



CERTIFIED PUBLIC FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

The Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada (APT US&C) offers the Certified Public Finance Administrator (CPFA) and Advanced CPFA certifications as distinguished national credentials for treasury professionals who achieve excellence in public treasury standards.

Both credentials demonstrate a dedication to education, public treasury experience, leadership, and a commitment to strengthening the treasury profession.

Eligibility

Applicants must be an active member of APT US&C at least 24 months immediately before applying for certification and at the time of approval.

The CPFA and ACPFA are intended for treasury professionals - applicants must be a finance director, treasurer, deputy/assistant treasurer, or must serve the office of the treasurer or another principal officer involved with investment, debt, or other treasury duties.

All applicants must have a commitment to ethical behavior as defined in the guidelines of APT US&C's Code of Ethics.

Cost

The application fee for the CPFA and Advanced CPFA certification is \$200. The recertification fee is \$125 for either program. Please note: application fees are waived for a second submission if the first attempt at certification is denied.



Commitment to Education & Experience

An initial CPFA certification requires a combined total of 100 points earned through experience and education. For detailed description on points awarded for activities and accomplishments, visit APTUSC.org.

To achieve the Advanced CPFA certification, applicants must hold a current CPFA certification, maintain active and continuous APT US&C membership since their last certification, and demonstrate a combined total of 60 points earned through experience and advanced continuing education. Applicants are expected to be involved in leadership roles within state or national treasury organizations.

Renewals

Both the CPFA and the ACPFA certifications are good for five years. To maintain either credential, individuals must re-apply prior to their certification expiration date. CPFA renewals require 50 points of continuing education and experience while ACPFA renewals require 30 points.



Please remember that it's much easier to maintain a certification than allow it to lapse and start again. If a certification lapses, the applicant must earn the initial point requirements (100 for CPFA and 60 for ACPFA) from the last certification date.