

# Certified Public Finance Administrator (ACPFA) Advanced Certification Information & Application

The Advanced CPFA rewards CPFA holders for a commitment to advanced educational topics offered by the APT US&C and its state and province associations.

The Advanced CPFA is designed to encourage and reward advanced education as well as participation in the APT US&C and its state and province associations to help strengthen our entire treasury community. Applicants must:

- Have a current CPFA at the time of application for the Advanced CPFA.
- Be an active APT US&C member.
- Demonstrate 15 experience points and 45 advanced education points.

The ACPFA accreditation expires after five years.

#### Each applicant for Advanced CPFA certification must meet the following eligibility standards:

- In each year since last CPFA certification, must have been a duly elected or appointed treasurer, deputy or assistant treasurer, employee in/or dealing with the office of treasurer, or other principal officer in the public entity who is charged with the performance or supervision of one or more of the following responsibilities: investments, debt, or treasury activities.
- 2. Maintained continuous Active Membership (see APT US&C's Bylaws for definition):
  - a. For each of the years since their last CPFA certification; and
  - b. At the time of approval.
- 3. Believe in and practice APT US&C's Code of Ethics (as adopted).
- 4. Have a current CPFA certification. Successful completion of the Advanced CPFA will result in automatic renewal of the CPFA and the expiration date of the CPFA will be extended for five years from the date of approval.
- 5. ACPFA applicants must demonstrate a total of 60 points: 15 experience points and 45 advanced education points. All points must be earned since the last CPFA certification with supporting documentation submitted with the application.
- 6. Submit a non-refundable fee of two hundred dollars (\$200). The application fee will be waived for the second submission if the first attempt at certification is unsuccessful. The fee includes application processing and certification award.

The application deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup> and ACPFA designations are formally recognized at the APT US&C Annual Conference.

Note: a candidate whose application is not approved by the CPFA Certification Committee will be notified of the Committee's decision and the steps needed to receive the credential. Should the candidate disagree with the Committee's ruling and recommendation on how to earn the necessary points for certification, the candidate may appeal the Committee's decision. The appeal must be sent in writing to APT US&C's headquarters within thirty (30) days of notification of the Committee's decision. The Committee Chair, within thirty (30) days, shall reconsider the circumstances and reverse the decision or submit the appeal to the Board of Directors for final determination.



# **Experience Points**

All points must be earned since last certification	Points Earned
Attendance at an annual APT US&C Conference	5 per year
Attendance at an annual APT US&C state/province affiliate association conference*	2 per year
Service as a committee member for APT US&C or a state/province affiliate association*	1 per year per committee
Service as a committee chair for APT US&C or a state/province affiliate association*	2 per year per committee
Service as a director or parliamentarian of APT US&C or a state/province affiliate association*	3 per year
Service as an officer of APT US&C or a state/province affiliate association*	4 per year
Service as a mentor in an APT US&C state affiliate Mentor Program	1 per year
• Complete a recognized national professional achievement certification program related to treasury management (e.g., CPFIM, ACPFIM, CCM, CGFM, CPA, CPFO, CMA)	5 per certification
<ul> <li>Recipient of a special award presented by APT US&amp;C or a state/province affiliate association*</li> </ul>	5 per award
* Applicants from states/provinces that do not have an APT state/province affiliate association may substitute points from ONE statewide or province-wide organization relating to treasury management.	

#### **Education Points**

All points must be earned since last certification	Points Earned
Masters or Doctoral degree	40
Bachelor degree in public administration, accounting, finance or related field	25
Associate degree in public administration, accounting, finance, or related field	15
Bachelor degree in an unrelated field	15
Completion with a C grade or better of college or university courses related to treasury management (one point per semester hour)	25
Attend an APT US&C approved Advanced Education Program (approval and points contingent on review of program agendas by the CPFA certification chair/committee.	1 point per hour of instruction
Take the APT US&C Advanced CPFIM Certification	5
Present at an APT US&C conference, a state/province affiliate association or other educational sessions, including virtual trainings, sponsored by APT US&C or affiliate association.	2 points per hour of instruction
Write an APT US&UC training manual	25 points per manual
Assist with revisions/re-writes of APT US&C training manuals	10 points per manual
<ul> <li>Write and publish an article related to treasury management for the APT US&amp;C or affiliate association newsletter/website</li> <li>Under 500 words (1 point)</li> <li>501 to 1000 words (2 points)</li> <li>1001 to 1500 words (3 points)</li> <li>Over 1501 words (4 points)</li> </ul>	1-4 points per article

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# **Experience & Education Form**

Fill out this form to upload with your application, along with documentation as specified. Include additional information as necessary.

### Experience

**APT US&C ANNUAL CONFERENCE OR STATE/PROVINCE CONFERENCE:** Include proof of attendance.

Year	Host Name	Location
Year	Host Name	Location
Year	Host Name	Location
Year	Host Name	Location

**COMMITTEE MEMBER/MENTOR/CHAIR OR DIRECTOR/OFFICER:** Include proof of service.

Year	Association	Position
Year	Association	Position

APT US&C OR OTHER NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM RELATED TO TREASURY MANAGEMENT (e.g., CPFIM, ACPFIM, CCM, CGFM, CPA, CPGO, CFE, CIA, CMA): Include proof of accreditation.

Year	Association	Designation
Year	Association	Designation

#### **APT US&C AWARD OR STATE/PROVINCE SERVICE AWARD:** Include proof of award.

 Year
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TOTAL EXPERIENCE POINTS (15 required)



## **EDUCATION** ASSOCIATE, BACHELOR, MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE: Include all transcripts.

Degree	Major		Date Received	
College/University	Location			
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Date Completed				
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Date Completed	College/University			Location
Course Name/Number			Grade	Credit Hours
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Name of Institute		Affiliate A	ssociation	
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Total Institute/Education Program Points:



MANUAL OR ARTICLE: Include proof of publication.	
Title of Article and Publication	
Sponsor Organization	
Date of Publication	Number of Words in Article
Title of Article and Publication	
Sponsor Organization	
Date of Publication	Number of Words in Article
	Total Manual/Article Points:
PRESENTING AT A CONFERENCE OR OTHER EDUCAT	ION SESSION: Include proof of presentation.
Title/Topic of Presentation	
Sponsor Organization	
Date of Presentation	Length of Presentation
Title/Topic of Presentation	
Sponsor Organization	
Date of Presentation	Length of Presentation
	Total Presentation Points:
	TOTAL EDUCATION POINTS (45 required)
Summary	
Total Experience Points	

Total Education Points \_\_\_\_\_

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