

CFA® EXAM QUICK START GUIDE

Level II: Prep for mastery

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Start with a quick review

Go back and look at your strengths and weaknesses from the last exam. Make sure you feel comfortable with the fundamentals. Give yourself a little extra study time if you think you need to brush up on the basics.



Get to know the lingo

Practice helps with this goal. The more you read, the more comfortable you will become with the format of the vignettes. Use the <u>Learning Ecosystem</u> to familiarize yourself with the question format.



Be prepared to apply this knowledge more deeply

This exam asks you to analyze situations and provides calculations based on the knowledge you have accumulated. Use the practice quizzes and mock exams available in the Learning Ecosystem to gauge your exam readiness.

Pace yourself

Vignettes can be lengthy, so give yourself plenty of time to read. Plan on about 10–20 minutes to read and answer each vignette; the time will vary based on the number of questions that follow the vignette.



Become efficient with vignettes

These mini case studies have you work through real-world problems and answer questions related to each of them. Take a quick look at the questions before you read each vignette. This will give you an idea of the subject matter to be covered.



All Level II candidates must complete one of three <u>Practical Skills Modules (PSM)</u>. These are practical, relevant skills training that will provide you with on-the-job application of what you are learning in the curriculum. Although PSM content won't be tested, your result will only be released once you've completed your choice of PSM. When making your study plan, be sure to plan 10-20 hours to complete your PSM.



Practice Pack

Get practical

Consider purchasing the <u>Practice Pack</u>, an optional add-on to give you access to an additional 750 practice questions and three mock exams. One of these mock exams will be provided on the official exam software, allowing you to build your confidence before exam day.

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