



# CHOOSING THE RIGHT FINANCE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME SUBSCRIPTION

This document aims to give students guidance on choosing the most suitable subscription option on The Finance Leadership Programme

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## Selecting Your CGMA Finance Leadership Program Subscription Option

Thank you for selecting the CGMA Finance Leadership Program as your pathway to the CGMA designation. This short guide is designed to help you decide which subscription option is best for you.

### Becoming professionally qualified via CGMA Finance Leadership Program

The CGMA Finance Leadership Program uses the same Professional Qualification syllabus you have been using in your previous studies with CIMA. You will also be assessed on the same material and must demonstrate the same level of competency via the case study exams and meet the same experience requirements to earn the CGMA designation and your CIMA membership.

### Starting Your CGMA Study

If new to CIMA and starting your study, you will have already received your exemptions and you will commence at the respective level offered during registration.

### Continuing your Study

If, on the other hand you transfer to the Finance Leadership Program, you will maintain all CIMA progress:

- If you've already passed objective tests, for example the P1 exam, you will receive credit for the corresponding competency area learning and assessment and won't be required to re-take the learning or assessments in these areas.
- If you've passed any CIMA case study exams, you will receive credit for them in the Finance Leadership Program and will not be required to re-take them.

NOTE: No credit is given for learning taken with other providers because it does not include the necessary assessment included in the Finance Leadership Program.

If you transfer back to the traditional pathway after your Finance Leadership Program subscription expires, the progress you made will be maintained and transferred with you

### Your subscription options

When starting or switching to study in the Finance Leadership Program, you have two subscriptions to select from: **Skills Plus** and **Skills Premium**.

Both give you everything needed to complete your learning and prepare for each respective Case Study exam to earn your CGMA designation. And both include two exam credits per required case study exam whilst your subscription is live.

	Skills Plus	BEST VALUE Skills Premium
<b>Competencies</b> Access to all competency areas across levels to develop in-demand skills.	✓	✓
<b>Business simulations</b> Test your practical application of learning using scenarios and solving real business problems.	✓	✓
<b>Skills certificates</b> Earn digital certificates by completing competencies across each level.	✓	✓
<b>Registration and student fees</b> Get all registration and annual student subscription fees included in the price.	✓	✓
<b>Case study exam review course</b> Prepare for the exam with a full course concentrating on case analysis, exam techniques and with graded mock exams.	✓	✓
<b>Case study exam fees</b> Use credits included in the package to cover exam fees during your subscription for exams on all levels.	✓	✓
<b>Diplomas and designation</b> Receive diploma's or CGMA designation on completion of each level.	✓	✓
<b>Live sessions</b> Attend expert-led live online classes for competencies and Case Study preparation.		✓
<b>Expert tutor support</b> Contact a tutor for further help and support if you get stuck.		✓

**Skills Plus** is primarily self-study, so you can work at your own pace and have flexibility on when to study. Again, this option includes all you need to become qualified. **Skills Premium** takes the self-study learning journey in Skills Plus and moves it into a cohort-based class that is centered around live sessions led by expert tutors at Kaplan to assist you with your learning and prepare for your case study exams.

While both options are great, you need to determine whether or not the additional support, live sessions and being part of a class with cohort-based group learning will increase your chance of success.

## Choosing your subscription length

You also need to select a subscription length. **Skills Plus** and **Skills Premium** both offer initial subscription lengths of 1-, 2- or 3 years. Which option is best for you depends on many factors, like how far you may have progressed in the qualification (if a transfer student); how much time and effort you can dedicate to studying every week to complete each level; and your budget.

As a general rule, most full-time, working professionals in the program complete each level in about one year. Roughly 6 months is spent completing the Competency Areas in the level and about 2-3 months is spent preparing and sitting for the case study exam.

There is no restriction on how quickly or slowly you can progress through the program. With an active subscription, you can progress as far as you're able to during your license period.

If you need more time, you always can renew your subscription for an additional year. Once your subscription is renewed, you can resume from where you left off.

## Joining a Skills Premium class

With the cohort-based group learning approach, there are four class windows throughout the year during which the Skills Premium Learning and Exam Review classes begin for each level.

The first Skills Premium classes that cover the Competency Area learning begin in October 2022. These classes will include approximately two live, online sessions per month over approximately 6 months.

The classes that prepare you for the Case Study exam for each level will start in April 2023 and run for about 2 months. You can choose either 5 full days live, online sessions or 10 half-day live, online sessions. While live online session attendance is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged, as this is your "classroom". They will also be recorded and available to watch at your convenience.

## Plans for the October Learning Class

The October Learning class live session dates are below for each level. All live sessions will run from approximately **6:00pm-8:30pm UK local time**.

- **Operational Level:** October 12; October 24; November 16; November 28; December 12; January 9; January 16; February 6; February 20; March 6; March 20.
- **Management Level:** October 13; October 27; November 7; November 22; December 5; January 23; February 2; February 13; February 28; March 13; March 28.
- **Strategic Level:** October 10; October 25; November 8; November 22; December 6; January 10; January 24; January 31; February 28; March 7; March 14.

A suggested study plan that helps students progress and stay aligned with what's covered in the live sessions. See below for the plan for the first October learning class.

	Operational Level	Management Level	Strategic Level
October	Onboarding	Onboarding	Onboarding
	Finance Function Transformation	Business Models	Competitive Advantage
	Finance Business Partnering	Leading and Managing People	Strategy Formulation
November	Data and Analytics	Project management	Strategy Implementation
	Cost Accounting	Advanced Financial Statements	Digital Strategy
		Long-Term Finance	Financial Policies and Objectives
December	Budgeting and Planning	Group Reporting	Debt and Equity Finance
	Short-Term Decision Making	Financial Statement analysis	Financial Risk
		Regulatory environment	Cost Competitiveness
January	Financial Statements	Organisational Performance	Enterprise Risk Management
	Principles of Taxation	Pricing and Capital investment decisions	Strategic Risk
		Managing Working Capital	Managing Risk and Uncertainty
February			Cybersecurity
	Summary and Reflection	Summary and Reflection	Summary and Reflection
March			

### Starting the program with partial progress on a level or ready for case study

If you are transferring to the CGMA Finance Leadership Program with partial progress in a level either through exemptions or passing Objective Test's, or if you're ready (or close) to sit for a case study exam, please carefully consider the Skills Premium class window schedule, the Skills Premium October class window live session dates, and the above study plan order of competency areas when making your decision.