



CFA Institute

The Certificate in ESG Investing



Why is the certificate in ESG investing important?

The answer is quite simple. ESG investing is here to stay. And by earning this qualification, financial professionals can stay a step ahead of the growing interest to build portfolios with a purpose.

The ESG Certificate is updated annually to help candidates integrate the latest information on ESG factors (environmental, social, and governance) into the investment process to help meet the needs of your clients and deliver value to your firm.

Who is the certificate for?

Analysts, portfolio managers, c-suite executives or anyone looking to improve their understanding of ESG issues. No prerequisites but prior knowledge of the investment process is recommended.



"I found the Certificate in ESG Investing helped fill gaps in my knowledge and brought together the subject in an informative and coherent way."

Tom U

Head of Discretionary Sales

"A great exam. I now have a far better understanding of how and why ESG should be incorporated across all investments, rather than simply ethical mandates."

Matt K

Investment Manager

"The benefit of the Certificate in ESG Investing is that it provides the requisite foundation from which investors can critically assess the opportunities and challenges posed by current and emerging practices, methodologies and tools."

Cameron F

Senior Manager Research Analyst

Cost
\$865 USD

Foundational Level
Online self-paced learning
6 Months to Study and Take the Exam

Study time
About 100 hours

Exam length
100 multiple choice questions

Exam duration
2h 20min

Earning the CFA Institute Certificate in ESG Investing is not just a step in the right direction for the investment industry. It can be extremely beneficial to your career.

With a much-respected foundation in ESG skills and knowledge, you can expand your opportunities in the industry by staying on top of the latest demands by investors. You'll have the competency and credibility to provide ESG recommendations to clients to meet the needs of new mindsets and strategies rapidly changing the world of investing.



Frequently asked questions

Am I eligible for the certificate?

There are no formal entry criteria, but it is recommended that candidates have knowledge and grounding in the investment process. Please note there is a study commitment of 100 hours on average.

How do I take the exam?

You will have six months from registration to schedule and take your examination. You can take the exam at a Prometric test center, or through remote proctoring if available in your country.

Resources

[What is ESG Investing and Analysis?](#)

[Read the latest sustainability insights from Research & Policy Center](#)

[Learn more about the Certificate in ESG Investing and register now](#)

What will I learn?

See the latest [curriculum and syllabus](#).

What will I receive once I register?

Registration includes downloadable curriculum, a customized online learning platform where you can study at your own pace and take mock exams, as well as one exam sitting. Hard copy study materials are available to purchase for an additional fee.

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