start at this level.

### **Professional Management**

CIMA Management gives you the skills to manage people's performance, and teaches you advanced management accounting, and advanced financial reporting.

#### ***Entry Requirements***

You will need to have completed Professional Operational to start this level.

### **Professional Strategic**

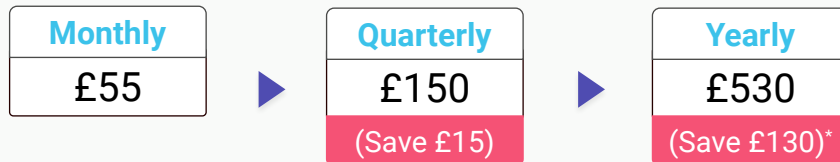
CIMA Strategic develops your leadership and strategic management abilities, and teaches you about risk management and financial strategy.

#### ***Entry Requirements***

You will need to have completed Professional Management to start this level.

## What will it cost me?

CIMA offers a cost effective route into a high-paying, stable profession – making it a great alternative to other qualifications.



\*Savings based on total monthly cost for the same time period



# Subscribe to online learning

At Eagle, we're here to give people the freedom to learn, live life and feel great. No more paying out lump sums or being tied into credit agreements for your learning. Where other providers commit you to a fixed-term, Eagle lets you spread your wings.

For nearly 20 years, we've built a strong reputation for supporting learners to succeed with their AAT qualification through flexible distance learning courses. We've now widened the nest and extended this support to ACCA and CIMA learners looking for a flexible and cost effective way to prepare for their exams.

Our new subscription allows you to study at your own pace, on your own terms. Choose to pay monthly, quarterly, or annually and progress as quickly or as slowly as you need to. With Eagle, you get access to full online courses and materials once you sign up, so you can start when you're ready. And if you need to brush up on your knowledge, no problem. Feel free to review previous subjects, modules, and levels anytime. We won't put barriers on your learning, so you can soar through your qualification.

## Feel free to have it all

All courses and all levels for the qualification you're studying for are included in your subscription. Always available and always up to date, you can brush up on any assumed knowledge whenever you need to.

Try Eagle FREE for 7 days and see how it works. We're sure you'll love what you see, but if it isn't right for you, you can cancel with no hidden fees.

## Why subscription?

Feel free to achieve your CIMA qualification with an Eagle subscription. We put you in control, giving you the flexibility to study as and when you want.

As a subscriber, you'll get access to the latest courses and materials in addition to exclusive Kaplan discounts. Simply start in your own time, at your own pace, and progress. But, you're not alone. You'll also be assigned a mentor and have access to academic support for any queries about your subscription or your course.

If you struggle to find the time to study, our subscription gives you the freedom to master your learning.

[Feel free to try it for 7 days -  
Subscribe today >](#)

### ✓ Flexible, distance learning on your terms

Subscribe to online learning and master your AAT, ACCA, or CIMA qualification in your own time. Choose how you pay and get access to courses and materials.

### ✓ No ties, no minimum terms, no catch

We won't clip your wings. Control your subscription to fit around your lifestyle. If you decide to take a break, it's easy to cancel with no hidden fees.

### ✓ Kaplan and Osborne Books partner

Get **50% off** hard copy books as an Eagle student and supplement your online materials.

### ✓ Academic support 7 days a week\*

Get academic support anytime from your tutor or mentor. With 4 hour response times during working hours, you can stay on track easily.

### ✓ Above national average pass rates

Our students consistently exceed national average pass rates. Take your exams with confidence knowing you're in good company.

### ✓ Accessible

No degree or apprenticeship needed, just the motivation to succeed! You can become qualified regardless of your background and get into your dream accounting job.

\*Within our opening hours of 9:00am to 5:30pm.

# CIMA Levels Explained

To become a fully qualified management accountant, you need to complete the three levels previously mentioned - Professional Operational, Professional Management, and Professional Strategic. You will also need to have completed at least three years of relevant practical experience (PER).

## Professional Operational

### Overview

This level contains three Objective Tests and one Case Study.

### What You Learn

Strong working knowledge of the world of finance. Topics include Digital Technology, Budgetary Control, and Taxation.

### Time to Complete

12 months

### Career Progression

After completing this level, you could go into roles such as a Financial Analyst or Management Accountant, and earn up to £33,000 a year. You could also continue your studies and move onto the CIMA Management level.

## Professional Management

### Overview

Within this level, there are three Objective Tests and one Case Study.

### What You Learn

At this level, you'll cover topics such as People and Project Management, Risk and Control, Integrated Reporting, and Financial Reporting Standards.

### Time to Complete

12 months

### Career Progression

After completing this level, you could go into roles such as a Fund Accountant or Financial Accountant, and earn up to £40,000 a year. You could also continue your studies and move onto the CIMA Strategic level to become a fully Chartered Management Accountant.

## Professional Strategic

### Overview

This final CIMA level is focused around risk management and financial strategy. It brings together everything you've learnt in the previous levels.

### What you Learn

The topics in this level include Strategic Control, Digital Strategy, Risk Management, and Cyber Security.

### Time to Complete

12 months

### Career Progression

After completing this level, and the relevant work experience, the world is your oyster. You could start out as a Financial Controller or Financial Manager, but you could become a Chief Financial Officer (CFO)



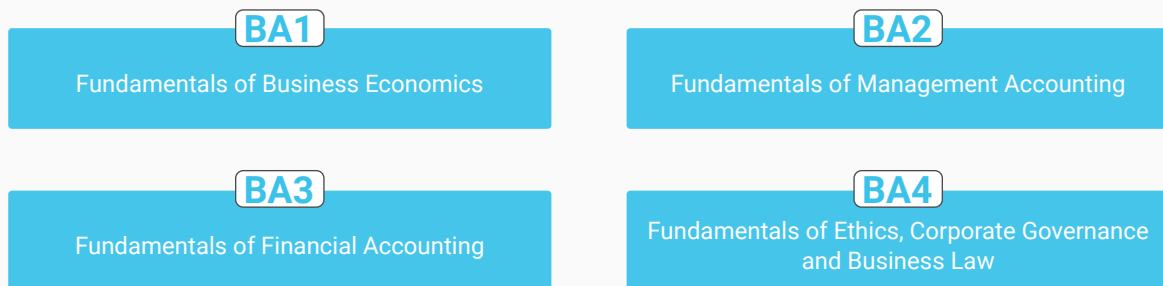


# How do I progress?

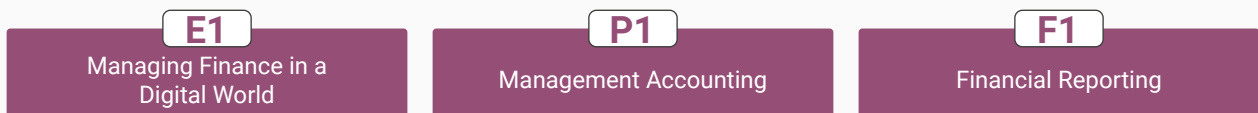
On average, it takes most students three years to pass all the exams that make up the CIMA professional qualification. CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting is a qualification of its own, and takes around 12 months to complete.

## CIMA Qualification Structure

### Certificate in Business Accounting Level



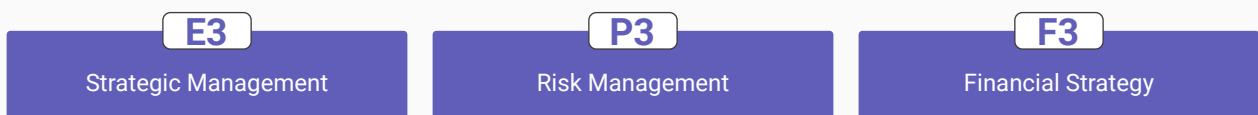
### Professional Operational Level



### Professional Management Level



### Professional Strategic Level



# Your CIMA checklist

We know that starting CIMA can be overwhelming, so we have put together a handy checklist below to guide you through the process from start to finish. Follow these steps and you'll be qualified in no time!

1

## Choose your course

Make sure CIMA is right for you, and find out which level you should start with.

2

## Choose your subscription

You can choose to pay for your course monthly, quarterly or yearly - whatever suits your budget.

3

## Register with CIMA

Separate to your training provider, you also need to [register as a CIMA student](#) with the **institute itself**. Otherwise you can't take your exams!

4

## Start Studying

You should now have everything in place to be able to start your training – now hit those books and schedule your first exam when you feel ready!

## Contact us

Feel free to try it for 7 days - [Subscribe today >](#)

If you subscribe to Eagle, you get the first 7 days to try it for free. We're sure you'll love what you see, but if it isn't right for you, you can cancel, pay nothing and walk away.

If you have any questions about starting your course with Eagle, please feel free to get in touch:

01978 722 511 or via our [contact form >](#)