

CIPFA membership – benefits at a glance



The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) is the only accountancy body in the world exclusively focused on the public sector. Our strategy is to be the global leader in public financial management and governance in order to make a real difference to the world we live in.

Your career partner

Working in the public sector has always been both challenging and rewarding. But given the myriad of issues the sector is now facing, public finance professionals need a different approach and mind-set if they are to deliver real outcomes for the people and communities they serve.

As a membership body, our students and members are at the heart of everything we do. We work hard to support you throughout your career and are committed to helping you add value to your teams and organisations, regardless of which area of public finance you work in.

Your membership benefits

To help you meet the challenges ahead, we have drawn together an extensive range of resources and services, listed below. Each one has been selected for the practical and tangible support they provide to you as a public finance professional.

These benefits include access to insight, commentary and expertise, specialist support services, continuing professional development (CPD) training, peer-to-peer networking and exclusive member resources, while the CIPFA designation reflects your professional track record and expertise in public financial management.

Benefit	Further information
CIPFA Rewards*	Cost-saving discounts on a wide range of products and services, for your personal or professional use - from indemnity insurance to health clubs, hotels and cut-price cinema tickets.
Membership Matters	Our exclusive member and student newsletter, which offers a bite-sized summary of CIPFA's most recent developments and service improvements, as well as showcasing member stories and upcoming events.
Public Finance magazine and e-news	Daily emails and a bi-monthly printed magazine covering the public finance news, analysis and insight to help you stay informed about the wide range of topics affecting your work.
Public Money and Management	Online access to current and all past issues of Public Money and Management (PMM), the highly-respected international journal covering finance, policy and management issues in public services.
Technical Enquiry Service*	Specialist technical guidance covering areas such as CIPFA's professional codes (such as the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting and SeRCOP) and other financial reporting, governance and audit issues.

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Ethics support	A comprehensive ethics e-learning module that functions as a central resource bank and offers a practical insight into how ethics can impact public finance professionals.
Discounted CIPFA training	10% off many of CIPFA's CPD training courses and 50% off our online Excel training programme to help equip you with the skills and competencies required for a successful public finance career.
CPD Bites	A weekly email containing a bite-sized, 15-minute CPD session, delivered free of charge by award-winning accountingcpd, a leading provider of online CPD for accountants, plus 10% off their range of online training courses.
Regional network*	Volunteer-run regional branches that bring CIPFA activities and services closer to you, supporting you throughout your career and offering access to exclusive CPD, networking and social events.
CIPFA Student Network*	A community of current and recent students that represents the views and interests of students within CIPFA, offering practical support to those studying the qualification and advising on developments within the qualification.
Council Elections	Full CPFA members are eligible to stand for election to the Institute Council, contribute to ballots for the election of Officers and Council members, vote on Annual General Meeting resolutions and influence high-level decision making.
Designated letters	<p>Stand out throughout your career with your CIPFA designation which is recognised and respected across the world:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellow Chartered Public Finance Accountant (FCPFA): The FCPFA status recognises the contribution and commitment of long-standing CIPFA members. If you have been a member for ten years or more, you can apply to become a Fellow of the Institute and join an exclusive cohort of highly experienced public finance professionals. As a Fellow, you will benefit from enhanced services and exclusive events. • Chartered Public Finance Accountant (CPFA): The CPFA is our benchmark designation for full, exam qualified CIPFA members, or members qualified with other recognised bodies who have extensive public financial management experience. • CIPFA Associate (CIPFA Assoc): This is our designation for non-qualified members who have significant experience in public services along with a relevant qualification that demonstrates their commitment to a particular area of expertise. • CIPFA Affiliate (CIPFA Affil): Our designation for members who have completed a designated CIPFA-accredited programme or qualified with other bodies, with relevant public sector experience.

*Currently only available in the UK.

Already a CIPFA member or student?

There is no better time to be a part of CIPFA. The benefits and services we have listed have been carefully selected to equip you with the tools, support and skills to deliver best-in-class public financial management throughout your career.

To access your benefits, please visit:
www.cipfa.org/memberbenefits

Interested in joining us?

Becoming a part of CIPFA not only signals your commitment to championing excellence in public finance. You will join a global network of 14,000 public finance professionals and immediately begin to benefit from the resources and support we provide.

For details on how to join, please visit:
www.cipfa.org/join

Key web links

www.cipfa.org/memberadministration

www.cipfa.org/memberfaqs

www.cipfa.org/cpd

Contact us

If you have any questions about CIPFA membership, from joining to completing your Annual Membership Statement or renewing your membership, please contact our Customer Services team.

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