

CFA® EXAM QUICK START GUIDE

Level I: Set the pace



Prepare for success

The Candidate Success Center will provide you with all the guidance you need from the moment of registration to results release. Bookmark the Candidate Success Center webpage and begin to get prepared for your exam.

Learning Ecosystem

CFA Institute Learning Ecosystem (LES) is included in your registration and gives you what you need to succeed. Login to find the entire curriculum, practice questions, mock exams, the optional Practice Pack and more.



Make your study plan

Familiarize yourself with the data-backed study habits of successful candidates at the Candidate Success Center, and map out your study plan early. Consistency, not cramming, is key. Get your approved calculator early and make sure to become very familiar with its features. You will need it to solve the formulas and examples shown in the curriculum. This can save you valuable time during the exam.



Get practical

All Level I candidates must complete one Practical Skills Modules (PSM). These are practical, relevant skills training that will provide you with onthe-job application of what you are learning in the curriculum. Although PSM content won't be tested, your result will only be released once you've completed your PSM. When making your study plan, be sure to plan 10-20 hours to complete your PSM.



Practice Pack

Consider purchasing the **Practice Pack**, an optional add-on to give you access to an additional 1,000 practice questions and six mock exams. One of these mock exams will be provided on the official exam software, allowing you to build your confidence before exam day.

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