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Pathway to the CMA application session



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Through partnership with the Institute of Management Accountant, the worldwide association of accountants and financial professionals in business and largest and most respected associations focused exclusively on advancing the management accounting profession, we're able to better help professionals prep for the CMA exam and earn their CPE once certified.



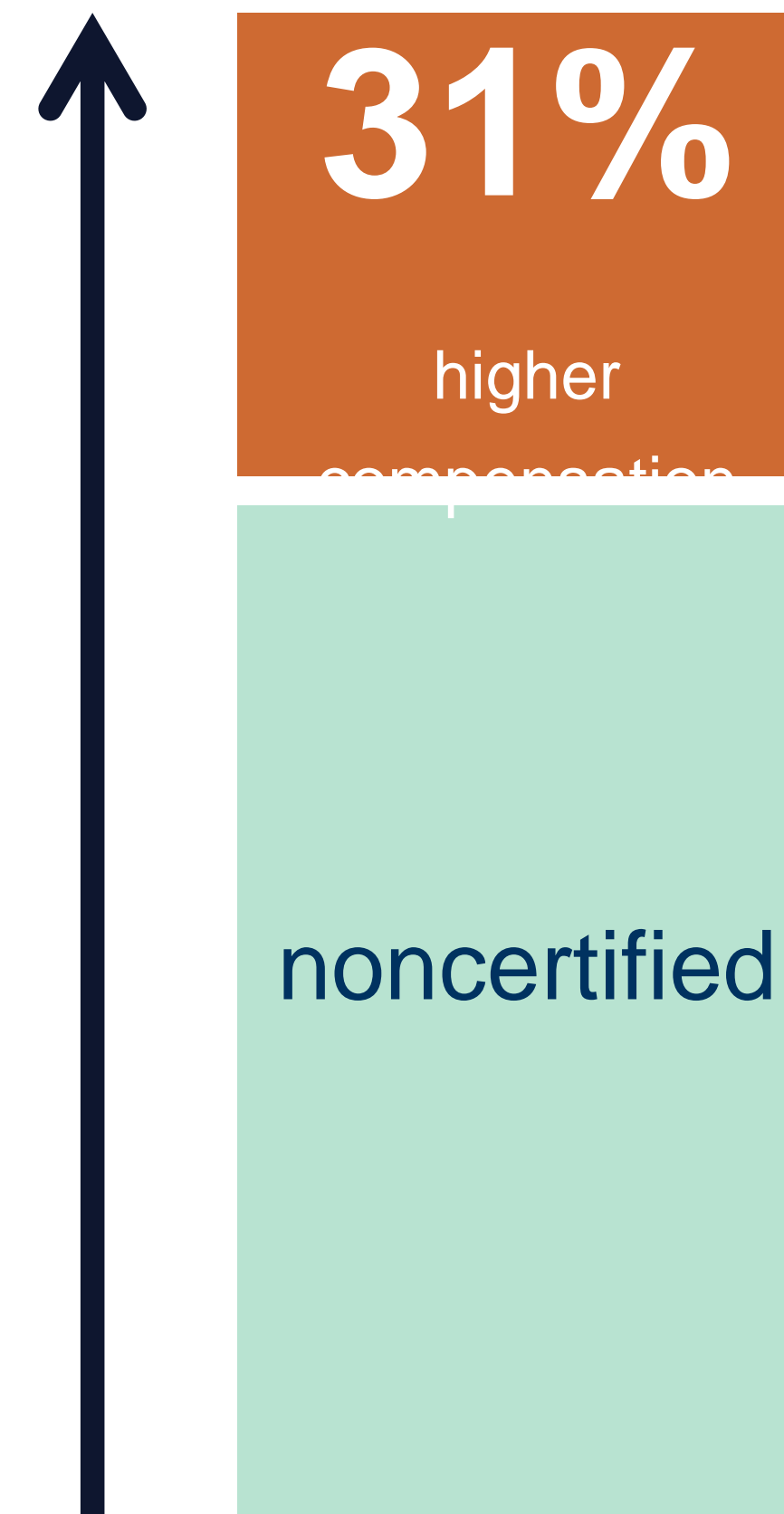
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The Association of
Accountants and
Financial Professionals
in Business

The Difference Is in the Numbers

CMAAs in the U.S. can earn 31% more in median total compensation than noncertified accountants.*



**Source: IMA's 2019 U.S. Salary Survey*

How to Get Started

1) Become an IMA member

- Professional members: \$230/year + \$15 one-time processing fee
- **Students members: \$39/year***

2) Pay the CMA program entrance fee

- Regular members: \$250 one-time fee
- **Student members: \$188 one-time fee**

3) Register to sit for an exam part

- Regular members: \$415 per part
- **Student members: \$311 per part**

***SPECIAL OFFER: Check for specials with the IMA**

Steps to becoming a CMA

Step 1

Apply to take the CMA Exam

- + Submit your application for IMA membership

Step 2

Study for the exam

- + Choose your exam review course provider
- + Create your study plan
- + Study

Step 3

Schedule the exam

- + Select your testing window
- + Pay the CMA exam entrance fee & exam fee
- + Schedule exam with Prometric

Step 4

Succeed

- + Take both parts of the exam
- + Obtain 2 years work experience
- + Earn bachelor's degree from accredited college or university within 7 years of passing the exam
- + Apply for licensure

Step 1 | Eligibility requirements to sit for the exam



1) IMA Membership

- + The first step to becoming a CMA is an being an active member of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)
- + There are three types of membership: professional, student and academic

2) CMA Entrance Fee

- + This entrance fee must be paid prior to taking the examinations
- + Candidates must complete the CMA program within three years from the date of entry into the program.

3) CMA Exam Fee

- + Once you are a member of the CMA program, you can register for the CMA exam.
- + You register and pay for each part of the CMA exam separately

4) Comply with the IMA Statement of Ethical Professional Practice

Step 1 | Eligibility requirements to become certified



- + Satisfy the education qualification
 - + Either a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university OR approved professional certification.
- + Satisfy the experience qualification
 - + Two continuous years of professional experience in management accounting and/or financial management.
- + Complete both parts of the examination

Both the education and experience qualification must be met within 7 years of completing the CMA exam

Step 1 | Apply to sit



January–February

First exam date: January 1
Last exam date: February 28
Last day to register for an exam: February 15



May–June

First exam date: May 1
Last exam date: June 30
Last day to register for an exam: June 15



September–October

First exam date: September 1
Last exam date: October 31
Last day to register for an exam: October 15

Step 2 | Create a study plan

Decide which part you're taking first

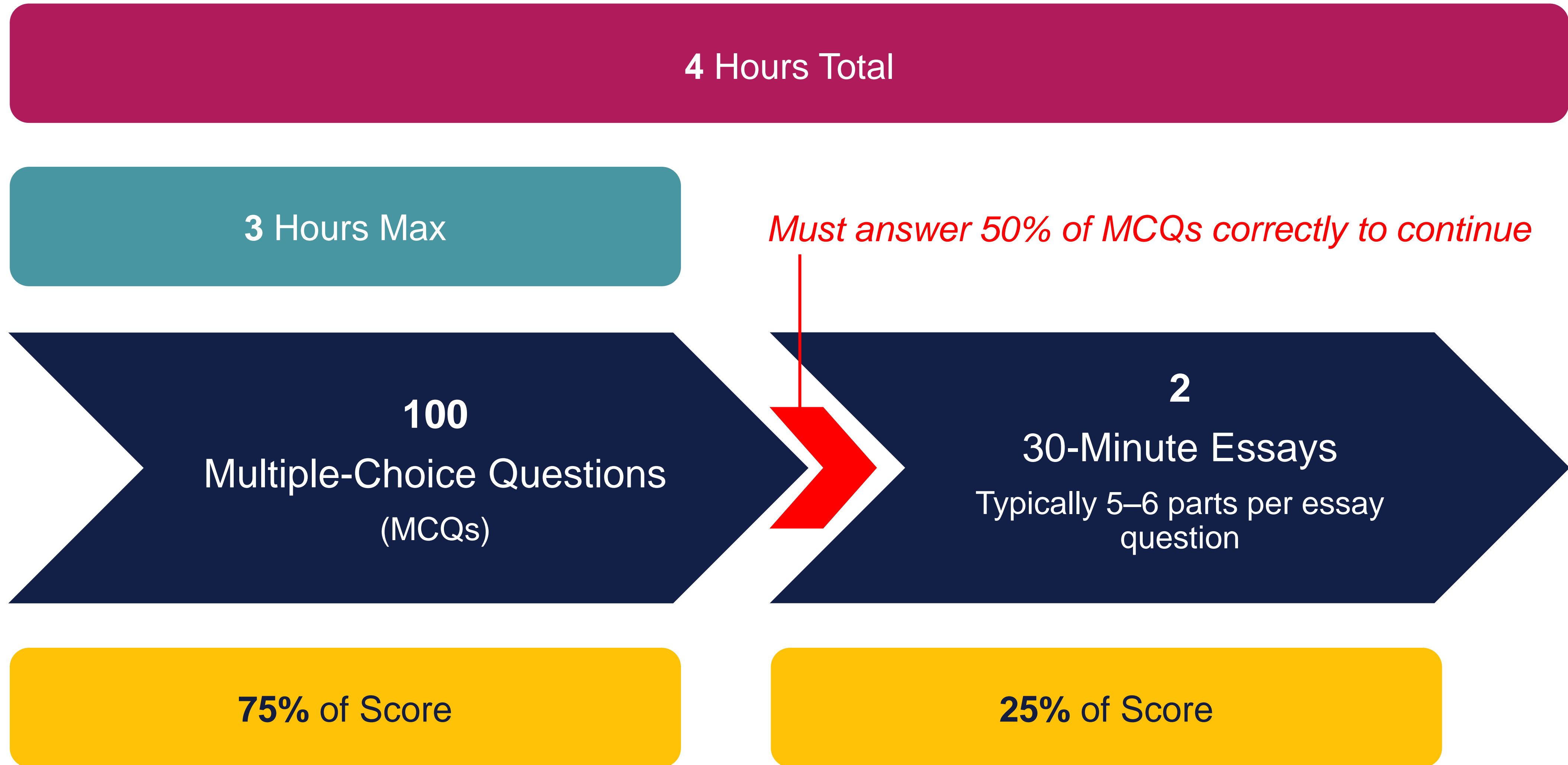
- + You can take parts one and two of the CMA Exam in any order. Watch the Becker CMA course video “Which Part First? Select your First Exam” as a starting guide.
- + Your choice should depend on which part you feel the most prepared for -if you know most content in Part 1 already, you may want to consider taking that part first as it will require the least amount of study time.
- + Review the IMA’s [Content Specification Outline](#) for the CMA Exam to determine which key topics you’re most familiar with and which part you’re ready to prepare for first.

Build a realistic study plan

- + Building a realistic study plan that is based on your work and personal schedule will ensure that you’re setting aside dedicated study time.
- + Set realistic study goals each week to stay on track and organize when you’ll cover each of the CMA Exam’s key topics.
- + The IMA provides a [learning outcome document](#) that details exactly what you need to know for each section of the CMA Exam.
- + As a guideline we recommend allocating 120 study hours for part 1 of the exam, and 100 study hours for part 2.



Step 2 | Exam overview



Step 2 | Exam scoring



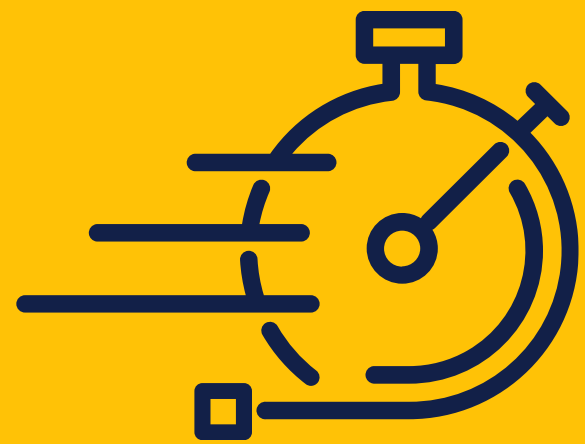
Scoring

- + Each part of the CMA exam is graded on a scale of 0-500. A score of 360 or better is required to pass.
- + MCQ's represent 75% of your overall score, essay questions account for the remaining 25%.
- + The essay questions for each part are hand-graded.
- + Exam scores are released approximately 6 weeks after the end of the month in which the exam was taken.

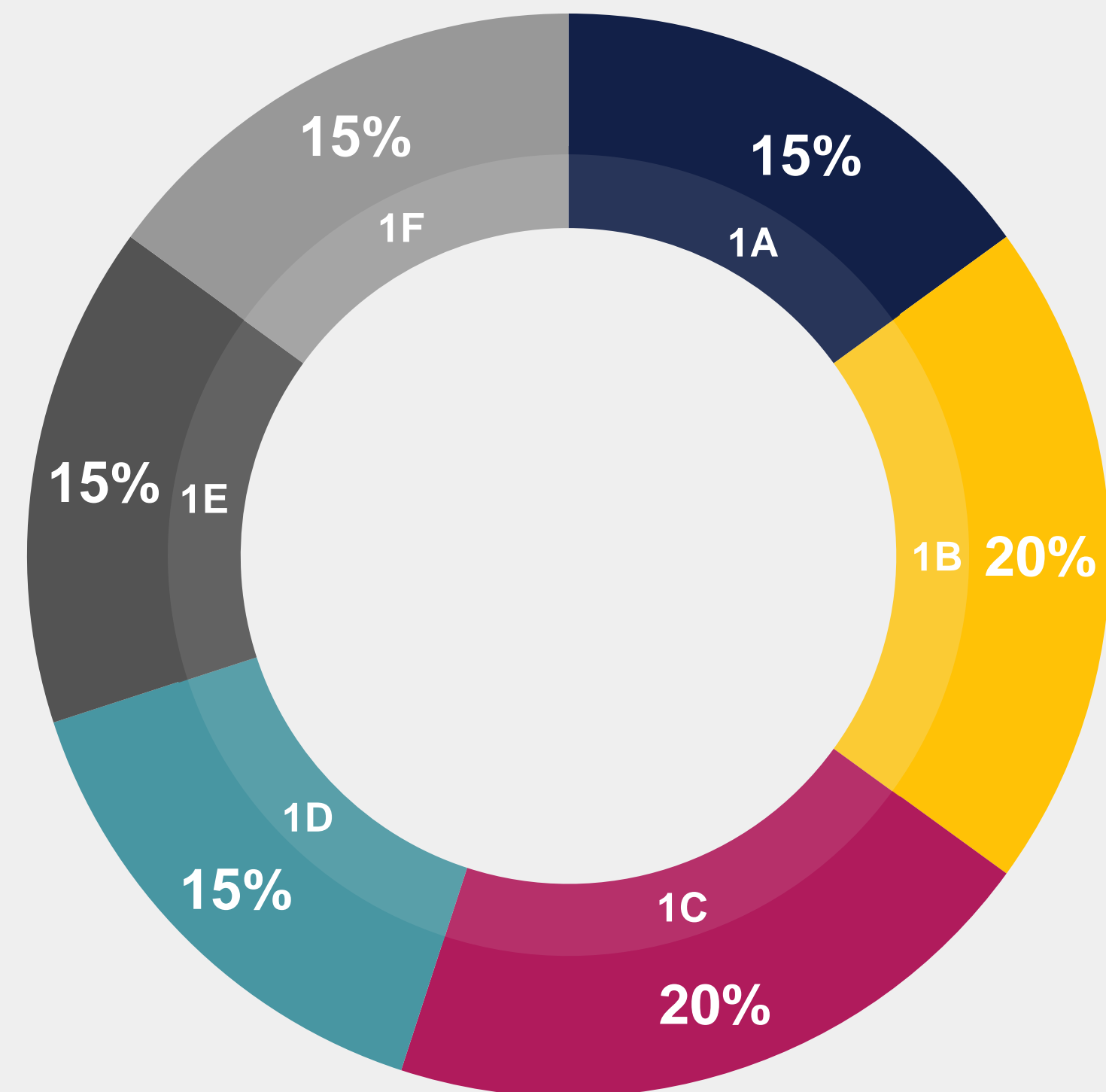


Step 2 | Exam structure part 1

Expected study time



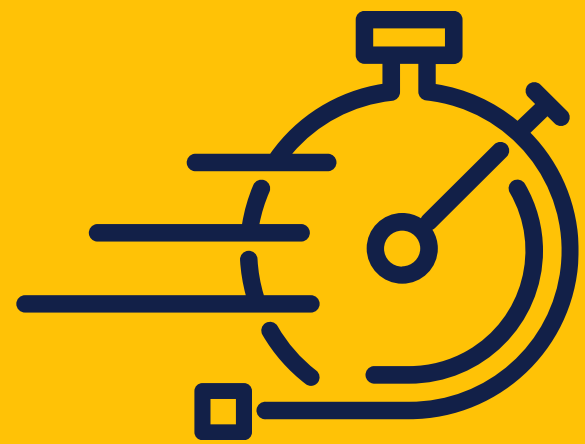
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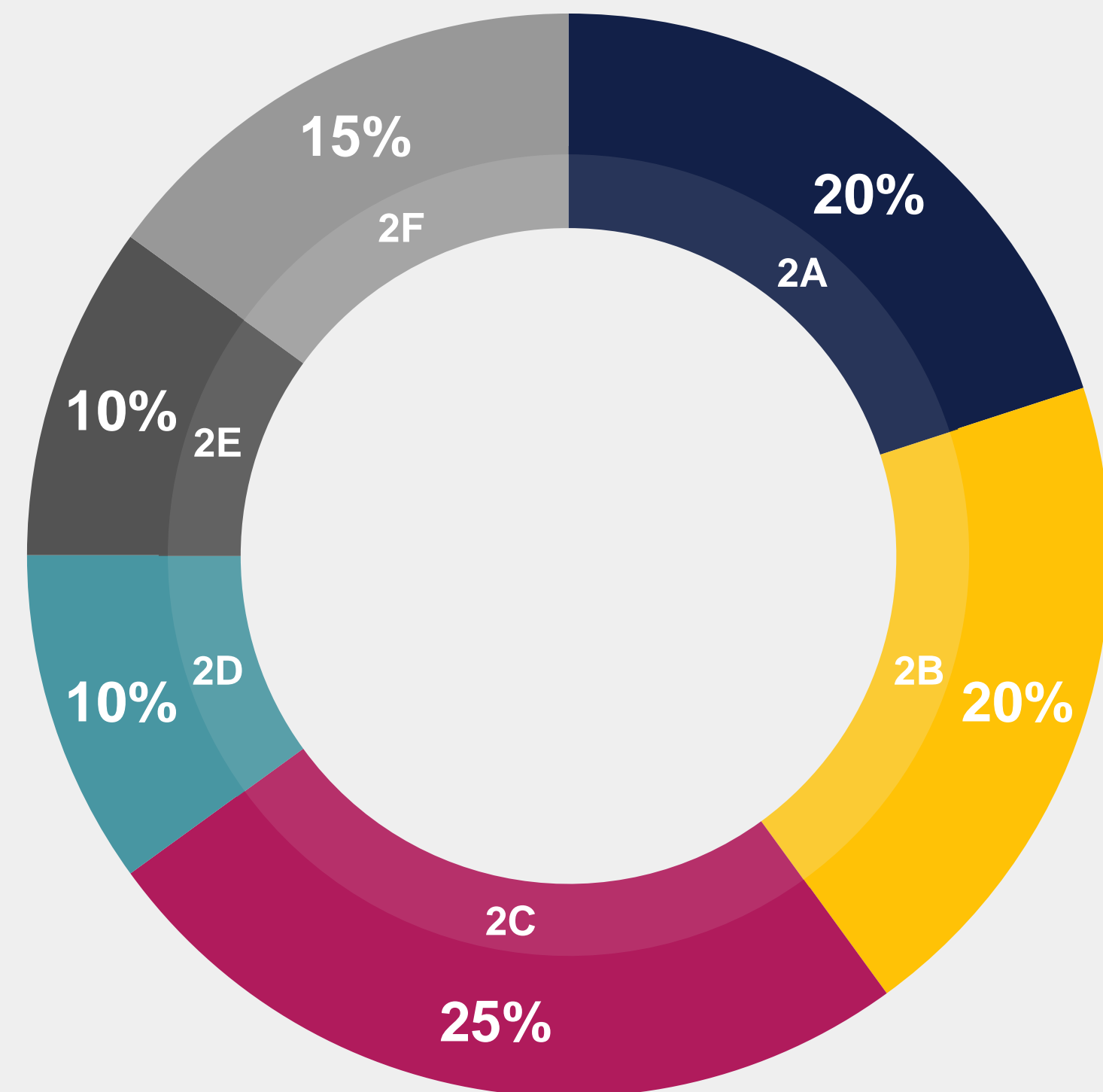
- 1A. 15% External Financial Reporting Decisions
- 1B. 20% Planning, Budgeting, and Forecasting
- 1C. 20% Performance Management
- 1D. 15% Cost Management
- 1E. 15% Internal Controls
- 1F. 15% Technology and Analytics

Step 2 | Exam structure part 2

Expected study time



100
HOURS



- 2A. 20% Financial Statement Analysis
- 2B. 20% Corporate Finance
- 2C. 25% Decision Analysis
- 2D. 10% Risk Management
- 2E. 10% Investment Decisions
- 2F. 15% Professional Ethics

Step 3 | Schedule your exam



CMA Exam Review packages

ADVANTAGE

24-month access

- 2-part review course
- Digital textbooks
- 500+ flashcards
- 3,000+ multiple choice questions
- 70 essay questions
- Lecture videos*
- Content regularly updated to provide 100% coverage of the ICMA Learning Outcomes Statements
- Adapt2U Technology powered by Sana Labs
- Simulated exams that replicate the actual exam experience
- Personalized review sessions
- Unlimited practice tests
- Success coaching
- Academic support
- Online FAQ database

PRO

Unlimited access

Everything in the Advantage package, plus:

- + Printed textbooks
- + Tutoring
- + 1-year CPE subscription
- + LiveOnline virtual classes[†]

**Lecture videos covering Part 2 of the exam will be available in spring 2021. [†]LiveOnline classes starting in summer 2021.*

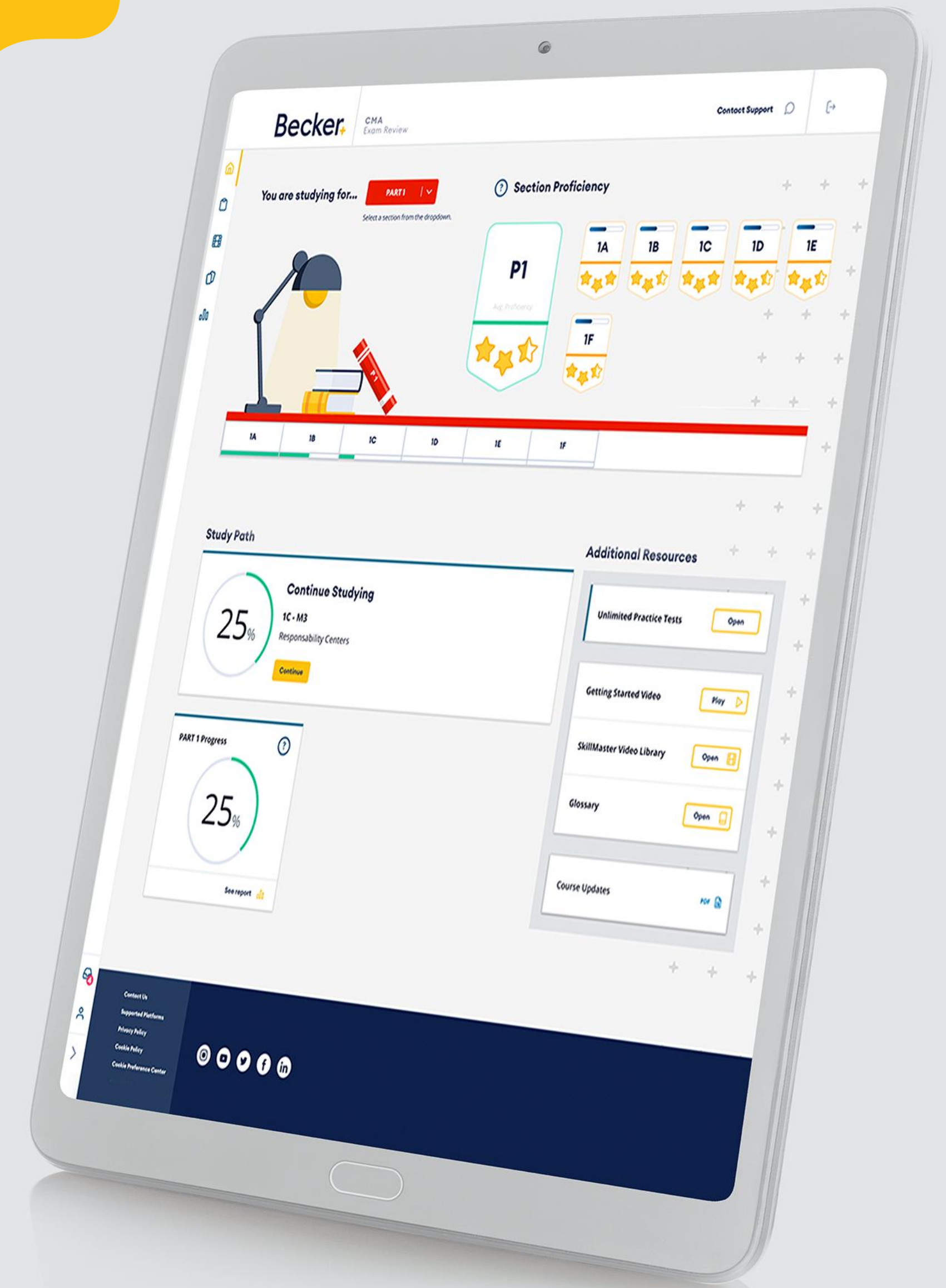
CMA Exam Review demo

Our CMA Exam Review gives you access to everything you need to pass the CMA exam

Experience Becker's course with a complimentary 14-day demo, which includes:

- + Exam preparation materials for one full unit under each part of the exam
- + Access to digital textbooks, MCQs, essay questions and flashcards
- + Experience our personalized review sessions and unlimited practice tests

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