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# \ CIPFA Education and Training Centre

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# CIPFA Education & Training Centre

- Established 1986
- Part of the CIPFA group
  - Dedicated to just CIPFA programmes
- Largest provider of added value courses
  - nearly 100 CIPFA Professional Qualification courses each term
- Author all teaching and learning materials for iPFM materials

## Americas

### Canada

A mutual recognition agreement with CMA Canada allows each body's qualified members to be recognised as members of the other and both organisations progressively expand students to follow a single education programme. A joint awards scheme, the Award of Excellence for Competence in the Public Sector recognises significant contributions to financial management within the Canadian Government.

### Tanzania and Togo

From September 2012 CIPFA will be providing advisory and technical assistance alongside the UK National Audit Office in a partnership project in their country's public sector, supported by the United Kingdom Development Bank.

### Turks and Caicos

CIPFA Recruitment Services provided a Chief Finance Officer on a secondment to the Turks and Caicos Islands in a partnership project to improve government financial management in the territory.

### USA

Advised the CIPFA the Model for the Government Finance Officers Association to support the improvement of financial management.

## Influencing around the world

Across the globe CIPFA supports governments in partnership with major donors, development agencies and global bodies, including:

- World Bank
- European Union including EU Aid
- The Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) initiative
- Department for International Development (DFID)
- Federation of European Accountants (FEA)
- International Federation of Accountants (IFAC)
- EY and PwC
- Ernst and Young
- PfP
- Crison Agents
- National Audit Office
- Brink Aid

## Fixing the Foundations

Achieving a step change in public financial management will promote economic performance, development and opportunity, bring standards and quality of life, service delivery, accountability, trust and confidence in government. Unlocking the benefits of transparency and accountability, we can make a real difference around the world.

## Europe

Working with the EU Directorate-General for Budget, in 2011 CIPFA designed and delivered a joint training programme to financial reporting (FPAs) to over 20 different EU organisations. Delivered in English and French with our project partner Deloitte, the successful programme should be repeated in late 2012.

### South Eastern Europe

With the Center for Excellence in Finance (CEF) we develop qualifications for public sector audit and accounting staff in Albania, Croatia, Bosnia, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania and Slovenia.

'If the sovereign debt crisis does not stir us to speak out... we will have missed an opportunity, we will have failed to live up to our public interest obligations, and we will have let down future generations who will have to pick up the tab.'

Ian Ball, Chief Executive of IFAC

## Kazakhstan

## Asia

**Bangladesh**  
Completed based professional training for the Auditor General's staff.

**Kazakhstan**  
CIPFA have been invited to its Centre for International Public Sector Financial Reporting with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales.

**Sri Lanka**  
Partnering with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka to enhance support for public finance professionals.

## Australasia

A three way memorandum of understanding with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA) and New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants (NZICA) to further the improvement of public financial management in all three countries and in South East Asia.

Plus CIPFA's mutual recognition agreement with ICAA Australia recognises each other's qualified accountants and enables many CIPFA members to work in Australia.

## Further CIPFA support around the world

CIPFA support for the Commonwealth Secretariat covers IPAS training for Accountant and Auditor Candidates and the 22 year office community for local government officials which helps improve accountability, decision-making and greater collaboration throughout Commonwealth financial management professionals.

CIPFA has also set up an IPAS Centre in St. Petersburg, working responsive and experienced, improve public financial management in both operation and country level.

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# International Partners

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# Our experience

- Over 25 years delivering CIPFA's international qualifications.
- iPFM support in Bangladesh, Lesotho, Nigeria
- Certificate in IPSAS
- Training for auditors in public services across Easter Europe
- Management training courses
- Train the trainers courses
- 74% Pass rate in Management Accounting in Bangladesh in July

# CIPFA Qualifications in International Public Financial Management



# Other Qualifications

- Public Accountants Certification Training (PACT)
  - Albania, Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia, and Moldova
- Training of Internal Auditors in the Public Sector (TIAPS)
  - Slovenia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo
- Certificate in IPSAS
  - Distance Learning

# be ready for IPSAS

## The Certificate in International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)

### International Public Sector Accounting Standards

Across the world public sector organisations are recognising the benefits that international standards such as International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) will bring and are making preparations to adopt them.

IPSAS enable public sector organisations to:

- Present a fair view of governmental financial performance.
- Make decisions that are better informed.
- Provide more efficient and effective public services.
- Provide citizens with access to fuller information about the financial consequences of political decisions and the financial situation of their government.
- Achieve comparable standards across boundaries through one accrual-based accounting financial reporting system.
- Improve cash-based reporting for organisations that continue to report on a cash basis.

### IPSAS Certification

The CIPFA Certificate in International Public Sector Accounting Standards is the first IPSAS qualification from a leading global public finance body. Holding the qualification will let you demonstrate clearly and authoritatively your competence to apply the standards accurately and appropriately.

Becoming certified in IPSAS will:

- Enable you to match the demands of IPSAS by acquiring a greater level of knowledge than other shorter courses could offer.
- Provide formal recognition of your skills and knowledge.
- Demonstrate to employers, colleagues and others your expertise in this technically demanding area.
- Support your professional development and career ambitions.
- Ensure your learning is of a high quality and from a leading institute and the experts in global public financial management.

# Eastern Europe



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## Building strong financial reporting and accounting skills

The Public Accountants Certification Training (PACT) is a two-level post-graduate professional qualification training program




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- TIAPS in Montenegro
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- Become a partner

## Enhancing independent and efficient internal auditing

The Training of Internal Auditors in the Public Sector (TIAPS) is a two-level professional qualification training program for public sector internal auditors.

Government reforms place new demands on the staff responsible for public financial management, often testing their level of professionalism and competence. Internal auditors play a crucial role and thus need advanced training and career development to upgrade their existing skills and adopt a fresh mindset in their profession.

To address this need, we have established a program that strengthens professional qualifications in internal audit processes. It helps individuals apply international standards and improve accountability within reformed public finance systems. The curriculum devotes special attention to requirements introduced by the accession processes of the European Union.



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For detailed information about the curriculum, please see the brochure →

# Course approach

- Induction
- Pre-course contact
  - Workbooks
  - Timetables
  - Directed reading
  - Teaching & Learning Programme
- Course structure
- Assessments
  - Classroom exercises
  - Progress Tests
  - Mock Exams
- Reporting and liaison
- Quality control

# Learning Materials

- All learning materials written by CETC
  - Workbook style materials
- Class based training
- Mixed teaching methods
  - direct input
  - group work
  - individual exercises
- Additional self study
  - Specimen exam paper
  - Exam standard question pack

# Teaching Materials

- Teaching & Learning Programme
  - Breaks down teaching to advised half day sessions
  - Advice on timing of progress tests & mock exam
- Teaching slides
- Early progress tests
  - feedback to student & employer (incl. attendance)
- Full mock exam
  - feedback to student and employer (incl. attendance)

# The Team



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