

S.No.	Institute/Course	website	Overview of the Institute	Eligibility	Papers	Passing Requirement	Other Courses offered
4.	The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)	www.cimaglobal.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIMA offers the most relevant international accounting qualification for business. We are the world's leading and largest professional body of management accountants. The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants - is a leading membership body that offers an internationally recognized professional qualification in management accountancy, which focuses on accounting for business. As an organization we are committed to constant improvement, and our reputation as a professional and regulatory body has never been stronger. We are increasingly the first choice for students and employers. CIMA upholds high ethical and professional standards to maintain public confidence in management accountancy. Our members and students must adhere to CIMA's ethical guidelines, byelaws and regulations. All CIMA's governance activities - overseen by the Council and its committees - underpin the commitment to maintain the professional standards and competence of our members and students. CIMA is a member of the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies (CCAB) which is an external regulatory body. The Financial Reporting Council offers independent oversight of CIMA as a CCAB body. CIMA prepares people for a career in business. It teaches the skills needed to offer strategic advice, manage risk and make key decisions. <p>Why CIMA</p> <p>CIMA works with some of the world's leading employers and course providers to educate, qualify and support first-class financial managers.</p> <p>With its emphasis on strategic business skills, a CIMA qualification widens your career options, in and outside of finance.</p> <p>CIMA is the only accounting body that focuses primarily on business needs.</p> <p>As a Chartered Management Accountant, you'll be at the forefront of business planning, strategy and change across the sectors - industry, commerce, and the public sector and not-for-profit organisations.</p> <p>A CIMA qualification will give you fantastic career prospects and high earning potential. It could be your passport to global employment opportunities. Go to CIMA and me to see where the qualification could take your career.</p> <p>Why CIMA is different from other qualifications</p> <p>The University of Bath School of Management recently completed comparative research that explains the advantages of the CIMA qualification.</p> <p>Benchmarking CIMA against eight other accounting bodies, the report explains how the unique skills of CIMA professionals give our members a fundamental understanding of all aspects of business so that they can make key decisions and manage risk.</p> <p>Choice and flexibility as you study</p> <p>Choice and flexibility are key to the CIMA qualification. You can co-ordinate your training, career and lifestyle. You can study full-time, or part-time or through distance learning. You can even choose when and where you want to sit your exams.</p> <p>Our flexible approach will allow you to work in any organisation. Unlike other professional accounting qualifications, you will not be tied to a training contract. You can move organisations if you wish.</p> <p>Further information</p> <p>For more information, or help with enquiries, please contact our CIMA Contact Team at:</p> <p>CIMA 26 Chapter Street London SW 1P 4NP United Kingdom</p> <p>Tel: 020 8849 2251 Email: cima.contact@cimaglobal.com</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Our 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</p> <p>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 our exams. In these cases you may be awarded exemptions from selected CIMA papers.</p> <p>If you do not have any relevant qualifications you can still study for the CIMA qualifications. A significant percentage of CIMA students have not studied relevant qualifications. Many employers welcome students from a wide range of academic backgrounds and following a structured professional programme will ensure that you develop the skills required to succeed.</p> <p>At least three years' relevant practical experience is required to qualify as a Chartered Management Accountant.</p> <p>The qualification structure</p> <p>To qualify as a Chartered Management Accountant you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> complete the CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting or another exempting qualification complete the nine exams from the CIMA Professional Qualification gain three years relevant practical experience and send your 'Career Profile' to us for approval pass the Test of Professional Competence in Management Accounting (TOPCIMA) which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A Initial Professional Development – Work Based Practical Experience and Part B Case Study Examination, as defined within the syllabus. <p>Qualification process</p> <p>If you are new to accounting, you must complete the CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting before moving to the next stages of the qualification.</p> <p>The certificate will introduce you to management accounting and give the basics of accounting and business.</p> <p>If you have already studied a relevant qualification - like a degree or a professional qualification in accounting or business - we may grant you exemptions from some (or all) of the five papers at the Certificate level. This will allow you direct entry to the Professional Qualification.</p> <p>The CIMA Professional Qualification</p> <p>This specialises in accounting for business and is recognised by employers around the world. There are three learning streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> management accounting business management financial management <p>You will need to have completed the CIMA Certificate in Business Account for direct entry to the CIMA Professional qualification, unless you have been awarded exemptions from the five papers at Certificate level.</p> <p>You must complete all exams and at least three years' relevant practical experience to qualify as a Chartered Management Accountant.</p> <p>Some highly relevant degree programmes and other qualifications are eligible for exemptions from the Professional Qualification.</p> <p>Training</p> <p>The CIMA Professional Qualification is a practical qualification. We recommend that you combine studying for CIMA with relevant employment. This will ensure that you apply your new skills in the workplace. It should also help you to progress quickly through the qualification - 68% of CIMA students receive financial support from their employers.</p> <p>CIMA Training is an employer recognition scheme that encourages and recognises the quality of training employers give. When looking for an employer think about the support they offer. Employer support differs but often includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> financial sponsorship study leave mentoring structured training programmes. 	<p>Entry Level Courses</p> <p>Certificate in Business Accounting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C1 Management Accounting Fundamentals C2 Financial Accounting Fundamentals C3 Business Mathematics C4 Economics for Business C5 Business Law <p>Managerial Level Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management Accounting and Performance Evaluation Management Accounting Decision Management Integrated Management Organizational Management and Information System Financial Accounting and Tax Principles Financial Analysis <p>Strategic Level Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management Accounting – Business Strategy Management Accounting – Risk and Control Strategy Management Accounting – Financial Strategy <p>Case Study</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The TOPCIMA has no specific syllabus content. Material from any of the Managerial and Strategic level subjects could be relevant.</p>	50 % in all the papers	<p>MASTERCOURSES</p> <p>For 2009, we have developed 16 new courses including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Practical outsourcing A practical guide to help you decide whether outsourcing is the right solution to your business issue, identify the key things to get right and avoid the pitfalls. Time-driven activity based costing How to gain accurate and actionable information on your costs and profits Converting from US GAAP to IFRS Focusing on the specific areas where change will be needed when US groups move from US to IFRS accounting Working capital optimisation Tools and techniques to improve cash flow Fundamentals of project finance Focusing on the implementation of large, stand alone projects IT service charging A way of managing and accounting for IT costs The strategic accountant How the accountant can add strategic value to the business Planning to survive Using scenario planning to put the corporate plan in the context of reality Measuring the risk in forecasts To gain a more proactive response to changing market conditions Islamic finance Financial analysis and management from an Islamic perspective IFRS for private entities Non-listed companies can now use IFRS Introduction to the equity markets A practical introduction to the workings and terminologies of equity markets The art of activity based management Operating ABM as a business system to create an integrated understanding of costs Anti-money laundering Anti-money laundering regulations have changed significantly – this interactive course gives you the chance to discover what this means for you Understanding business ethics An introduction to what they are, why we have them and how they work Making business ethics work How to embed an ethics code and policy in your organisation