

CMA Students' World

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



Mohammad Fahim Uddin is an Intermediate level student and he has completed 1200 marks. He is from Noakhali district. He has completed his Graduation and Post Graduation with major in Accounting from National University. Currently he is working in Muenzer Bangla Private Limited which is a MNC headquartered in Vienna, AT.



1. What are the traits to pursue a career to become a CEO from a CMA?

Answer: Although some individuals are born leaders, most are made. Becoming a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) takes years of hard work. Extensive experience in the company's field is desirable. CEO should be able to think ahead and plan where business is going and how it's going to get there. While chief executive officers aren't specifically charged with managing the company's accounting and budget, they can benefit from strong financial acumen. Having command over financial concepts can be a powerful way for CEOs and other non-financial executives to help drive responsible business growth and create incremental value. There is no need for CEOs to do their own accounting, but they should manage the various elements of financial reporting and learn how they are connected. Professional Degree like CMA can be a great help in this regard. Understand where metrics are now and where they should be, including statistics such as gross margins, cost of goods sold, Fixed costs, variable costs, overhead costs, tax planning, assets and liabilities and ratio analysis.

2. What do you expect to get from ICMAB as a Professional?

Answer: In the financial and accounting world, the designation of Cost and Management Accountant, or CMA, is one that holds acclaim around the world. The CMA certification is quite often compared to the CA or CPA titles. However, the benefits of being a CMA are unique and substantial in their own right. In fact, the CMA is one of the few accounting credentials that is recognized across international borders because of its global relevance. As a professional, I have high expectation from ICMAB and my expectations include;

- Latest Tax, VAT, Customs Bond and duties regaled training;
- Regular training session on IFRS and IAS updates and their implementation;
- Continuous planning and program to connect all the CMAs around the country so that knowledge sharing, networking and collaboration is possible.
- Branding ICMAB more often and create a positive impression amongst the corporate and Government bodies.

3. Do you think that the CMA qualification will be able to fulfill dreams and aspirations?

Answer: The CMA is an advanced, globally-recognized designation that demonstrates an aptitude for making financial decisions for businesses. CMA helps me to specialize my accounting practice with an accurate perception of how accounting and business intersect.

The CMA is considered the gold-standard in management accounting and is designed to blend accounting practices with business acumen. CMA knowledge helps me to stand in a unique position between the finance side and management side of a business. As CMAs make informed business decisions with finances in mind, many end up taking on more of a consulting role for their clients.

The CMA provides an invaluable understanding of finance that companies need to be efficient and profitable. CMAs often work closely with upper management, and their knowledge, skills, and experience influence the direction of these organizations. When equipped with meaningful financial data and analysis, a CMA functions as an important part of the management team.

Manob Saha is a final level student and he has completed 1400 marks. He is from Naogaon district. He has completed his Graduation from Dhaka City College Under National university and Post-Graduation from North South University.



1. What are the main challenges you face in CMA?

Answer: As it is said that Time is money. Hence, managing the time becomes a major issue for me. I joined the job within one month of enrollment in ICMAB. Therefore, it becomes really an uphill task for me to maintain time. I have allocated a few hours daily from my day to day in preparation for CMA.

CMA examination preparation requires thoughtful and mindful planning extensively. It is a complex course. If it is not handled properly, Students might get frustrated and cause to give up halfway. Candidates sometimes lose confidence and leave their preparation for a wonderful career. The solution to the issue is to not lose focus at any point during the preparation journey. Patience is the key to success

2. Do you have the vision to become a CEO from a CMA?

Answer: Yes, from the beginning of my journey with ICMAB, I have had the vision to become CEO. After earning the CMA credential, professionals can take a variety of career paths related to operations and decision-making. CEOs must have strong management skills, since they are routinely tasked with directing an organization's operations to encourage corporate growth. ICMAB is a platform that works for its students and members in the development of these skills.

3. Do you think that the CMA qualification will be able to fulfill your dreams and aspirations?

Answer: Yes, I think so. CMA is a sub-discipline of accounting that focuses on strategic considerations and management. And it can be a lucrative option for accounting professionals who want to further their careers and increase their income. The CMA qualification is well known around the world, so if one is looking for global recognition, CMA could add advantages in your career. Becoming a CMA is a game changer for me. It helps me to get job in well-known MNCs in Bangladesh. I believe that the CMA qualification will help me to fulfill my career dreams and aspirations.

Sayma Akter Lima is a final level student and she completed 1900 marks. She is from Cumilla district. She has completed her graduation from AIBT and also completed LLB, CS (partly qualified).



1. Why do you pursue CMA education from ICMAB to become an accountant or CEO?

Answer: My career started before graduation, After graduation, I started working at reputed mobile operator organisation Banglalink. In the meantime my curiosity about CMA arose. Although I was not aware of this degree before. I was suddenly admitted and with that began a new chapter in my life.

I have been a little cultural and ambitious, since I was a kid. I used to dream a little bit. I nurtured that dream to come to CMA and continue. So I think you can't a mission with just an academic degree one of my goals is to set. CMA degree is my pipeline that will take me to the pinnacle of my carrier success and enrich me and my carrier life.

2. Why do you think that CMA qualification will help you to get an added advantage in the jobs market?

Answer: Most of the companies these days prefer candidates with an additional qualification other than a graduation degree. In this fast growing world, the competition among peers for good job's is increasing day by day and enhancing skill has become important to make a mark. The CMA course is a high status certification in procession course and the course demand is increasing due to excellent job opportunity.

3. Do you think that the new CMA curriculum -2021 will be able to fulfill your dreams and aspirations?

Answer: I think CMA qualification will not only make my dream but also gather lot of knowledge. Some new area have been added to the new syllabus which has enriched our new curriculum. It focuses on supply chain, block chain, 4th industrial revolution and integrated case study. We are currently going Through a very challenging time in this pandemic Situation, which we have to overcome very soon.

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