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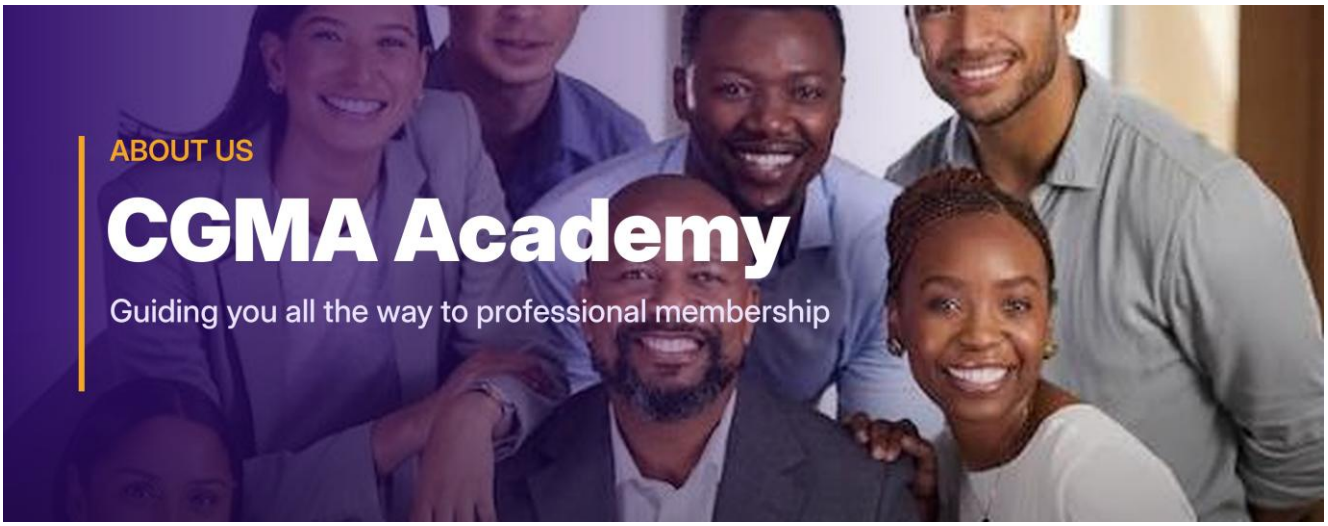
Qualify globally. Study from anywhere.

CIMA / CGMA · ACCA · CIMA–SAICA PATHWAYS

Complete study materials, focused live consultation and case-study mastery — 100% online, for students across Africa and around the world.

Strategy | **Finance** | **Leadership**

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WHO WE ARE

Welcome to CGMA Academy

CGMA Academy (Pty) Ltd is an **independent, fully online professional accountancy tuition provider** specialising in the CIMA (CGMA) and ACCA qualifications, and in the conversion pathways between CIMA and SAICA. We make globally recognised finance qualifications attainable for students across Africa, while serving ambitious students around the world.

Founded in 2022 and based in Johannesburg, South Africa, we were built around one simple belief: students don't need a hundred webinars they will never watch. They need complete, exam-focused study materials, and focused human support exactly where exams are won — technique, application and, above all, the case study.

2022
Founded in Johannesburg, South Africa

100% online
Study, consult and track progress from anywhere

3 sections
CIMA · ACCA · CIMA–SAICA pathways

2 price regions
Africa and International, in Rand and Dollar

Our vision

To build Africa's most trusted home for professional accounting education — and to be the first choice of ambitious finance students across the continent and beyond.

Our mission

- Make globally recognised finance qualifications attainable and affordable for students across Africa, with fair pricing for international students.
- Provide complete, up-to-date study materials and focused live consultation led by qualified professionals.
- Give students the case-study mastery and exam technique that turns knowledge into first-time passes.
- Support graduates all the way to membership — from exemptions to the Practical Experience Requirement and conversion routes.

A word from our founder



Mr Dumisani Chirisa
ACMA, CGMA, CA(SA)
Founder & Director, CGMA Academy

"I hold both the CA(SA) and the CGMA designations, and I know first-hand how demanding — and how rewarding — the journey to professional membership is. I also know that too many capable students across Africa fall short not for lack of ability, but for lack of affordable, focused support.

CGMA Academy exists to close that gap. We give you everything you need to learn, then stand with you where it matters most: exam technique, the case study and your route to membership — whether that is CIMA, ACCA, or a dual CA(SA) and CGMA designation.

Wherever you are on the continent or in the world, you can qualify globally — and we will guide you all the way."

— Dumisani Chirisa, ACMA, CGMA, CA(SA)

Independent tuition provider — what our fees cover

CGMA Academy is an independent tuition provider and is not affiliated with CIMA, AICPA, ACCA or SAICA. Our fees are for **our tuition, materials and support services only**. They do **not** include CIMA or ACCA registration, annual subscriptions, exemption fees, exam bookings, the CIMA FLP subscription, or any SAICA, board-course or APC fees — these are always paid directly to the relevant body.

WHY CGMA ACADEMY

Everything you need to qualify

We concentrate our effort where students actually pass or fail. Every subject comes with the same complete materials; you choose how much live support you want.

Complete study materials
Full syllabus study texts, exam-focused tuition notes, worked examples in South African Rand, practice kits and mock exams for every subject — yours from day one.

Focused live consultation
3–4 dedicated live sessions per module with qualified tutors, reserved for the hard topics and exam technique — not padding.

Case-study mastery
The case study is where most students fail. Our pre-seen analysis, marked mock exams and structured technique coaching are built to get you through first time.

Study 100% online
Materials, recordings, progress and live sessions run through your student dashboard. Learn from anywhere, on your schedule.

Honest regional pricing
Tuition only, shown in Rand and Dollar, with separate Africa and International rates and flexible payment plans. No hidden costs.

Conversions & CPD
Convert between CA(SA) and CGMA, get PER guidance for membership, or top up with our growing library of CPD short courses.

Three ways to study — one standard of material

What you get	Self-Study	Supported	Guided
Complete syllabus study text & tuition notes	✓	✓	✓

What you get	Self-Study	Supported	Guided
Worked examples, practice kit & mock exams	✓	✓	✓
Pre-recorded lectures & student dashboard access	✓	✓	✓
1-on-1 tutor support on request	—	✓	✓
Priority discussion-hub answers & mock exam review	—	✓	✓
3–4 live consultation sessions per module	—	—	✓
Case-study technique coaching & marked mock feedback	—	—	✓
Africa — per subject	**R3,000 · $183**	**R4,250 · $260**	**R6,000 · $366**
International — per subject	**R4,950 · $302**	**R7,000 · $427**	**R9,900 · $605**

How our regional pricing works

- **Africa rates** apply to students resident in any African country.
- **International rates** apply to students resident outside Africa — and remain well below European providers.
- All prices are quoted in **South African Rand (ZAR)**. USD amounts are a guide only and follow the daily USD/ZAR exchange rate (guide rate used: 1 USD ≈ R16.37).



SECTION 01 · CIMA

CIMA / CGMA — from your first exam to membership

CIMA, the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, is the world's largest professional body of management accountants. Completing the CGMA Professional Qualification together with the Practical Experience Requirement leads to CIMA membership (ACMA) and the **Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA)** designation, issued jointly by CIMA and the AICPA and recognised in **180+ countries**.

What's new: the 2026 CGMA syllabus upgrade

CIMA upgraded the CGMA Professional Qualification syllabus for 2026, placing more weight on **finance business partnering, analytical thinking, strategic planning and the use of financial technologies, including generative AI**. The upgrade is examined in the case study exams from the **May 2026 sitting onwards, for all pathways**, and generative-AI questions have appeared in the objective tests from January 2026. Our CIMA materials, pre-seen analysis and mock exams are aligned to the upgraded syllabus.

One qualification, three knowledge pillars

Enterprise pillar (E)

How organisations are managed — from operations and people to strategy.

Performance pillar (P)

Management accounting, costing, budgeting, risk and decision-making.

Financial pillar (F)

Financial reporting, analysis and, at the top, financial strategy.

At the end of each of the Operational, Management and Strategic levels, a **Case Study exam** integrates all three pillars into one realistic business simulation. The case study is where most students need the most help — and it is exactly where CGMA Academy concentrates its live support.

The CIMA structure at a glance

Level	Enterprise	Performance	Financial	Exam & award
Strategic	E3 Strategic Management	P3 Risk Management	F3 Financial Strategy	Strategic Case Study (SCS) → ACMA + CGMA*
Management	E2 Managing Performance	P2 Advanced Management Accounting	F2 Advanced Financial Reporting	Management Case Study (MCS) → CIMA Adv Dip MA

Level	Enterprise	Performance	Financial	Exam & award
Operational	E1 Managing Finance in a Digital World	P1 Management Accounting	F1 Financial Reporting	Operational Case Study (OCS) → CIMA Dip MA
Certificate	BA1 Fundamentals of Business Economics	BA2 Fundamentals of Management Accounting	BA3 Fundamentals of Financial Accounting	BA4 Ethics, Corporate Governance & Business Law → CIMA Cert BA

*Membership also requires three years of verified relevant practical experience (PER), which can run alongside your studies.

How you progress

- **Objective tests** (Certificate and the E, P and F subjects) are computer-based and available on demand, in any order.
- **Case Study exams** are sat in four windows a year — **February, May, August and November** — and you must pass the level's three objective tests first.
- Passing the Strategic Case Study completes the professional qualification; with PER, you are admitted as ACMA with the CGMA designation.

Entry requirements

Certificate level — open entry

- No formal qualification required
- A good grasp of English and Mathematics (minimum 50% if you took Maths Literacy)
- An accredited accounting qualification may earn exemptions

Operational level and above

- Diploma in Cost and Management Accounting
- BCom / BCom Honours in Accounting, Management Accounting or Finance
- Any finance-related degree at NQF level 7+, a Master's in Accounting or an MBA
- AAT members and relevant degree holders may enter directly at Operational level

CIMA ROUTES

Three routes to CGMA — we coach all of them

Traditional route

Sit the objective tests and case studies level by level. The classic, flexible, pay-as-you-go path — ideal if you're building from the Certificate or entering with exemptions.

CGMA FLP route

CIMA's Finance Leadership Programme: no separate objective tests — continuous online learning plus one integrated case study exam per level. We provide the tuition and coaching layer.

Gateway route

Holders of a relevant master's degree, MBA or professional qualification (e.g. SAIPA) can sit the Management Case Study as a Gateway exam and fast-track to the Strategic level.

The CGMA Finance Leadership Programme (FLP)

FLP is CIMA's digital pathway to the CGMA designation. It bundles CIMA registration, the digital learning platform, competency assessments, the case study exams and CGMA membership into **one subscription paid directly to CIMA**. It runs across the Foundational, Operational, Management and Strategic levels, replacing the objective tests with continuous online learning — **you still sit the integrated case study exam at each level**.

Where CGMA Academy fits

We don't resell the CIMA subscription. We provide the tuition and case-study support that turns platform access into first-time passes — so your costs stay honest and transparent: you pay CIMA for FLP, and you pay us only for the support you choose.

FLP SELF-STUDY MATERIALS

R9,950 per level · $608

International: R16,400 · $1,002

- ✓ Complete FLP-aligned study materials for the level
- ✓ Case-study pre-seen analysis pack
- ✓ Competency and topic notes with worked examples
- ✓ Mock case studies with suggested solutions
- ✓ Student dashboard access, self-paced

FLP FULLY SUPPORTED · MOST CHOSEN

R13,500 per level · $824

International: R22,300 · $1,362

- ✓ Everything in FLP Self-Study Materials
- ✓ Live competency and topic coaching aligned to the FLP syllabus
- ✓ Exam-technique and answer-structure sessions
- ✓ Marked mock case studies with detailed feedback
- ✓ Tutor support right up to your case study exam

The CIMA FLP subscription is paid directly to CIMA and is not included in these fees.

Is FLP right for you?

FLP suits self-disciplined working professionals who prefer continuous online learning to sitting many separate objective tests. If you'd rather sit traditional objective tests, the traditional route may suit you better. **Both routes lead to the same CGMA designation and CIMA membership** — and we support both.

The CIMA Gateway — fast-track to Strategic level

If you hold a relevant master's degree, MBA or professional qualification, the Gateway lets you skip the earlier levels by passing the **Management Case Study as your Gateway exam** — a three-hour, computer-based case study offered in the February, May, August and November windows. Pass it and you move straight to the Strategic level.

1. **Confirm your eligibility** — we check your qualification against CIMA's exemption criteria and confirm your Gateway entry.

2. **Prepare the Gateway exam** — our package covers the integrated Management-level knowledge (E2, P2, F2) and case-study technique.
3. **Move to Strategic level** — once through, complete the Strategic level and progress to CGMA membership.

PER Consultation — don't let experience hold up membership

Passing the exams is only part of becoming a CGMA. You must also meet CIMA's **Practical Experience Requirement (PER)** — three years of relevant, verified experience recorded against CIMA's competency framework. Our PER Consultation includes a one-on-one review of your experience against the competency areas, guidance on structuring and evidencing your record, and practical help getting your submission membership-ready.

CIMA · FEES

CIMA tuition fees 2026

Tuition only — CIMA registration, subscription, exemption, exam-booking and FLP subscription fees are paid directly to CIMA. Prices in ZAR; USD is a guide at the daily exchange rate. Africa rates apply across all African countries; International rates apply outside Africa.

Traditional route — per subject

Programme / service	Africa (ZAR)	Africa (USD)	International (ZAR)	International (USD)
Self-Study (Option C) Full materials, study at your own pace	**R3,000**	$183	**R4,950**	$302
Supported (Option B) Full materials + limited 1-on-1 help on request	**R4,250**	$260	**R7,000**	$427
Guided (Option A) Full materials + 3–4 live consultation sessions per module	**R6,000**	$366	**R9,900**	$605

Traditional route — full level (3 subjects + case study)

Programme / service	Africa (ZAR)	Africa (USD)	International (ZAR)	International (USD)
Self-Study — full level Applies to Certificate*, Operational, Management or Strategic	**R12,000**	$733	**R19,800**	$1,209
Supported — full level 3 subjects + the level's case study	**R17,000**	$1,038	**R28,050**	$1,713
Guided — full level 3 subjects + the level's case study	**R24,000**	$1,466	**R39,600**	$2,418

*Certificate level has four objective-test subjects (BA1–BA4) and no case study; the full-level fee covers all four subjects.

CGMA FLP route — per level

Programme / service	Africa (ZAR)	Africa (USD)	International (ZAR)	International (USD)
FLP Self-Study Materials FLP-aligned materials, pre-seen pack, mock case studies	**R9,950**	$608	**R16,400**	$1,002
FLP Fully Supported Materials + live coaching, technique sessions, marked mocks	**R13,500**	$824	**R22,300**	$1,362

Gateway & membership support

Programme / service	Africa (ZAR)	Africa (USD)	International (ZAR)	International (USD)
CIMA Gateway tuition package Management-level bridge + Gateway (MCS) exam preparation	**R18,000**	$1,099	**R29,700**	$1,814
CIMA PER Consultation Recording and meeting the Practical Experience Requirement	**R3,500**	$214	**R5,800**	$354



SECTION 02 · ACCA

ACCA — mapped from your first exam to chartered status

ACCA, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, is one of the world's most portable accounting qualifications, recognised across **180+ markets**. It runs over three levels and **up to 13 exams**, with generous exemptions that can shorten the journey considerably — plus the Ethics and Professional Skills module and a Practical Experience Requirement.

Applied Knowledge

The foundations — business, management accounting and financial accounting. 3 exams.

Applied Skills

The technical core — law, performance management, tax, reporting, audit and financial management. 6 exams.

Strategic Professional

Two Essentials plus two Options, where you specialise and think like a senior finance leader. 4 exams.

The full ACCA structure

Level	Code	Exam	Format
Applied Knowledge	BT	Business and Technology	Computer-based, on demand
Applied Knowledge	MA	Management Accounting	Computer-based, on demand
Applied Knowledge	FA	Financial Accounting	Computer-based, on demand
Applied Skills	LW	Corporate and Business Law	On demand (UK & global variants)
Applied Skills	PM	Performance Management	Quarterly exam sessions
Applied Skills	TX	Taxation	Quarterly exam sessions
Applied Skills	FR	Financial Reporting	Quarterly exam sessions
Applied Skills	AA	Audit and Assurance	Quarterly exam sessions
Applied Skills	FM	Financial Management	Quarterly exam sessions
Strategic Professional — Essentials	SBL	Strategic Business Leader (required)	Quarterly exam sessions
Strategic Professional — Essentials	SBR	Strategic Business Reporting (required)	Quarterly exam sessions

Level	Code	Exam	Format
Strategic Professional — Options (any two)	AFM · APM · ATX · AAA	Advanced Financial Management · Advanced Performance Management · Advanced Taxation · Advanced Audit and Assurance	Quarterly exam sessions

Session-based exams are sat in **March, June, September and December**; not every exam variant is offered in every session.

Entry requirements & membership

Stage	Requirement
Applied Knowledge	Open entry for most students — start with no formal qualifications through the Applied Knowledge exams, or via ACCA's Foundations in Accountancy route. Graduates typically start here or skip ahead with exemptions.
Applied Skills	Completion of Applied Knowledge, or equivalent exemptions.
Strategic Professional	Completion of Applied Skills.
Ethics & Professional Skills	A required, practical, scenario-based module that develops the judgement, communication and professionalism expected of an ACCA member — best completed before or during Strategic Professional.
Membership	Pass both Essentials and any two Options, complete the Ethics and Professional Skills module, and meet the Practical Experience Requirement of **36 months** in a relevant role.

How exemptions work

Depending on your prior study — a relevant degree, a diploma or another professional qualification — ACCA may award exemptions from some Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills exams, so you start further up the ladder. Graduates with relevant degrees and holders of other professional qualifications may be exempt from some or all Applied Skills exams. **We help you confirm your exemptions before you enrol**, so you only pay to study the papers you actually need to sit.

Built for ACCA's exam style

Complete materials

Study texts, exam-focused notes, practice kits and mock exams for every paper, with worked examples in a South African context.

Exam technique focus

Live sessions concentrate on application and answer structure — where SBL, SBR and the Options are won or lost.

Exemption guidance

We confirm your exemptions before you enrol, so you never pay for papers you don't need to sit.

ACCA · FEES

ACCA tuition fees 2026

The same three study tiers apply to every ACCA paper. Tuition only — ACCA registration, annual subscription, exemption and exam fees are paid directly to ACCA.

Per paper — every level

Programme / service	Africa (ZAR)	Africa (USD)	International (ZAR)	International (USD)
Self-Study Full materials, self-paced	**R3,000**	$183	**R4,950**	$302
Supported Materials + limited 1-on-1 help on request	**R4,250**	$260	**R7,000**	$427
Guided Materials + 3–4 live consultation sessions per paper	**R6,000**	$366	**R9,900**	$605

Indicative cost per level (per-paper rate × number of papers)

Level & tier	Africa (ZAR)	Africa (USD)	International (ZAR)	International (USD)
Applied Knowledge — Self-Study 3 papers × R3,000	**R9,000**	$550	**R14,850**	$907
Applied Knowledge — Supported 3 papers × R4,250	**R12,750**	$779	**R21,000**	$1,283
Applied Knowledge — Guided 3 papers × R6,000	**R18,000**	$1,099	**R29,700**	$1,814
Applied Skills — Self-Study 6 papers × R3,000	**R18,000**	$1,099	**R29,700**	$1,814
Applied Skills — Supported 6 papers × R4,250	**R25,500**	$1,558	**R42,000**	$2,566
Applied Skills — Guided 6 papers × R6,000	**R36,000**	$2,199	**R59,400**	$3,629
Strategic Professional — Self-Study 4 papers × R3,000	**R12,000**	$733	**R19,800**	$1,209
Strategic Professional — Supported 4 papers × R4,250	**R17,000**	$1,038	**R28,000**	$1,710
Strategic Professional — Guided 4 papers × R6,000	**R24,000**	$1,466	**R39,600**	$2,418

Exemptions reduce the number of papers — and your fees — accordingly. Pay per paper as you progress; flexible payment plans available.



SECTION 03 · CIMA–SAICA PATHWAYS

CIMA–SAICA pathways: hold both CA(SA) and CGMA

SAICA and CIMA have a **Membership Pathway Agreement**, revised in May 2022, that makes it significantly easier for members of each body to earn the other's designation. Under the revised agreement, eligible **CAs(SA)** are exempt from 15 of CIMA's 16 exams and only need to pass the Strategic Case Study, while eligible **CIMA members** no longer sit SAICA's first qualifying exam (the ITC) and instead complete an accredited professional programme and SAICA's Assessment of Professional Competence (APC).

Route A: CA(SA) → CGMA
One exam — the Strategic Case Study — then apply for ACMA and the CGMA designation.

Route B: CGMA → CA(SA)
An accredited professional programme (board course), then SAICA's APC — no ITC required.

Route A — CA(SA) to CGMA

As a CA(SA), you've already mastered the technical depth CIMA recognises. The CGMA designation adds globally portable, strategic management-accounting credibility — ideal for CAs(SA) in business, commercial finance or international roles.

Eligibility & what's required

- Fully qualified CA(SA), and a SAICA member in good standing.
- At least **three years of verified, relevant work-based practical experience**.
- Exemption from **15 of 16 CIMA exams** — complete Strategic Case Study preparation, pass the **SCS**, then apply for ACMA / CGMA.

Your four steps to CGMA

1. **Confirm your standing with CIMA** — we help you register under the CA(SA) recognition route and confirm you're cleared to sit the SCS.
2. **Choose cohort or 1-on-1** — join a scheduled SCS cohort, or take intensive one-to-one coaching built around your diary and the live pre-seen.
3. **Master the Strategic Case Study** — full pre-seen analysis for your exam window, strategy, risk and financial-strategy revision, answer-structure coaching and marked mocks with one-to-one feedback.
4. **Sit the SCS and earn CGMA** — pass in your chosen window (February, May, August or November) and apply for membership.

Programme / service	Africa (ZAR)	Africa (USD)	International (ZAR)	International (USD)
CA(SA) → CGMA — cohort SCS coaching in a scheduled cohort	**R12,000**	$733	**R19,800**	$1,209
CA(SA) → CGMA — 1-on-1 Intensive one-to-one SCS coaching	**R13,500**	$824	**R22,300**	$1,362
SCS 1-on-1 Intensive (standalone) For any candidate sitting the Strategic Case Study	**R13,500**	$824	**R22,300**	$1,362

Route B — CGMA to CA(SA)

Qualified CGMA members can progress to the CA(SA) designation without restarting. Under the pathway agreement you **do not sit the ITC**; you complete the two final steps SAICA requires of every CA(SA) candidate.

Step	What it involves
1. Confirm eligibility	Apply to SAICA under the CIMA pathway. SAICA issues a letter confirming whether you qualify for a SAICA-endorsed professional programme — your board-course provider will ask for it when you enrol.
2. Board course	Complete and pass an accredited professional programme (board course) with a provider such as APT, the UCT APC Professional Programme or Endunamo. A completed programme stays valid for three consecutive years.
3. Sit the APC	Write SAICA's Assessment of Professional Competence — the capstone case-study assessment, written once a year towards the end of the year.
4. Register as CA(SA)	Pass the APC, meet SAICA's practical experience requirements and register as a Chartered Accountant (South Africa).

Where CGMA Academy helps

- **Board-course preparation** — focused support alongside your APT, UCT or Endunamo board course if you need extra help getting through it.
- **APC final-exam preparation** — intensive coaching, case-study technique, the professional-competence framework and marked mock exams.
- **Repeat candidates** — hold a valid board-course certificate? Come straight to us for APC-only preparation without redoing the board course.

Programme / service	Africa (ZAR)	Africa (USD)	International (ZAR)	International (USD)
CGMA → CA(SA) bridge Board-course support and/or APC preparation — quoted after a personalised gap analysis	**By assessment**	—	**By assessment**	—

Board-course and APC registration fees are paid directly to the accredited provider and SAICA.

CPD short courses

Already qualified? Keep your CPD current with our growing library of short courses, bookable online in a few clicks.

Programme / service	Africa (ZAR)	Africa (USD)	International (ZAR)	International (USD)
CPD units Range depending on length & depth	**R450 – R950**	$25 – $55	**R750 – R1,550**	$45 – $95

GETTING STARTED

From sign-up to studying in four steps

The whole journey is self-service — register, pay and you're in your dashboard the same day.

1 Pick your pathway

Choose CIMA (traditional, FLP or Gateway), ACCA or a CIMA–SAICA route, then your level and subjects. Not sure? WhatsApp us and we'll check your exemptions.

2 Choose your option

Self-Study, Supported or Guided — or FLP Self-Study / Fully Supported — whichever suits how you learn.

3 Register & pay

Complete the online registration form at cgmaacademy.co.za/student-registration and pay online or by EFT. Flexible payment plans available.

4 Start learning

Your materials, recordings and live sessions appear in your student dashboard straight away.

Banking details for EFT payments

Detail	Information
Account name	CGMA Academy (Pty) Ltd
Bank	First National Bank (FNB)
Account type	Gold Business Account
Account number	**63107163684**
Branch code	210835
SWIFT code (international)	FIRNZAJJ
Payment reference	Your full name and surname (and invoice / quote number if issued)

Please email your proof of payment to infor@cgmaacademy.co.za. CGMA Academy will never ask you to pay into a different account — if in doubt, call us on +27 74 673 0984 to verify.

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