

MEMBERSHIP PATHWAYS

Experience-Based Pathway



Leverage 5+ years of relevant experience to become a CPA.

What is the Experience-Based Pathway?

A flexible and efficient route to a CPA designation for experienced professionals. This pathway recognises hands-on expertise in accounting, finance, auditing or consulting across traditional and non-traditional backgrounds.

Who is it for?

- Professionals with substantial, recent experience in accounting, finance or relevant business roles.
- Candidates seeking recognition for workplace learning competencies and a guided and supported path to CPA status.

Eligibility snapshot

- Hold a degree-level qualification (or equivalent) recognised by CPA Australia.
- Have a minimum of 5 years' relevant work experience (recent).
- Hold a current or recent role in accounting, finance, or a relevant business area.
- Meet CPA Australia's admission requirements.

How it works

- Your experience is assessed holistically (roles, responsibilities, career progression, decision-making authority).
- Recognition may grant exemptions from foundation exams and even subjects of the CPA program where competencies are demonstrated.
- Competency gaps can be filled via flexible, self-paced foundation exams before or alongside the CPA Program.

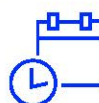
Benefits for candidates



Progress toward CPA status sooner by leveraging your proven professional experience



Global recognition and enhanced credibility.



Flexible pathway acknowledging non-traditional qualifications.



Clear route into the CPA Program with tailored support.

How to apply

- Complete the online CPA Australia membership application.
- Upload supporting documents (CV, role descriptions, competency evidence, referrals).
- Receive your verified outcome and enrol in your first foundation exam or CPA Program subject.

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