

Instructions for Exam Entry May 2012

It is important that you read these instructions carefully before you complete your exam entry online.

You can enter online for the May 2012 exams from 1 February 2012.

A quick guide to the information you will find in this document:

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You will find exam details in your Student Information File.

Check the exam notice in each issue of 'Financial Management'. Also, see our website, which always has the most up-to-date information with FAQs and User guides:

www.cimaglobal.com

If you have any questions about your exam entry that are not covered by this guide, please forward your question to CIMA Contact. We aim to respond within 3 working days.

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When you contact us about exams whether by email or telephone please remember to tell us your Contact ID.

1. Entering for Exams

A Exam sittings

These instructions relate to the May PC and May paper based exams. You can only sit exams if you are registered as a CIMA student and your account is fully paid up. You will not be allowed to sit for any exams if you have a case that has been referred to Professional Conduct in connection with a breach of exam rules, which is still under investigation.

B Entering operational, management, strategic level, T4 part B Case Study, and gateway exams online

You can only enter for the above exams through the CIMA website.

If you are awaiting exemption decisions which do not affect your exam entry you can still enter online.

C Exam centres

You can sit your exams at any of the CIMA exam centres throughout the world. There is a list of exam centres on the website at

<http://www.cimaglobal.com/Students/2010-professional-qualification/Exam-entry-timetables-results-and-script-reviews/Exam-centres/>

At Special centres, as well as the standard exam fees, there will be an extra fee that you must pay direct to the centre. Please be aware that, in some countries, the special fee charged may be considerably higher than the CIMA exam fee.

Please note: exam venue address details are correct at the time of entry. In the unlikely event of a venue change, details will be shown on your admission advice and/or emailed directly to your email address.

D Progression through the exams

Operational and management level

Operational and management level exams can only be taken when you have completed the certificate level, by Computer Based Assessment or by exemption. You can take the papers at these levels in any order and you can sit as many of the six papers at any one sitting as you wish. However, subjects within each learning pillar of the qualification are designed to be sequential, from operational to strategic level, encouraging the progressive development of knowledge, techniques and skills. Please see the syllabus for recommendations regarding paper combinations.

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Strategic level

When you have completed the operational and management level, you may enter for strategic level papers. You must take and submit for marking all three strategic papers at your first sitting. If you do not pass all the papers at your first attempt you will be credited with any passes that you are awarded, and your remaining paper(s) can be re-taken together or individually at a subsequent sitting.

If you are absent from one or more strategy papers at your first sitting and wish to retain the results of those you did sit, you will need to provide an official document or certificate (for example, from a doctor) to prove you were unable to sit the exam. If you cannot provide an evidenced explanation of why you did not attend then the results for the other strategy exams you do attend, in this exam session, will be voided. Your medical document and brief covering letter should be received no later than 28 June 2012 at the following address:

The Secretary,
Examinations and Assessment Oversight Panel
CIMA
26 Chapter Street
London
SW1P 4NP.

If you cannot provide an official document or certificate, all the strategy papers you have taken will be considered void and you will have to re-take them, even if you have reached the pass mark.

The pre-seen material applying to all three strategic level papers (E3, F3 and P3) can be [downloaded here](#) six weeks before the examinations.

T4 part B Case Study Examination

You are eligible to enter for T4 part B when you have completed the strategic level. The “pre-seen” case study material is now available on the CIMA website. Note that the ‘pre-seen’ material is only available on the website – we will not post it to you.

Visit the website at www.cimaglobal.com/t4preseen

E Pass marks

The pass mark for all papers except T4 part B is 50%. The pass mark for T4 part B Case Study is 25 credits.

F Standard entry date

The closing date for standard exam entry is 5pm GMT 14 March.

G Paying your fees

When entering in the UK and Ireland you are required to pay online using a credit or debit card. (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Solo debit cards are accepted.)

If entering from outside the UK and Ireland and you do not have the required credit/debit cards, you must select the “post payment now” button. You can pay by cheque or banker’s draft. Please send your payment immediately. Your exam status is provisional until we receive your fees. CIMA must receive payment by 21 March. If payment is not received by 5pm GMT 21 March, we reserve the right to withdraw you from the exam and charge a £64 Exam Non-Payment Administration fee.

All payments must be made in £ sterling. Full details of all fees can be found in the table on page 9 of this document.

H Late entries and very late entries

We will accept late entries until 5pm GMT 21 March.

If you enter after the standard deadline of 5pm 14 March but before 5pm 21 March, you will need to pay a one-off late entry fee of £199 **as well as** the standard fee for each exam paper at the time of application.

We will consider very late entry to the exams in exceptional circumstances. We will charge you a very late fee of £399 as well as the standard exam fees if we are able to accommodate you to take the exams. All fees are payable at the time of application.

I Amendments and cancellations

It is possible to change your exam centre and/or your choice of papers. We will accept amendments up to 5 pm on the 21 March. No Amendment charges are applied prior to 14 March and from 5.01 pm on the 14 March until 21 March are £64.

We will consider very late amendments after 21 March in exceptional circumstances but cannot guarantee that we can allow a change to your exams at this stage.

Amendment fees summary:

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| • Up to 5 pm 14 March | £no charge |
| • From 5.01 pm 14 March up until 5 pm 21 March | £64 |
| • After 5 pm 21 March (exceptional cases only) | £86 |

Please note that 5pm GMT 21 March is also the final deadline for all payments to be received, so if you are sending us a change request in the last few days before the deadline, you must send payment at the same time.

Please send your change request to us by email at exam.changes@cimaglobal.com

We do not accept cancellations or postponements of exams or give refunds on fees paid.

J Special needs

CIMA welcomes entries from students with disabilities or special needs and is able to provide additional help or concessions, such as extra exam time, as appropriate to individual needs. If you have a special need, you should enter the exams online in the usual way and then notify the Examinations and Assessment Department in writing of your requirements.

All requests for special needs provision must be accompanied by supporting medical or professional documentation. The closing date for applications is 5pm GMT 21 March.

2. Exam Rules and Regulations

A Admission advice

You will need to download your admission advice from mid April. The exact date will be on the front page of www.cimaglobal.com from 1 April. The admission advice contains important information such as your candidate number for each exam and specific instructions about the exam venue. Keep it safe, as you will need to take this to the exam centre to confirm your entry to the exam supervisor. You should also download the Exam Rules and Regulations, to which a link will be provided when you access your admission advice. You are bound by these rules and regulations.

Students sitting exams in Sri Lanka must also download an attestation form from the website for each exam. You must complete your attestation form and take it with your admission advice to the exams.

B Documents to bring to the exam centre

You must bring the following to the exam:

- Your Admission Advice (which you must download from the CIMA website prior to the exam)
- Identification containing a photograph and your signature, in the form of a passport, driving licence or National Identity Card
- Attestation forms if sitting exams in Sri Lanka.

C Contravention of exam rules with regard to unfair methods

If you contravene exam rules by, for example cheating, helping another candidate to cheat or by having materials or items with you that could give you an unfair advantage, you will be reported to the Examinations and Assessment Oversight Panel. This is likely to result in your exam paper being voided. It may also result in CIMA taking disciplinary action against you.

The following are deemed to be examples of contravention of exam rules:

- Having any book, notes or documents on you at any time during the exam
- Having any book, notes or documents in a situation which suggests you could have used them during the exam
- Talking to, copying from, or in any way communicating with, another candidate
- Using a mobile phone, including the calculator function
- Leaving the exam room without the permission of an invigilator
- Removing answer books and/or question papers, whether used or blank, from the exam room, during or after the exam.

This list is not exhaustive.

D Illness or indisposition shortly before or during the exams

If you are ill or seriously indisposed, through for example the death of a close relative, and feel this has adversely affected your exam performance, you may write an appeal for special consideration to:

The Secretary (Examination Appeals)
CIMA Examinations and Assessment Oversight Panel (EAOP)
C/o Examinations and Assessment Department
26 Chapter Street
London SW1P 4NP.

The appeal letter should clearly indicate the nature of the issue which forms the basis of the appeal and the examination paper(s) concerned. An appeal must also be supported by relevant evidence e.g. medical or death certificate. Your case will then be considered by the EAOP.

We must receive your appeal by 28 June 2012 (for appeals relating to the May 2012 examination).

Your published results will reflect any decisions made by the EAOP and are final.

Appeals will not be accepted after the release date of examination results under any circumstances.

E Giving your views on the exams and your exam centre

CIMA welcomes your views on the exams and on the facilities and conditions at your exam centre. We therefore provide the **TalkBack** service. The TalkBack email is open for two weeks from the start of each exam period so that you can comment on the exam papers, your exam centre and facilities or any other aspect of the exam process.

Email: exams.talkback@cimaglobal.com

Please note that TalkBack is only available for two weeks after the exam and is not the forum for requests for appeals for special consideration or administrative reviews.

If you feel the conditions on the exam centre have severely affected your performance in any exam please follow the guidelines above in **section D illness and indisposition**.

3. Exam Results

A Receiving your results

You can register online to receive your results by email. All students will also receive a result letter by post. Results for the May exams are released mid July. Please see the notices in the Financial Management magazine and on the CIMA website nearer the time for the most up-to-date information on despatch of results.

B Publishing the results for overall exam completions

We publish the names of students who have successfully completed the following levels - certificate, operational, management, and strategic on www.cimaglobal.com as well as those who have completed T4 part B Case Study Examination. If you do not want us to publish your name please update your personal details online on the CIMA website.

C Exam scripts

Exam scripts are CIMA's property. When you finish your exam script and hand it in for us to mark, you do not have any rights to the script except where copyright is concerned.

D Administrative review

If, following release of exam results, you feel that an administrative error may have occurred in the marking of your exam you may apply for an administrative review for which a £50 charge is made. This will be refunded if an error is found. Please note that an administrative review does not involve the re-marking of your exam script.

Requests for administrative reviews must be received by 10 August 2012 (for the May examinations). No further correspondence will be accepted after that date.

E Script review

Script reviews are available for strategic and Case Study papers with scores of between 40 and 49 (strategic level), or between 20 and 24 credits (–part B Case Study). A fee of £152 is payable for this service.

Requests for script reviews must be received by 10 August 2012.

F Appeals after the release of results

We do not accept appeals on results on the basis of academic judgement.

Fees Table May 2012

Exam or Service	Fee
Operational and management exams	£79
Management Accounting Gateway exam	£50
Other gateway exams Further information: http://www.cimaglobal.com/Study-with-us/Entry-routes/CIMA-gateway-routes/	Bundled offer
Strategic exams	£85
T4 part B Case Study Examination (paper based)	£107
Late entry fee (one off fee payable on entries made between 5.01pm GMT 14 March and 5pm GMT 21 March)	£199
Very late entry fee (one off fee payable on entries made after 5pm GMT 21 March)	£399
Standard amendment fee	£no charge
Late amendment fee	£64
Very late amendment fee (exceptional cases only)	£86
Administration fee for entries which are withdrawn by CIMA due to non-payment of exam fees	£64
Script review (available only on strategic papers with scores between 40 - 49 and T4 part B Case Study papers with scores of between 20 – 24 credits)	£152
Administrative review	£50

Allocation of payments

Please note that payments received by CIMA are automatically allocated in a specific order, as follows:

- student subscription fee
- exemption fees
- exam fees
- late entry fee
- amendment fees

So, for example, if you send in payment for exam fees but you still owe student subscription and/or exemption fees, your payment will go towards your subscription first and then your exemption fees. This means that your account will show your exam fees as unpaid until you send further payment to clear your account.

Exam dates for May 2012

Exam deadline dates	
Closing date for applying for exemptions	31 January
Certificate level passes or exemptions to complete the certificate to enable operational and management level exam entry.	1 March
Closing date for exam entries	5pm GMT 14 March
Closing date for late entries	5pm GMT 21 March
Last date for receipt of payment by CIMA of exam fees and any other outstanding fees.	21 March
Last date for changing exam entries	21 March
Admission advice notifications available to download from the website (refer to Section A on page 6)	Mid-April
Operational, management, strategic and T4 part B Case Study exams	22 to 24 May
Sending out exam results, please see website for exact date of exam results	Mid July 2012
Post exam guides (for May 2011 exam) available on the CIMA website	August 2012
List of prize winners published on CIMA website	July 2012

Exam Timetable

Tuesday		
Morning	paper E1 – Enterprise Operations	paper E3 – Enterprise Strategy
Afternoon	paper E2 – Enterprise Management paper G1 – Management Accounting Gateway* paper M1 – Masters Gateway* paper A1 – Professional Gateway***	
Wednesday		
Morning	paper P1 – Performance Operations	paper P3 – Performance Strategy
Afternoon	paper P2 – Performance Management	
Thursday		
Morning	paper F1 – Financial Operations	paper F3 – Financial Strategy
Afternoon	paper F2 – Financial Management	paper T4 – part B Case Study Examination

*The Management Accounting Gateway paper is available to members and passed finalists of some institutions.

** The Masters Gateway paper is available only to holders of MBA qualifications.

*** The Professional Gateway paper is available only to Members and affiliates of ACCA

For more information on the above papers please refer to <http://www.cimaglobal.com/Study-with-us/Entry-routes/CIMA-gateway-routes/>

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