

How does the CGMA® Finance Leadership Program compare to the self-directed learning and assessment route to the CIMA® Professional Qualification?

Choose between	Self-directed learning and assessment	Guided learning and assessment: Finance Leadership Program
Standards	Both pathways are founded on the CGMA Competency Framework. They use the same syllabus, teach the same nine subject areas, test the same material and require the same level of proficiency and experience.	
Study methods	Learning is self-directed by individuals who can choose from various study methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With a tuition provider (in classroom or online) • With official CIMA textbooks and materials • Online and distance learning 	Learning is fully guided through the FLP digital platform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entirely online • Self-paced digital environment • Provides all learning materials needed to complete the qualification, including exam prep courses
Assessment	Objective Tests – nine 90 minute computer-based exams, taken on-demand at a Pearson Vue testing centre or online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning and assessment happen simultaneously. • Multiple-choice questions and open-text Business Simulation Assignments are incorporated into online learning materials. • Skip learning you already know via pre-assessments
Case study exams	Three three-hour exams at each level of the qualification that you can take during four windows per year, either at a Pearson Vue testing centre or online.	

Progress tracking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning progress and performance tracking available 24/7 through Study Planner • Objective Test and Case Study Exam results available 24/7 through My CIMA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning progress and performance tracking available 24/7 on embedded Learner Dashboard. • Track your pace to expected exam date using the Weekly Goal tool on the Learner Dashboard. • Freely view case study exam results, along with newly acquired skill sets and competencies through My Account on the learning platform
Practical experience requirement (PER)	<p>Both pathways require you to log at least three years of verified, relevant, work-based experience in the course of completing the Professional Qualification. This requirement ensures your mastery of real-world finance, accounting and business skills.</p>	
Award	<p>After successfully completing either pathway, you will become a CIMA member and be awarded the use of CIMA designatory letters (ACMA or FCMA), as well as the CGMA designation.</p>	
Fees	<p>You will pay a one-time registration fee, pay for your chosen learning methods and pay for each exam you sit.</p>	<p>You will purchase a one-, two- or three-year subscription that includes registration, learning, exam preparation courses, all assessments and Case Study exams.</p>