BOARD360
GLOBAL LEARNING ACADEMY

US CMA

Certified Management Accountant

2 Parts | 6–12 Months | Powered by UWorld



Taught by practicing accountants.
Backed by real placement support.

US CMA

THE WORLD'S BENCHMARK IN MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

The US CMA is the global professional credential in management accounting and corporate finance, awarded by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), USA. Where other qualifications certify that you can keep the books, the CMA certifies that you can steer the business: budgeting, forecasting, performance, cost, risk, and strategic decision-making.

For Indian finance professionals, it is the clearest route out of pure compliance work and into the roles that shape decisions: FP&A, business finance, controllership, and the CFO track, inside MNCs, Big 4 advisory practices, and global capability centers.

Here is why a growing number of professionals choose to become a CMA:

01. Built for the roles that decide, not just record
The CMA is the credential for management accounting and strategy. It is the skill set that moves you from reporting numbers to driving them.

02. A measurable pay premium
A global salary survey found CMAs earn a median total compensation roughly 58% higher than non-certified peers worldwide.

03. Global demand, portable everywhere
Recognized across 150+ countries, the CMA travels with you, from Gurugram to Dubai, Singapore, or New York.

04. Fast to earn
Just two exam parts, completable in 6-12 months alongside a full-time job or degree.

2 Exam Parts	**6-12 months** Typical Completion Time	**94%** Board360 CMA Pass Rate
₹5-8 LPA US CMA Entry Salary in India (0–2 yrs)	**~58%** Higher Median Pay for CMAs (IMA 2025)	**150+** Countries Recognizing the CMA

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

The world of accounting, finance, taxation, audit, risk, compliance, and business advisory is evolving faster than ever before. Unfortunately, traditional education often places too much emphasis on rote learning and examination techniques, while practical application and professional judgment receive far less attention. At Board360, we are committed to bridging that gap.

Our philosophy is simple: learning should build logic before memory, understanding before repetition, and application before examination. In the modern professional world, success belongs not to those who know the most facts, but to those who know how to apply knowledge effectively.

Your journey with Board360 is not merely about earning qualifications — it is about building the mindset, skills, and confidence required to thrive in an increasingly interconnected global economy. The knowledge you gain today will open doors, but the way you think will define your future.



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Practicing CPA | Industry Veteran | Acclaimed Mentor & Educator

ABOUT BOARD360

GLOBAL LEARNING ACADEMY

Board360 is a professional education platform built around globally recognized finance and accounting certifications. Every program is taught by actively practicing professionals, not career academics, and delivered in partnership with UWorld and HOCK International, the most trusted exam preparation platforms in the world.

What sets Board360 apart is what happens beyond the classroom. Every learner gets human-led career counseling, a personalized study plan, 1:1 mentorship, and dedicated placement support, because a credential without a career is just a certificate on a wall.

> ***"We don't just train you for the exam. We build you for the career."***

— Board360, Global Learning Academy



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

Board360's CMA program is built around a single conviction: from your first counseling call to your final placement, we are with you at every step, with world-class content, practicing mentors, and a support system that doesn't stop at the exam.



Two learning platforms, one program

Board360's own LMS with recorded lectures you can rewatch anytime, plus full access to UWorld's platform, the most trusted name in CMA preparation with over 4 million learners worldwide.



SmartPath™ predictive technology

Track your performance with UWorld's proprietary SmartPath™ and know exactly when you're ready to sit for each part.



Taught by practicing accountants

Learn from professionals who budget, forecast, and advise businesses for a living, so every concept comes with the context of how it is actually used.



Weekly live mentoring sessions

Every week, a live session with your mentor to work through application, exam strategy, and the topics that need a second pass.



1:1 doubt clearing

A dedicated one-on-one channel for when a concept refuses to click, scheduled around your working week.



Certification & compliance support

Guided support through IMA membership, exam registration, scheduling, and the work-experience requirement for final certification.



Practical training & internship access

Real-world assignments, case exposure, and internships that bridge your certification with your career.



Career support beyond the exam

Interview preparation, resume building, and placement support, so the credential turns into an actual offer letter.

THE UWORLD ADVANTAGE

TRUSTED BY 4 MILLION+ LEARNERS

Board360's US CMA program is exclusively powered by UWorld, an active, adaptive, data-driven learning experience designed around one goal: your passing score.

SmartPath™ technology

Predictive technology that analyzes your performance and tells you exactly when you're ready for each part.

Visual learning that makes concepts stick

Detailed illustrations, diagrams, flowcharts, and tables in every answer explanation, written by practicing accountants.

Thousands of IMA-aligned practice questions

6,100+ practice questions built to exam-level difficulty and fully aligned with the current IMA blueprint, with detailed explanations, flashcards, and pre-annotated notes for every question.

Study anywhere with the mobile app

A fully functional mobile app puts your questions, videos, and flashcards on your commute, between meetings, or on your couch.

US CMA EXAM STRUCTURE

TWO PARTS. ONE COMPLETE SKILL SET

The entire CMA syllabus fits into 2 parts and 12 weighted competency areas.

Part 1 is how a business measures and controls performance.
Part 2 is how it makes strategic financial decisions.

Learn these 12 and you hold the full toolkit employers hire for.

The CMA at a Glance

2 parts | *4 hours each* | *100 MCQs (3 hrs)*

2 case-based questions (1 hr) | *MCQ 75%/essay 25%*

CMA Part 1: Financial Planning, Performance, and Analytics	*CMA Part 2: Strategic Financial Management*
15% External Financial Reporting Decisions	**20%** Financial Statement Analysis
20% Planning, Budgeting, and Forecasting	**20%** Corporate Finance
20% Performance Management	**25%** Decision Analysis
15% Cost Management	**10%** Enterprise Risk Management
15% Internal Controls	**10%** Capital Investment Decisions
15% Technology and Analytics	**15%** Professional Ethics

You can take them in either order. Each part is a four-hour exam: 100 multiple-choice questions (3 hours) followed by two essay/case-based scenarios (1 hour).

Passing Score: 360 on a scaled range of 0-500 for each part (a scaled score, not a percentage). You must answer at least 50% of the MCQs correctly to unlock the essay section.

Testing Windows: The US CMA exam runs in 3 two-month testing windows each year: January/February, May/June, and September/October. You sit it at any Prometric test center, on a date you book inside an open window.

Application Timeline: Allow 4-6 weeks for IMA registration and scheduling. Both parts must be passed within three years of entering the CMA program.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

YOU'RE PROBABLY CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

The CMA has one of the most accessible entry points of any global finance credential. You can begin, and even finish both exams, before your education and experience are fully verified.

To enter the program and sit the exams

- **Membership:** Active membership of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). Board360 helps you register, with a discount on IMA membership fees.

- **Entrance fee:** Pay the one-time CMA entrance fee to enroll as a candidate. That is all it takes to start. Your prep and both exam parts can happen before your degree is even in hand.

To earn the CMA certification (after passing both parts)

To be certified, you will also need:

- **Education:** A bachelor's degree in any subject from an accredited college or university, or an approved professional certification recognized by ICMA.

  If you don't hold a degree, the right certification can meet this requirement on its own, so a missing degree doesn't have to hold you back. You have up to seven years after completing the exam to submit your verification.

- **Experience:** Two continuous years of professional experience in management accounting or financial management. You can complete this before you start or within seven years of passing the exams.

- **Ethics and membership:** Comply with IMA's Statement of Ethical Professional Practice and keep your membership active.

Your Situation	CMA Status
A bachelor's degree in any discipline from an accredited institution	Fully eligible
Final-year or recent graduate, no experience yet	Start studying and sit the exams; certify once your two years of experience are met
12th passed, degree in progress	Eligible to register and prepare; verify your degree later
Working professional in finance or accounting	Ideal, your experience requirement is already in place
No bachelor's degree, but you hold an approved professional certification	Eligible through the alternate education route

Not sure where you stand? Your Board360 counselor maps your exact eligibility and timeline in your first session.

YOUR ROADMAP TO CMA

A PLAN BUILT AROUND YOUR LIFE, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND

No two learners are the same. Board360 builds a personalized study plan around your background, your schedule, and your target exam windows.

Board360's Recommended Preparation Timeline

Months 1-5 | Part 1: Financial Planning, Performance, and Analytics
Start with the operational core. Budgeting, cost, and performance management build the vocabulary and intuition that make Part 2's strategic material far easier to absorb.

Months 6-10 | Part 2: Strategic Financial Management
With the foundation in place, move into corporate finance, decision analysis, risk, and investment decisions. This is the reasoning that employers value most and that positions you for FP&A and leadership roles.

Throughout every stage: mentorship sessions, strategy calls, mock assessments, and performance reviews are built into your plan. Each week alternates numerical practice with theory review, so the pace stays sustainable, protecting focus, preventing burnout, and keeping you fresh across the whole journey.

ADMISSION PROCESS

HOW TO BECOME A US CMA



Step 1

Check Your Eligibility

Confirm where you stand on education, membership, and experience. Your Board360 counselor handles this in your first session.



Step 2

Join the IMA

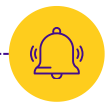
Become an IMA member and enroll as a CMA candidate by paying the one-time entrance fee. Board360 walks you through the discounts and paperwork.



Step 3

Start with UWorld + Board360

Get your UWorld CMA content, SmartPath™ study plan, and before study plan. Your prep begins immediately.



Step 4

Register for your exam part

Register through the IMA for Part 1 or Part 2, in your choice of order, and pay the exam fee.



Step 5

Schedule at a Prometric center

Book your exam date within an available testing window at a Prometric center near you.



Step 6

Prepare

Plan for roughly 4 to 6 months of study per section. Board360 mentors structure the plan around you, with UWorld's blueprint-aligned content, question bank, and SmartPath™ doing the heavy lifting on practice.



Step 7

Take the Exam

Four hours per part: 100 MCQs followed by two essay/case-based scenarios. Bring valid photo ID.



Step 8

Receive Your Score

A scaled score of 360 (out of 500) passes. Results arrive by email about six weeks after your exam month.



Step 9

Certify

Once both parts are passed and your two years of qualifying experience are met, the IMA awards your CMA certification.

CMA PROGRAM FEES

WHAT THE CREDENTIAL COSTS

Below are the official IMA fees to enter the program and sit both exam parts, billed by the Institute of Management Accountants. Students and academic members pay noticeably less. Board360 registers you at the correct membership tier so you never overpay.

Fee	Professional Members	Student/Academic Members
CMA Entrance Fee	$300	$225
Exam Fee (per part)	$545	$407
IMA Membership Fee	$295	$49/$160
CMA Annual Maintenance Fee	$30*	$30*

**To keep the certification active, CMAs renew their IMA membership and pay the CMA Annual Maintenance Fee every year.*

Board360 Program Fee

₹75,000 + GST

Covers UWorld content and SmartPath™, live classes, 1:1 mentorship, and placement support.

YOUR MENTORS

LEARN FROM THOSE WHO ARE STILL IN THE FIELD



Yash Siwal

Practicing US CMA | CMA Faculty, Board360

Your CMA classes are led by a working management accountant. Yash Siwal is a practicing US CMA who teaches the credential he uses on the job, so every topic comes with the context of how it actually plays out in a finance function.

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YOUR CMA JOURNEY STARTS WITH ONE CONVERSATION

TALK TO A BOARD360 COUNSELOR

Walk away with a personalized roadmap built around your background, your schedule, and your ambitions.

Free Demo Classes Available	Flexible Online & Offline Options	Human-Led Guidance Every Step

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