



# Preparing for the CPA and CMA Exams can be tough. Becker makes it easier.

If one certification can help propel your accounting career, two may be twice as helpful. It definitely takes focus and commitment to earn your CPA and/or the globally recognized CMA, but preparation can help you be at your best when you sit for the exams. That's where Becker comes to the rescue.

## Becker Exam Review materials for CPA and CMA

Becker pairs expert instruction with helpful practice tools that reinforce the information you've learned. That's important because preparing for the exam can be stressful and time consuming. Becker can help make it easier for you to be at your best when it's time to sit for your exam, which is helping you prepare for your future.



**CPA Exam prep** materials include a 4-part review course with Adapt2U Technology, more than 1,400 flashcards and regularly updated content that follows the exam blueprint. If you upgrade to unlimited access exam prep, you get even more—including LiveOnline classroom scheduling, access to CPA Exam success coaches, limited one-on-one tutoring, additional questions, final review and a one-year CPE subscription.



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# Have you met the prerequisites to sit for the exam?

Continuing your education and developing your current skills to help put your career in high gear is commendable. However, before you are eligible to sit for either exam, there are some first steps you must take. Although state requirements may differ, a bachelor's degree is required for a CMA (a bachelor's or a minimum of 120 college credit hours for a CPA), and you must have professional accounting experience (two continuous years of full-time work or four years of part-time). In some cases, you can prepare for the exams while you are earning your degree, and CPA job experience requirements may also qualify for CMA certification. There are differences, however.



- **To sit for the CPA Exam:** Although most states allow nonresidents to take the CPA Exam, some require you to be a resident for at least six months. Most also require candidates to take an ethics exam that covers topics from the AICPA Code of Professional Conduct to obtain a CPA license within two years of passing the four-part CPA Exam.
- **To sit for the CMA Exam:** You must also hold active membership in the IMA® (Institute of Management Accountants) and abide by its Statement of Ethical Professional Practice. Additionally, you must pass Parts 1 and 2 of the CMA exam and then maintain annual CPE requirements of 30 hours per year, including two hours in ethics training.

## Different career paths for CPAs and CMAs



Earning CPA and/or CMA certification can help you meet your career goals. However, the paths may lead in different directions. A CPA is a master of accounting principles who may choose to work as an internal auditor, a government accountant, tax accountant or a budget and financial analyst. A CPA may handle current financial issues and work in more structured situations. A CMA, on the other hand, makes financial projections, takes on risk management and influences the decision-making process and business strategy of an organization. A CMA's career path could lead to executive positions (controller or CFO, for example).

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