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Navigate the 2010 CFA® Exam

The CFA charter is the pinnacle of financial professionalism, and although the path to achieving this global designation is challenging, you do not have to go it alone. If you're like others registering for the CFA Exam, you may be wondering:

- What concepts will I learn?
- What is the time commitment?
- When and how do I register for the exam?
- How are the exams formatted?

This brief summary includes general information about the CFA Program and Schweser's prep plans that can help you pass the CFA Exam.

CFA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Industry professionals worldwide recognize the CFA charter as the “gold standard” above all financial designations because it symbolizes investment industry knowledge and ethical behavior.

CFA Institute is the administering body of the CFA Program and the three exams that are based on a curriculum that changes annually to meet the nature and complexity of the global investment profession.

Each level of the CFA Exam is offered once each year in June, and the Level 1 exam is also offered in December.

A minimum of 250 hours of preparation per CFA Exam level is recommended, although some candidates will need more or less time depending on their individual backgrounds and experience. There is no limit to the number of times you can take each exam.

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The CFA Candidate Body of Knowledge™

Level 1

Candidates concentrate on the tools and concepts related to investment valuation, and portfolio management, as well as an overview of how these processes fit within the guidelines of the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

Level 2

Candidates are expected to demonstrate a greater depth of understanding of the tools and techniques that were introduced in the Level 1 curriculum, in addition to applications in asset valuation within the context of the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

Level 3

Candidates are required to demonstrate a higher level of understanding of the materials tested at Levels 1 and 2, as well as display effective knowledge of the entire portfolio management process.

Important: New CFA candidates are encouraged to read all of the [testing policies](#) set forth by the CFA Institute.

2010 CFA Exam Formats

Level 1

There are 240 multiple-choice questions on the Level 1 CFA Exam. Questions are equally weighted but divided into two sessions, morning and afternoon (120 questions per session). Multiple-choice questions changed from having four to three answer choices in 2009. On average, you should allocate 1.5 minutes to each question.

Level 2

The Level 2 CFA Exam contains a total of 20 item sets or “mini cases.” Item sets are divided into two sessions, morning and afternoon (10 item sets per session). Each item set contains a vignette (with an average length of 1.5 pages) as well as six multiple-choice questions. The Level 2 exam is graded for 360 points, corresponding to the number of minutes on the exam.

Level 3

The Level 3 CFA Exam is also graded for 360 points, corresponding to the number of minutes on the exam. However, this exam contains 12 to 15 essay questions in the morning session and 10 item sets with six multiple-choice questions in the afternoon session.

Candidate Eligibility Requirements

To enter into the CFA Program, candidates must pay a one-time registration fee in addition to the required enrollment fees for each Level. Exam registration, the CFA curriculum, sample exam (partial), and a mock exam (full-length for Levels 1 and 2, partial for Level 3) are included in the candidate enrollment and registration fees.

To be eligible to enter the CFA Program, you must:

- Hold a U.S. bachelor's (or equivalent) degree, be in the final year of your bachelor's degree program, or have four years of qualified, professional work experience or a combination of work and college experience that totals at least four years
- Understand the professional conduct requirements (during the application process, you will be asked to sign statements of [Professional Conduct](#) and [Candidate Responsibility](#))
- Be prepared to take the exams in English

CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge™ and Topic Area Weights for the CFA Exam

| TOPIC AREA | LEVEL 1 | LEVEL 2 | LEVEL 3 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Ethical and Professional Standards (total) | 15 | 10 | 10 |
| Quantitative Methods | 12 | 5-10 | 0 |
| Economics | 10 | 5-10 | 0 |
| Financial Statement Analysis | 20 | 15-25 | 0 |
| Corporate Finance | 8 | 5-15 | 0 |
| Investment Tools (total) | 50 | 30-60 | 0 |
| Equity Investments | 10 | 20-30 | 5-15 |
| Fixed Income | 12 | 5-15 | 10-20 |
| Derivatives | 5 | 5-15 | 5-15 |
| Alternative Investments | 3 | 5-15 | 5-15 |
| Asset Classes (total) | 30 | 35-75 | 35-45 |
| Portfolio Management and Wealth Planning (total) | 5 | 5-15 | 45-55 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

2010 CFA® Exam Registration

Enroll and Register in the CFA® Program

1. Follow this [link](#) and register online for the June 2010 CFA Exam.
2. To obtain a printed version of the CFA Exam registration and enrollment forms in the mail, call CFA Institute's Information Central Department at: (800) 247-8132 or (434) 951-5499 or e-mail info@cfainstitute.org.

June 2010 CFA Exam Fees

| | Received on or before September 23, 2009 | Received on or before February 17, 2010 | Received on or before March 17, 2010 |
|---|--|---|--|
| a. Program Enrollment (first-time candidates only) | \$400 | \$400 | \$480 |
| b. Exam Registration* (all candidates) | \$620 | \$710 | \$955 |
| c. Total Fees | \$1,020 | \$1,110 | \$1,435 |

Enrollment and registration fees are nontransferable and nonrefundable.

*The registration fee also includes the assigned CFA curriculum, one partial sample exam, and a mock exam (full length 1 & 2, partial 3).

Important Dates for the June 2010 CFA Exam

- Final deadline for new CFA enrollments and exam registrations to be received: March 17, 2010
- Examination admission ticket available on the CFA Institute website: Late April 2010
- Examination day: June 5, 2010
- Exam results available online: Level 1 – Late July 2010, Levels 2 and 3 – Late August 2010

June 2010 CFA Test Centers: North America

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|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| UNITED STATES | Cleveland, OH | Jacksonville, FL | Nashville, TN | Richmond, VA | CANADA |
| Albuquerque, NM | Columbia, SC | Juneau, AK | New Orleans, LA | Rochester, NY | Calgary, AB |
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| | | | Providence, RI | | Victoria, BC |
| | | | | | Winnipeg, MB |

Click [here](#) to view a complete listing of CFA test centers for the June 2010 CFA Exam. For more CFA Program information, visit www.cfainstitute.org/cfaprog/index.html.

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– Ashley Krausse (CFA candidate)

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| SchweserNotes™ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 books containing all LOS Professor's Notes Self-tests End-of-reading and topic questions Full index and formula sheets Refresher of concepts from your previous level | • | • | • |
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| Practice Exams, Vol. 1 & 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 unique, full-length exams in each volume Answer explanations included in book Online performance tracker | • | • | • |
| Schweser's QuickSheet™ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key concepts from all major topics in the CFA curriculum Important formulas 6 foldable, laminated pages | • | • | • |
| InstructorLink™ | • | • | Partial Access |
| - Faculty Email Utility | • | • | N/A |
| - Schweser Library | • | • | Partial Access |
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|-----------------------|--|---|-------|------------------------------------|--|
| Weekly Classes | Boston, MA (January–May) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 Weeks of Instruction Complete Seminar Slide Workbook, Vol. 1 & 2 Schweser Library (full access) “3 for Free” access to the 16-Week Online Class archives | 48 | \$999- \$1,099* | \$849.15- \$934.15* |
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| | Toronto, ON (January–May) | | | | |
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| | Toronto, ON (January–May) | | | | |
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