



Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the CFF Credential

Q. How does the CFF Credential differ from other credentials?

A. The CFF, unlike other credentials, is only awarded to CPAs who are members of the AICPA. Accordingly, this credential represents the highest professional standards and sets the CFF Credential holder apart from other forensic experts.

Q. Do I have to be a CPA and a member of the AICPA to qualify?

A. Yes. To qualify for the CFF Credential, you must be an AICPA member in good standing and hold a valid and unrevoked CPA certificate or license issued by a state authority. The CFF Credential is granted exclusively by the AICPA.

Q. Do I need an active certificate or license to practice public accounting to become a CFF?

A. No. To qualify for the CFF Credential, you must hold a valid and unrevoked CPA certificate or license issued by a state authority and meet the other prescribed requirements. You do not need to have an active CPA license.

Q. How much will it cost to apply for the CFF Credential?

A. The CFF Exam fee for new registrants is as follows: \$300 for FVS Section members, \$400 for AICPA members and \$500 for non-AICPA members. Once you have met all of the requirements to become a CFF, there is an annual credential fee. Should you be required to retake the exam, a \$100 fee will be assessed for the second registration process.

Q. Do I have to take an examination to qualify for the CFF Credential?

A. Yes. To earn a CFF credential, a candidate must pass the CFF Examination.