

CERTIFIED PUBLIC FINANCE OFFICER (CPFO)



This certification is offered by the national GFOA and covers the different disciplines of public finance.

Eligibility



Candidates **must** be members of GFOA.

Required Exams



There are **seven required exams**:

- Accounting & Financial Reporting
- Compensation & Benefits
- Debt Management
- Planning & Budgeting
- Treasury & Investment Management
- Procurement
- Risk Assessment

Enrollment includes access to CPFO exam preparation which includes GFOA training seminars relevant to exam and practice tests. Exam preparation is self-study.

Cost



The average cost to complete the certification is **\$1,200 plus GFOA membership**. Study materials except for the Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting Blue Book are included. Up to 10 exam attempts are included in the cost of enrollment.

If not completed by the end of the second year, the annual cost for years three through five is \$600. Scholarships are available.

Time



Participants complete the certification in **two years**, on average, and may take up to five years to complete the certification.

Annual Maintenance Requirements



- Annual GFOA membership
- Annual CPFO membership (\$175)
- 15 hours of Continuing Professional Education + three Engagement Credits



More information is available in the **CPFO Candidate Guide** on gfoa.org.