

CGFM Townhall

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What is CGFM?

Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®)
is a professional certification awarded by AGA



What makes the CGFM unique?

- Specialized focus on government financial management
- Broad coverage of various aspects of financial management at all levels of government

CGFM benefits

- Increased knowledge of government financial management
- Greater confidence on the job
- Better understanding of “big picture” of government
- Portable and tangible indicator of experience and knowledge
- Enhanced marketability throughout all levels of government
- Encourages employer incentives and continuing education
- Enhanced credibility, public confidence and employee value

CGFM: initial requirements

- **Ethics** – read and agree to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics*
- **Education** – have a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university
- **Examinations** – pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
- **Experience** – complete at least two years of professional-level experience in U.S. government financial management

Certification process

- Step 1—Read AGA's *Code of Ethics*
- Step 2—Apply for the CGFM program
- Step 3—Submit required degree documentation
- Step 4—Receive an eligibility letter
- Step 5—Prepare for the CGFM examinations
- Step 6—Schedule the CGFM examinations
- Step 7—Take and pass the CGFM examinations
- Step 8—Submit a work verification form
- Step 9—Receive CGFM award letter
- Step 10—Receive and display your CGFM certificate

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CGFM Month



Celebrate CGFM Month!

Join AGA in celebrating CGFM Month throughout March. Honor the knowledge, leadership and service of Certified Government Financial Managers and explore ways to raise awareness of the credential that strengthens the government financial management profession.

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How can chapters celebrate CGFM Month?

AGA Chapters

- Have a state or local official [declare March as CGFM Month](#)
- Hold a special CGFM recognition event in March
- Bring [CGFM courses](#) to your chapter
- Encourage your members to [apply for CGFM](#) in March
- Encourage your members to take an exam or begin studying in March
- Let AGA know what you're doing to support your CGFM candidates
- Send [a letter to local employers](#) on behalf of the chapter with a request to recognize the CGFM designation for financial management positions within those organizations
- Hosting a CGFM Month celebration? Take a photo and email it to cgfm@agacgfm.org or post it on social media with the hashtag #CGFMMonth, and tag @agacgfm
- Use the [virtual CGFM Month background](#) during March

Current CGFM promotion – POGO

For more information:

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CGFM Month promotion

March is



Month!

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Preparing for the CGFM examinations

AGA's CGFM Preparation Options

CGFM Courses

AGA offers several CGFM course options designed to fit your learning style and schedule, including online self-paced courses and live virtual courses for individual participants, and in-person, private group training.



CGFM Study Guides

Three CGFM study guides provide comprehensive overviews of the topics covered in each CGFM examination — online or hard copy options are available.



CGFM Practice Exams

AGA offers three online CGFM practice exams, which correspond to the actual CGFM examinations. They can help you apply the concepts you've learned, identify the areas where you'll need additional preparation and figure out the pace you'll need to complete the 115-question examination within the allotted time.



CGFM Study References

You can use this list of study references to supplement your preparation or review particular topics in more depth. This list is also utilized as a reference by our test question writers for all three exams.



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CGFM examinations

- **Exam 1:** Governmental Environment
- **Exam 2:** Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting
- **Exam 3:** Governmental Financial Management and Control

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CGFM webinars



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CGFM: requirements to maintain

- **Ethics** – continue to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics*
- **Renewal** – renew the designation annually by March 31
- **Continuing education** – complete 80 hours of applicable continuing professional education (CPE) every two years (including 4 hours in ethics per cycle) and provide documentation to AGA upon request

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- [Sample 2026 Proclamation](#)
- [Zoom Background](#)
- [CGFM Month Banner](#)

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2026

- [By chapter](#)
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2025

- [By chapter](#)
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