

IBTC *Quick Guide* to Studying CIMA



What is CIMA?

The CIMA Professional Qualification is the global pathway to becoming a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA).

Your CIMA journey includes:

- ⦿ A globally recognised syllabus
- ⦿ 13 on-demand Objective Tests
- ⦿ 3 Case Study Exams (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)
- ⦿ Practical experience (PER) to complete your designation

Course Structure

Certificate Level: BA1–BA4 (no case study)

Operational Level: E1, P1, F1 → Ops Case Study

Management Level: E2, P2, F2 → Man Case Study

Strategic Level: E3, P3, F3 → Strat Case Study

3 Steps to Get *Started*

Step 1 – Check exemptions

Your starting level depends on your highest qualification. We'll help you determine your exemptions and entry route.

Email info@ibtc.co.za and ask for CIMA Assist.

Common entry points:

- Matric → Certificate Level
- BCom → Operational Level
- BCom Acc → Management Level

Elite Pathways are available for SAICA/SAIBA members and experienced professionals.

Step 2 – Register with CIMA

Create your profile at cimaglobal.com, apply for exemptions, and get your CIMA ID. We'll guide you through the process.

Step 3 – Choose your study method

Once you know your starting point, select the study option that fits your pace and schedule.

Exams

CIMA consists of two different exam formats:

Objective Tests (OTs)

- ⦿ One OT per subject
- ⦿ On-demand, computer-based
- ⦿ Results available immediately

Case Study Exams

- ⦿ One Case Study per level (OCS, MCS, SCS)
- ⦿ February, May, August, November sittings
- ⦿ Applies your E/P/F knowledge to real business scenarios

PER (Practical Experience Requirements). Once you have passed all of your exams, you are required to complete practical workplace experience to earn your CGMA designation.

Why IBTC?

IBTC is a CIMA Premium Partner. We've been preparing students for CIMA exams since 2008.

- ⦿ Expert tutors + local student support
 - ⦿ Higher-than-global pass rates
 - ⦿ Clear study plans and structured guidance
- Simple, all-in-one setup from registration to exams

Study Options

Virtual Classes

Live, interactive classes via Zoom.

Online Courses

Monthly start dates. Tutor-guided online programme with video lectures, assessments and structured support.

Home Study Plus

Start anytime and study at your own pace.

Includes a study plan, textbooks, and tutor access.

Success is on your side



Looking for financing? We've *partnered* with Student Hero.



Let us help you with your FLP registration & exemptions.

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