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CFA Starter Kit

Registration, Fees, Study Plan & Scholarships

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This guide is designed to be actionable. Each section includes specific data, templates, and step-by-step advice you can apply immediately. Bookmark the sections most relevant to your current stage.

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CFA Starter Kit

Everything you need to know to register for and begin your CFA journey.

Eligibility Flowchart

You need ONE of the following:

- ✓ A bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in any field
- ✓ Or be within 23 months of finishing your bachelor's degree when you register (relaxed from 'final year' in November 2023)
- ✓ 4,000 hours of professional work experience (over minimum 3 years)
- ✓ A combination of university education and work experience totaling 4,000 hours

Registration Walkthrough

Step-by-step process to register with CFA Institute:

- ✓ Step 1: Go to cfainstitute.org and create an account
- ✓ Step 2: Select your exam level (Level 1 for first-time candidates)
- ✓ Step 3: Choose your exam window (February, May, August, or November 2026)
- ✓ Step 4: Upload your passport as ID (required for all candidates)
- ✓ Step 5: Complete the Professional Conduct Statement
- ✓ Step 6: Pay the registration fee (there is no separate enrollment fee — CFA Institute scrapped it in April 2025)
- ✓ Step 7: Select your test center (Prometric centers in India)

Fee Calculator (2026, INR Approximate)

Fee Type	INR Approx.	Official (USD)	Notes
Early Registration	■96,000	USD 1,140	L3 slightly higher (USD 1,240)
Standard Registration	■1,25,000	USD 1,490	L3 slightly higher (USD 1,590)

- ✓ No enrollment fee and no late-registration tier — CFA Institute eliminated the one-time USD 350 enrollment fee in April 2025; registration now has just two price bands

2026 Exam Window Calendar

Window	Registration Period	Levels Available
February 2026	Nov 2025 - Feb 2026	Level 1, Level 3
May 2026	Feb 2026 - May 2026	Level 1, Level 2
August 2026	May 2026 - Aug 2026	Level 1, Level 2, Level 3
November 2026	Aug 2026 - Nov 2026	Level 1, Level 2

First 30 Days Study Plan

- ✓ Days 1-3: Read CFA Program overview, understand the curriculum structure
- ✓ Days 4-7: Start with Quantitative Methods — build the math foundation
- ✓ Days 8-14: Ethics & Professional Standards — read slowly, do all examples
- ✓ Days 15-21: Economics — focus on currency exchange and monetary policy
- ✓ Days 22-28: Begin Financial Statement Analysis — the core of Level 1
- ✓ Days 29-30: Review Week 1-4 material, attempt 50 practice questions

Recommended Study Materials

- ✓ CFA Institute curriculum (included with registration — your primary resource)
- ✓ Schweser SchweserNotes (popular for concise summaries)
- ✓ Mark Meldrum videos (excellent free + paid content)
- ✓ UWorld CFA — formerly Wiley (good for practice questions)
- ✓ AnalystPrep (affordable alternative with good question bank)

CFA Institute Scholarship Guide

- ✓ Access Scholarship: Reduces registration fee to ~\$250 (for financial need)
- ✓ Women's Scholarship: For female candidates to promote diversity
- ✓ Application deadline: Usually 6-8 months before exam window
- ✓ Apply via cfainstitute.org — write a compelling need statement

★ Early registration saves ■20,000-25,000 per level. Over 3 levels, that's ■60,000-75,000 saved. Always register early.

CFA Exam: What to Expect

Exam Format Overview

- ✓ Level 1: 180 multiple-choice questions across 2 sessions (4.5 hours total)
- ✓ Level 2: 88 questions in vignette (case study) format across 2 sessions
- ✓ Level 3: Mix of constructed response (essay) and vignette questions
- ✓ Computer-based testing at Prometric centers
- ✓ Passing score: Not published, but estimated around 70% with MPS adjustment

Prometric Test Centers in India

- ✓ Delhi: Prometric Testing Center, Nehru Place & Connaught Place
- ✓ Mumbai: Prometric, Andheri East & Fort area
- ✓ Bangalore: Prometric, Koramangala
- ✓ Hyderabad: Prometric, Madhapur
- ✓ Chennai, Pune, Kolkata: Additional centers available
- ✓ Book early — popular centers fill up 2-3 months before exam window

Common First-Timer Mistakes

- ✓ Not starting with Ethics — it's the highest-weighted topic and a tie-breaker
- ✓ Relying only on third-party notes without touching CFA Institute materials
- ✓ Not practicing enough questions (target 2,000+ for Level 1)
- ✓ Underestimating the exam — global pass rates are ~44% for a reason
- ✓ Studying passively (just reading) instead of actively (doing problems)
- ✓ Not taking mock exams under realistic timed conditions

CFA Charter Requirements

- ✓ Pass all three levels of the CFA exam
- ✓ Accumulate 4,000 hours of relevant professional experience (approx 3 years)
- ✓ Provide professional references
- ✓ Become a member of CFA Institute and a local CFA Society
- ✓ Commit to the CFA Institute Code of Ethics annually
- ✓ Work experience can be accumulated before, during, or after passing exams

How QuintEdge Gives You the Edge

QuintEdge is one of India's fastest-growing finance education platforms, trusted by over 50,000 students across Delhi, Mumbai, and online cohorts. Here's what sets our coaching apart.

50,000+ Students Trained

Across CFA, FRM, ACCA & Financial Modeling programs

88% CFA Pass Rate

Consistently above global average of ~44%

100% Practitioner Faculty

Every instructor works in finance — no full-time academics

4.8/5 Student Rating

Based on verified Google and course-end surveys

What You Get with QuintEdge Coaching

- ✓ AI-powered study notes that adapt to your learning pace and weak areas
- ✓ Live + recorded classes with unlimited doubt-clearing sessions
- ✓ Comprehensive mock exams modeled on actual exam patterns
- ✓ Dedicated mentorship from CFA/FRM/ACCA charterholders
- ✓ Placement support with resume reviews, mock interviews, and recruiter connects
- ✓ Flexible batch timings — morning, evening, and weekend options
- ✓ Study groups and peer learning communities on WhatsApp/Telegram

★ Students who complete QuintEdge's full coaching program pass at nearly 2x the global average rate. Our structured approach eliminates guesswork.

QuintEdge: Programs & Outcomes

Our Course Offerings

Program	Coverage	Highlight	Learn More
CFA Program Coaching	Level 1, 2 & 3	88% pass rate	quintedge.com/cfa-coaching-classes/
FRM Program Coaching	Part 1 & 2	82% pass rate	quintedge.com/frm-coaching-classes/
ACCA Program Coaching	All 13 papers	78% pass rate	quintedge.com/acca-coaching-classes/
Financial Modeling	3-Statement, DCF, LBO	Job-ready skills	quintedge.com/financial-modeling-course-certification/

The QuintEdge Learning Experience

Phase 1: Foundation Building

- ✓ Diagnostic assessment to identify your starting level and knowledge gaps
- ✓ Personalized study plan created by your dedicated mentor
- ✓ Access to AI-powered study notes that highlight your weak areas

Phase 2: Structured Learning

- ✓ Live classes with industry practitioners (not academic theorists)
- ✓ Recorded sessions for revision — watch at 1.5x or 2x speed
- ✓ Weekly quizzes and topic tests to track progress
- ✓ Doubt-clearing sessions within 24 hours of raising a query

Phase 3: Exam Readiness

- ✓ Full-length mock exams under exam conditions
- ✓ Detailed score analysis with topic-wise breakdown
- ✓ One-on-one strategy sessions for the final 2 weeks before exam
- ✓ Last-mile revision notes covering high-frequency exam topics

Phase 4: Career Support

- ✓ Resume and LinkedIn profile review by hiring managers
- ✓ Mock interviews with industry professionals
- ✓ Job referrals through our network of 500+ corporate partners
- ✓ Lifetime access to the QuintEdge alumni network

Student Outcomes

- ✓ Average salary increase of 40-60% within 12 months of certification
- ✓ Graduates placed at Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Deloitte, EY, HDFC, ICICI, Kotak & more
- ✓ Active alumni network of 10,000+ working professionals across 15 countries

✓ 98% of students recommend QuintEdge to peers (NPS 72)

✓ **QuintEdge offers EMI options starting at ₹3,999/month. Scholarships available for meritorious students and those from economically weaker backgrounds.**

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