

# Chartered Financial Analyst

## Introduction of Professional Qualification

Name of Qualification	Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)
Certification Organisation	CFA Institute
Certification Requirements	Candidates are required to pass 3 levels of examinations in financial knowledge, and to possess at least 4,000 hours of relevant experience with investment decision-making process, completed in a minimum of 36 months. In support of membership application, applicants will need to provide 2-3 professional references <sup>1</sup> .
Enrollment Requirements	Applicants are required to meet one of the following requirements for registration of the Level I examination: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Holders of a bachelor's degree;</li><li>2. Students in final two years with 23 months or fewer before their graduation month for bachelor's degree; or</li><li>3. Applicants having a combination of 4,000 hours of professional work experience<sup>2</sup> and/or higher education that was acquired over a minimum of 3 sequential years and achieved by the date of registering for the Level I examination.</li></ol>
Enrollment and Examination Details	Please refer to the website of <a href="https://www.cfainstitute.org">CFA Institute</a> .

<sup>1</sup> References will be asked to comment on applicant's work experience and professional character.

<sup>2</sup> Professional work experience refers to the experience of applying specialised knowledge, education or advanced skills in the job. It does not need to be investment related.

## Information for Macao Candidates

Examination Venues in Macao Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Center

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Accreditation to Tertiary Institutes in Macao Curriculum of the Bachelor of Science in Finance at the University of Macau and the Bachelor of Applied Economics at the City University of Macau are embedded with the CFA Programme Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK). For details, please refer to the website of [University of Macau](#) and [City University of Macau](#).

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The aforementioned professional qualification has been covered in the incentive schemes launched by the Macao SAR Government. For details, please refer to the IFS website.

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