

New Accountant's Guide to Certifications

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In 1997, the authors conducted a study driven by curiosity and a desire to provide information for students to see how many professional certifications were available to accounting majors. At that time, fifteen certifications were identified.

Four years later, in 2001, the prior study was replicated and at that time, 32 certifications were identified.

The current study, conducted in 2009

again replicates the prior two studies. In this study, 74 certifications are identified. Below is a summary of the certification, the sponsoring organization and the website.

Certifications in the area of information technology are specifically excluded since to include them would have increased the number well into the hundreds. Hopefully this study will help accounting professionals and students as they consider possible certifica-

tions. It should also be helpful for professors as they advise students as well as assisting those already in practice as they contemplate additional certification options.

The full study documenting the education requirements, experience, examination and continuing professional education (CPE) requirements may be found on the New Accountant website, www.NewAccountantUSA.com, please click on "White Paper" tab.

Certificate

Sponsoring Organization

Web Site

Certificate	Sponsoring Organization	Web Site	
AAMS	Accredited Asset Management Specialist	College for Financial Planning	www.cffp.edu
ABA	Accredited Business Accountant	Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation	www.acatcredentials.org
ABV	Accredited in Business Valuation	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants	www.aicpa.org
ACP	Associate Computing Professional	Institute for Certification of Computing Professionals	www.iccp.org
AEP	Accredited Estate Planner	National Association of Estate Planners and Councils	www.naepc.org
AES	Automated Examination Specialist	Society of Financial Examiners	www.sofe.org
AFE	Accredited Financial Examiner	Society of Financial Examiners	www.sofe.org
AIC	Associate in Claims	American Institute for CPCU and Insurance Institute of America	www.aicpcu.org
ARM	Associate in Risk Management	American Institute for CPCU and Insurance Institute of America	www.aicpcu.org
ARM-P	Associate in Risk Management for Public Entities	American Institute for CPCU and Insurance Institute of America	www.aicpcu.org
ASA	Accredited Senior Appraiser	American Society of Appraisers	www.appraisers.org
ATA	Accredited Tax Advisor	Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation	www.acatcredentials.org
ATP	Accredited Tax Preparer	Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation	www.acatcredentials.org
AVA	Accredited Valuation Analyst	National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts	www.nacva.com
CAE	Certified Association Executive	American Society of Association Executives	www.asaecenter.org
CASL	Chartered Advisor for Senior Living	The American College	www.theamericancollege.edu
CB	Certified Bookkeeper	American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers	www.aipb.org
CBA	Certified Bank Auditor	Bank Administration Institute	www.bai.org
CBM	Certified Business Manager	Association of Professionals in Business Management	www.apbm.org
CCE/A	Certified Cost Estimator/Analyst	Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis	www.sceaonline.net
CCP	Certified Computing Professional	Institute for Certification of Computing Professionals	www.iccp.org
CCSA	Certified in Control Self-Assessment	Institute of Internal Auditors	www.theiia.org
CCTS	Certified Corporate Trust Specialist	American Bankers Association, Institute of Certified Bankers	www.aba.com/ICBCertifications
CDFA	Certified Divorce Financial Analyst	Institute for Divorce Financial Analysts	www.institutedfa.com
CDFM	Certified Defense Financial Manager	American Society of Military Comptrollers	www.asmcertification.com
CEA	Certified Estate Advisor	National Association of Financial and Estate Planning	www.nafep.com
CEBS	Certified Employment Benefits Specialist	International Foundation of Employee Benefits Plans	www.ifebp.org
CEP	Certified Environmental Professional	The Academy of Board Certified Environmental Professionals	www.abcep.org
CFA	Chartered Financial Analyst	Chartered Financial Analyst Institute	www.cfainstitute.org

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CFC	Chartered Financial Consultant	Institute of Financial Consultants www.ifconsultants.org
CFE	Certified Fraud Examiner	Association of Certified Fraud Examiners www.acfe.com
CFE	Certified Financial Examiner	Society of Financial Examiners www.sofe.org
CFFA	Certified Forensic Financial Analyst	National Ass. of Certified Valuation Analysts' Financial Forensics Institute www.nacva.com/
CFIRS	Fiduciary and Investment Risk Specialist	Cannon Financial Institute www.cannonfinancial.com
CFM	Certified in Financial Management	Institute of Management Accountants www.imanet.org
CFP	Certified Financial Planner	Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards www.cfp.net
CFSA	Certified Financial Services Auditor	Institute of Internal Auditors www.theiia.org
CGAP	Certified Government Auditing Professional	Institute of Internal Auditors www.theiia.org
CGFM	Certified Government Financial Manager	Association of Government Accountants www.agacgfm.org
CHE	Certified Healthcare Executive	American College of Healthcare Executives www.ache.org
ChFC	Chartered Financial Consultant	The American College www.theamericancollege.edu
CHFP	Certified Healthcare Financial Professional	Healthcare Financial Management Association www.hfma.org
CIA	Certified Internal Auditor	Institute of Internal Auditors www.theiia.org
CIDA	Certified Investments and Derivatives Auditor	Investment Training and Consulting Institute www.investsci.com
CIRA	Certified Insolvency and Reorganization Accountant	Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors www.airacira.org
CIRM	Certified in Integrated Resource Management	APICS www.apics.org
CISA	Certified Information Systems Auditor	Information Systems Audit and Control Association www.isaca.org
CISM	Certified Information Security Manager	Information Systems Audit and Control Association www.isaca.org/cism
CISP	Certified IRA Services Professional	American Bankers Association, Institute of Certified Bankers www.aba.com/ICBCertifications
CISSP	Certified Information Systems Security Professional	International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium www.isc2.org
CITP	Certified Information Technology Professional	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants www.aicpa.org
CLF	Chartered Leadership Fellow	The American College www.theamericancollege.edu
CLU	Chartered Life Underwriter	The American College www.theamericancollege.edu
CMA	Certified Management Accountant	Institute of Management Accountants www.imanet.org
CPA	Certified Public Accountant	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants www.aicpa.org
CPCU	Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter	American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters Society www.aicpcu.org
CPEA	Certified Professional Environmental Auditor	Board of Environmental, Health, & Safety Auditing Certifications www.beac.org
CPFO	Certified Public Finance Officer	Government Finance Officers Association www.gfoa.org
CPIM	Certified in Production and Inventory Management	APICS www.apics.org
CPM	Certified Public Manager	Florida Center for Public Management, Florida State University www.fcpm.fsu.edu
CPP	Certified Payroll Professional	American Payroll Association www.americanpayroll.org
CQA	Certified Quality Auditor	American Society for Quality www.asq.org/certification/
CRA	Certified Risk Analyst	American Academy of Financial Management www.financialcertified.com
CrFA	Certified Forensic Accountant	American College of Forensic Examiners Institute www.acfei.com
CRSP	Certified Retirement Services Professional	American Bankers Association, Institute of Certified Bankers www.aba.com/ICBCertifications
CTFA	Certified Trust and Financial Advisor	American Bankers Association, Institute of Certified Bankers www.aba.com/ICBCertifications
CTP	Certified Treasury Professional	Association for Financial Professionals www.afponline.org
CVA	Certified Valuation Analyst	National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts www.nacva.com
EA	Enrolled Agent	Internal Revenue Service www.irs.gov/taxpros/agents
FCPA	Forensic CPA	Forensic CPA Society www.FCPAS.org
GVA	Government Valuation Analyst	National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts www.nacva.com
PFS	Personal Financial Specialist	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants www.aicpa.org
REBC	Registered Employee Benefits Consultant	The American College www.theamericancollege.edu
RHU	Registered Health Underwriter	The American College www.theamericancollege.edu