

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICER (CGFO)



This certification is offered by GFOASC and is geared for finance officers and staff supervising financial programs in South Carolina local governments and state agencies.

Eligibility



Candidates **must be members of GFOASC** and meet minimum requirements in order to apply:

- Bachelor's degree and two years' experience as finance officer; or
- Associate degree and four years' experience as finance officer; or
- Six years' experience as finance officer

Required Courses & Exams



There are **five required in-person classes**:

- Financial Planning & Budgeting
- Capital Planning & Forecasting
- Financial Management
- Governmental Accounting
- Financial Reporting & Auditing

Exams for the courses are offered online only. All exams must be passed within three years of your first exam date, with up to six attempts allowed per exam.

Scholarships are available for first-time participants.

Time

The average time to complete the certification is **two years**.



Cost

Courses range from **\$250 to \$575 per course** and are priced individually, or participants can **bundle the five courses for \$1,500**.

Textbooks are not included.

Exams are **\$60 each**.

GFOASC annual individual membership is **\$125**. County/agency memberships are available and include membership for multiple employees.



Annual Maintenance Requirements

- Annual GFOASC membership
- 20 hours of Continuing Professional Education



See the Certification Program Information & Guidelines on gfoasc.org for more detailed information.