

GLOBAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING CREDENTIAL

# CMA US

## Certified Management Accountant · IMA (USA)

Awarded by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA, USA), the US CMA is a globally recognised credential focused on management accounting and corporate finance. With just two exam parts, it's a fast route to strategic, decision-making finance roles worldwide.

2 parts · 12 topics

Globally recognised

6–18 months

MNC &amp; corporate finance

### 1 About the qualification

The US CMA tests two parts, each with 100 multiple-choice questions plus case-based questions (replacing essays from 2026). Certification also requires a bachelor's degree and two years of relevant experience. Its strength is strategic finance — planning, analysis and decision-making rather than audit or tax.

#### AWARDING BODY

**IMA, USA**

Founded 1919

#### STRUCTURE

**2 Parts**

12 content areas

#### DURATION

**6–18 mo**

Self-paced

#### EACH PART

**4 hours**

100 MCQs + cases

#### PASS SCORE

**360 / 500**

Scaled per part

#### ELIGIBILITY

**Degree + 2 yrs**

Experience for cert.



## 2 Course structure & subjects

**PART 1**

### Financial Planning, Performance & Analytics

6 areas

- 1 External Financial Reporting Decisions
- 2 Planning, Budgeting & Forecasting
- 3 Performance Management
- 4 Cost Management
- 5 Internal Controls
- 6 Technology & Analytics

**PART 2**

### Strategic Financial Management

6 areas

- 1 Financial Statement Analysis
- 2 Corporate Finance
- 3 Decision Analysis
- 4 Risk Management
- 5 Investment Decisions
- 6 Professional Ethics

*From 2026 the two essay questions in each part are being replaced by case-based questions (CBQs); the 100 MCQs and core syllabus remain. Parts can be taken in any order.*



### 3 Career opportunities after CMA US

The US CMA is built for corporate finance and leadership tracks — highly valued by multinationals and global capability centres.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Management Accountant</b> Cost, performance and decision support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>FP&amp;A Analyst</b> Financial planning, budgeting and forecasting</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Financial Analyst</b> Modelling, analysis and reporting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Cost Accountant</b> Product costing and margin control</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Financial Controller</b> Reporting, controls and compliance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Finance Manager</b> Leading finance operations and teams</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Corporate Treasurer</b> Cash, funding and risk management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>CFO &amp; Finance Leadership</b> Strategy and board-level finance</li> </ul>

WHERE GRADUATES WORK

- MNCs
- GCCs / Shared Services
- Big 4 Advisory
- Banks
- Tech & FMCG
- Consulting

## Fast-track a global finance career

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