

CPP Exam FAQ's

1. What changes have been made to the Certification process?

PPA has launched a new and improved Certification Curriculum that is broken down into six modules (sections) to help candidates learn at their own pace. Each module contains educational videos by different instructors, visual presentations, quizzes, link to the Photography Certification Guide, and the exam that correlates with that module.

***Tip: You will need to use Google Chrome as your browser to take each of the exams.**

2. How much is it to declare my candidacy?

It is \$200 to declare your candidacy, and you will have two years to pass the exams as well as the Technical Image Evaluation.

Any candidate that declared their candidacy before February 1, 2025, does not have to pass the Introduction to Business Exam.

3. Where are the modules located?

The modules are located under the “Benefits > Certification Curriculum” menu at the top of the page after you log into your PPA account.

You may start in any module and skip around, or you can just start with the first module.

4. What are the six modules?

- Module 1: Cameras, Lenses, and Attachments
- Module 2: Lighting and Flash Photography
- Module 3: Design and Composition
- Module 4: Exposures and Metering
- Module 5: Digital post-production
- Module 6: Introduction to Business

5. How do I take the certification exams?

Sign in to your PPA member account.

Navigate to the “Benefits” tab and click on it.

Click on “Certification Curriculum”.

Navigate to each of the Modules (there are 6). At the bottom of the module content on the right side, you will see the Certification Exam that correlates with that module.

In this module, you will learn the basic function of digital cameras as well as different sizes and types of lenses and attachment to enhance your images.

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Certified Professional Photographer Curriculum-Module 1: Cameras, Lenses, & Attachments

- ▶ Module 1A: Camera Selection
- ▶ Module 1B: Camera Operation
- ▶ Module 1C: Accessories
- ▶ Module 1D: Correcting Problems in Images
- ▶ Module 1E: Lens Selection
- ▶ Module 1F: Capabilities of Lenses
- ▶ Photography Certification Guide
- ▶ Module 1 Exam

EXAM 1

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Click on the exam and you will be prompted to go through a few system checks, a Google Chrome browser extension, a room scan, and an ID scan before you begin.

The exam can only be taken on a Google Chrome browser, and you will be required to add an extension to take the exam. The process should only take a few minutes, and you will be able to take that section of the exam as soon as the process is complete.

****You must be a declared and active CPP Candidate or a CPP up for recertification within the current calendar year to take the CPP Exams. ****

6. What is the format of the exams?

The certification exams are comprised of 10-25 multiple-choice questions each. The material is pulled from the CPP test specifications, and all exam questions are referenced in the available Photography Certification Guide.

You will have to score 70% or higher to pass each of the exams.

If you do not pass a module exam, you will only have to retake that specific exam.

The exams are on-demand which means you do not have to schedule with a proctor. When you click on the "Exam 1, 2, 3...etc" you will see the set-up section open on the page. Just follow the prompts to begin the exam.

7. Are there specialty specific CPP exams?

CPP Exams are not associated by specialty (Portrait, Sports, or Commercial), but you will need to have a good understanding of the fundamentals of photography to pass the exam.

8. Where can I register for the online exam?

No need to register. Just click on an exam at the bottom of a Certified Professional Photographer Module when you feel comfortable enough to take the exam.

9. When and how will the exam results be published?

Your exams must be reviewed before approval. You will see your results in your PPA account approximately 1-3 business days after your exam date.

- You will see your score as a percentage.

10. How many times can I take the exam(s)?

You will have 10 attempts over the six exams and can purchase additional attempts as much as needed.

11. If I fail one or more of the exams, is there an additional fee to re-take the exam?

It is \$25 for 10 attempts. If you use the 10 attempts, you will need to purchase another 10 attempts for \$25.

12. Can I request special exam accommodations?

CPP exam accommodations

The CPP examination program provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations for individuals with documented disabilities within the meaning of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended (ADA). Under ADA, a disability is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits an individual's ability to perform one or more major life activities, as compared with most people in the general population. PPA will make reasonable efforts to accommodate eligible candidates, who provide documented evidence of their disability or need for special arrangements that do not present an undue burden to the proctor and do not

fundamentally alter the measurement of the knowledge the assessment is intended to test. If you require special testing arrangements, you must inform PPA of your needs via email at least four weeks prior to the scheduled test date. Please email cpp@ppa.com for special accommodation requests.

13. How much time should I allocate for the online exams?

We recommend allocating about 30 minutes to an hour from your schedule for each of the CPP Exams to allow time for set-up and test taking.

14. What do I need to have ready to be prepared for the online exam?

- Google Chrome browser
- Your government issued identification (driver's license, ID, Passport). ***The name on your ID must match the name in your PPA account.***
- A working webcam
- A quiet location clear of any reference material
- Strong Internet connectivity. We recommend a hard-wired Internet connection if possible.
- Your PPA log in

15. What browser should I use for the online exams?

You must use Google Chrome.

16. What if my results do not get approved?

The candidate will receive an email regarding violations and next steps if the exam(s) shown has not been approved.