

# WORLD CMA Students'



This section focuses on reflections from young students of ICMA and how they have been pursuing their CMA career path and facing challenges in CMA study at the beginning of their career.

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## **Why do you pursue CMA education of ICMA?**

From the childhood I cherish a dream of being competent market leader. My dream was connected with my real thoughts. I used to search a way to materialize my aspiration. Fortunately, I got admitted in the department of accounting and information systems of Rajshahi University. During my graduation period I came to know that professional accountancy like CMA can be a good choice to fulfill my dream. This degree is also relevant to my academic background. Just after completing my graduation, I got admitted in ICMA under Rajshahi Branch following Ralph Marston's great speech "What you do today can improve all your tomorrows".

## **How do you make a comparison between CMA education and other academic qualifications?**

Where academic study ends professional education starts. CMA provides a global access and creates an opportunities to act as a global player. Though completing CMA is very laborious but its – result is attractive. It can transform a person radically. I call CMA as costly managed achievement.

Most importantly, traditional form of education is designed on national perspectives, but CMA education is designed comparing with global pattern. It is affiliated with many national and international professional accounting bodies like IFAC, SAFA, CAPA etc.

CMA helps to acquire detailed knowledge which is not possible in traditional form of education. It does not develop only our knowledge but also teach us to work hard, to work in group, to be supportive and communicative and to be a true market leader.

## **What are the main challenges you faced in studying CMA education?**

John Wilmot told "Before I got married I had six theories about raising children; now, I have six children and no theories."

Practical knowledge is converted to experience. I face this challenge when I become engaged in some official activities. While introducing myself to different persons, they used to ask me what CMA is. Absence of sufficient publicity creates hesitation among students to stick- to CMA. Since I got admitted outside Dhaka Branch, education materials

and resources are not available outside Dhaka. The library does not contain sufficient resources. Also the website does not contain many resources like other professional accounting bodies in the world. I face severe resource scarcity while taking preparation at outside Dhaka. Excel, ERP and case based studies and other training are not available outside Dhaka Branch.

***Do you think that CMA qualification will help you to get added advantage in the job market?***

I am a lecturer of department of Accounting and Information Systems, Begum Rokeya University (BRU), Rangpur. When I appeared for job interview in different organizations like BTCL, Begum Rokeya University, National Board of Revenues, and different private organizations, the interview Board members showed a positive attitude toward me. When I appeared in different job related written exam related to Finance/ Revenue/Accounts, I was capable of giving logical answer due to having thorough knowledge acquired through CMA education.

***What are the strategy you are following to complete the CMA education on schedule?***

Truly speaking I don't give excess time on studying CMA due to designing some innovative plan. I have two separate plan for theoretical and mathematical subject. I don't have to sit for second time for a theoretical course. For theories I analyze previous five to seven years questions matching with Syllabus to determine which chapters are much more important than others. Then I try to locate the sources of answers. I study same answer from different sources. I try my level best to ensure writings grammatically correct and simply understandable with sweet sentences. For mathematical courses, I analyze which questions comes repeatedly, then thoroughly study that part. Before starting preparation on a mathematical chapter, I read thoroughly the theory of that chapter..

***What do you expect to get from ICMAB as a student?***

ICMAB deserves special thanks due to different positive initiatives in multiple spares and should continue . An ounce of practice is much worth than a bounce of theory. They should launch firm-based audit practice. Alternatively, there should be

an opportunity of six months internship in each level. Students along with teachers should be sent abroad to different professional accounting bodies for supportive training purpose. Both quantity and quality of articles should be enhanced. For this purpose, expert from different backgrounds like academicians, top executives of financial institutions, corporations, companies etc can be involved. ICMAB should prepare member based on National requirement because medicine should be given according to disease. Initiatives should be taken to affiliate with other global professional accounting bodies. Resources should available both physically and in web portal by enriching own study materials, E-library. Book issue facilities should be extended to other branches, beside not Dhaka. Class and training should be taken by experts in all branches.

Excel, ERP and Case study based education should be launched nationwide.

There are lot of probable student of Begum Rokeya University, Carmichael College and other educational institutions in Rangpur / Bogra region, a new branch should be established in this area.

***Could you remember any memorable event during your study at ICMAB?***

Just one year ago when I was at my workplace, a phone call came to me, "You have been selected for Mujibur Rahman scholarship for three years from ICMAB". A ceremony has been arranged to reward the scholarship holders. But due to delay to communicate to me, I got only three hours to go from Rangpur to Dhaka. I could not attend the ceremony. I still miss that day .

***Do you think the CMA qualification will be able to fulfill your aspirations?***

Though future is uncertain but anyone can - plan it through some strategical and logical arrangements. CMA has already helped me to get three jobs at a time. To get a good job by using CMA is not my target. I take it as a pillar to reach my dream. I have made a master plan whose action have already started but will be implemented after completing CMA. I think one day CMA will take myself to that dreamt destination.

**[Interviewed by Sazedul Hoq ACMA]**