Important Deadlines

Complete within 20 Days
☐ Complete the review questions for your two strongest sections
☐ Score 85% on the practice exams for your two strongest sections
☐ Apply for the CFE Exam and submit your supporting documentation

Complete within 40 Days
☐ Complete the review questions for all four sections
☐ Score 85% on all four practice exams
☐ Request your CFE Exam Activation Key after you complete all four sections of the Prep Course

Complete within 60 Days
☐ Enter your CFE Exam Activation Key
☐ Complete all four CFE Exam sections
☐ Submit your CFE Exam
☐ Upload your completed CFE Exam Affidavit to the Certification Portal

Planning Your CFE Exam Preparation

Commit to a study time and location
Before starting the Prep Course, you’ll need a study plan. To pass the CFE Exam in 60 days, you’ll need to study 8-10 hours per week. That might seem intimidating, but if you pick a study time and location, it will be much easier to study consistently. This might be studying at your desk during lunch, waking up an hour early and studying at home or stopping at the local coffee shop on the way home from work. Commit to a time and place, and put it on your calendar. Remember this isn’t a permanent change, but a temporary sacrifice to help you pass the CFE Exam.

Install and Activate your CFE Exam Prep Course
If you haven’t already, install and activate the Prep Course. If you have the online version, you won’t need to install it, but you will need to activate it.

Enter Your Goals in the Prep Course
The Prep Course includes a timeline to remind you of your goal for completing the CFE Exam. Watch this video to learn more.

Complete the Pre-Assessment
Complete the 100-question Pre-Assessment. It should take less than an hour to finish and it will help you to determine the order you will study for the CFE Exam. Watch this video to learn more.

Tips for Studying with the CFE Exam Prep Course
It is not necessary to read the Fraud Examiners Manual before you begin studying with the CFE Exam Prep Course. The Prep Course includes review questions and practice exams. Each is organized by exam section. Complete each section by answering the review questions and then taking the practice exam.

Study your strongest section first and then end studying your weakest.

Tips for Taking the CFE Exam
The CFE Exam is closed book. The only materials permitted are the CFE Exam materials. The exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes. During the exam, you will not be able to mark for review.

Stress each answer in order of the relevant section of the Fraud Examiners Manual. If you are struggling with a particular topic, consult your reading on that section.

If time allows, retake the Practice Exam in the Prep Course before taking the CFE Exam section.

You do not have to complete all four sections of the CFE Exam in one sitting. In fact, we recommend only taking one or two sections at a time.

Before taking an exam section, review that section in the Prep Course for a quick reference.

Once you complete your exam, you will have 30 days to complete all four sections.

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