

## CIMA ACCELERATED PROGRAMME - FAQs

**Q. How much does the programme cost?**

*A. Approx. £2,200 per participant (depending on numbers).*

**Q. Can organisations use the apprenticeship levy to fund this for staff?**

*A. TBC by Kaplan*

**Q. Will this be offered annually?**

*A. As this is a new programme it is running as a pilot, and the take-up and success of the programme will need to be assessed and then approved by CIMA for further cohorts. We hope to offer this annually, but this can only be assessed when this cohort has been completed.*

**Q. I am already partially through another qualification (e.g., ACCA / CIPFA / ACA), do they offer a similar programme?**

*CIMA are currently the only accountancy body that we are offering an accelerated programme with. We hope that the other bodies will offer something similar in future following the launch of this programme.*

**Q. What is the expected study commitment for the programme – timescales/weekends and evenings?**

*A. This will be sent to you on acceptance on to the programme. There will be options for evening and weekend course study options through April and May for the May exams but again these options will be dependent on numbers and so confirmed once all applications and CIMA's selection process is complete. Applicants should expect that there will be commitment and time input required as Kaplan will be preparing students for the case study by filling the gaps from not sitting examinations.*

**Q. Will the study schedule be delivered virtually or in person?**

*A. The underlying content will be delivered through 'Live Online'. Recordings will also be available for those that are unable to attend live.*

**Q. Can I still apply if I have failed a CIMA exam previously?**

*A. You are not able to apply to this programme to have exemption from any previously failed exams. You will need to re-take and pass any previously failed CIMA exams before applying to this programme.*

**Q. What happens if I fail an exam / case study on this course?**

A. You would not be able to proceed with the course and would then need to re-sit and pass outside this programme. The application process and requirements to submit evidence are designed to ensure we get high calibre committed individuals that have a strong chance of passing.

**Q. Can I apply if I am new to the NHS?**

A. Yes. Please adapt your answers and evidence related to the competencies by sharing detail on how you meet each competency based on any finance experience you feel is relevant.