Raise the Bar with CCIFP Certification

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You may be wondering what this certification is and why it is important. The Certified Construction Industry Financial Professional (CCIFP) designation is the only accounting certification for construction financial professionals. It was established, in part, to ensure that our profession maintains the highest possible standards of knowledge, competence, and ethics.

Today’s construction financial managers (CFMs) are responsible for much more than day-to-day accounting. Successful CFMs not only possess a unique skill set and specialized body of knowledge, but they also help their company navigate constantly changing risks and challenges.

The CCIFP certification tests eight domains of knowledge – Accounting & Reporting, Income Recognition, Risk Management, Budgeting & Planning, Legal, Human Resources, Taxes, and Information Technology, and requires continuing education to ensure CCIFPs stay informed on industry issues.

If you are a construction company owner or financial service provider, this certification should be the standard required to ensure that you have the most capable staff to handle all the unique aspects of the construction industry.

The CCIFP has direct benefit to the certificate holder as well:

- **Demonstrates your commitment to the industry and knowledge** – It shows your commitment to your career and sets you apart as a leader.
- **Reflects upon your achievement** – It shows that you have displayed excellence in the construction industry and that you have a broad knowledge base that will allow for greater contributions to your company.

- **Enhances your professional image** – It allows you to grow and develop as a professional so you can stand out as an example of excellence in the construction industry.

- **Improves your career opportunities and advancement** – It can give you an edge when being considered for promotion or other career opportunities because certification is an independent assessment of your skills and knowledge. When companies seek qualified firms or individuals to perform services, they seek those who have proven knowledge about the given task.

- **Prepares you for on-the-job responsibilities at a higher level** – Since it is a voluntary commitment to the construction industry, it's a clear indicator of your willingness to invest in your own professional development. It gives you tools to react to future changes and access to other certified professionals that you can rely on for assistance when needed.

- **Provides greater earning potential** – It sets you apart and shows that you are a committed self-starter invested in your career and the industry, which is valuable to your management.

- **Improves your skill and knowledge** – It highlights your competence by confirming your knowledge and career commitment.

- **Offers professional recognition from your peers and management** – Your peers will recognize that you went the extra mile for your professional development.

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