

SO – YOU WANT TO BE A CDFM / CDFM-A???



What is a CDFM / CDFM-A?

Much like the private sector has the Certified Public Accountant (CPA), The American Society of Military Comptrollers offers the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) Program to those persons desiring to demonstrate proficiency in defense financial management. The certification process involves passing a series of examinations in addition to completing education and experience requirements. The exams are primarily delivered electronically (via computer) and each test contains a minimum of 80 multiple-choice questions. Examinations are administered at selected commercial testing organizations throughout the United States and candidates are allotted two hours to complete each module. To achieve “CDFM” certification, a candidate must successfully complete modules 1 thru 3. The 4th module, Acquisition, is optional. Completion of all four modules will result in the award of the “CDFM-A” (Certified Defense Financial Manager with Acquisition Specialty). Modules may be taken one at a time or all in one sitting and may be completed in any order.

How Do I Start?

There is no better place to start then from the beginning. **If you are brand new to the Certified Defense Financial Management (CDFM) program**, taking the EDFMT class is the way to go.

The Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) Course is a five-day, intensive financial management review course that covers all three required modules for the CDFM exam. The course is centrally funded by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the *American Society of Military Comptrollers*.

Work through your training coordinator to get signed up for one of the Wright Patterson offerings below:

[Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Courses \(EDFMT\) - Hosted by USAF](#)

Location: Wright Patterson AFB, OH

- Begin Date: Feb 06 2012 End Date: Feb 10 2012
- Begin Date: Jun 11 2012 End Date: Jun 15 2012
- Begin Date: Aug 06 2012 End Date: Aug 10 2012

If you've had the EDFMT class and need a refresher on each individual module in preparation for the test, watch for the CDFM Audio Trainings. These intensive training sessions are offered in the fall and winter months and are designed to “top-off” prior EDFMT course participation. They are not intended for students who are new to government, don't have a good FM background or have not yet had the Enhanced course. (Please bring the EDFMT book with you to the training sessions as presentations will follow the same format.) Each audio training module consists of two four-hour sessions offered on consecutive days.

The 2011 sessions have concluded, but new sessions should be announced in September 2012.

Finally, ***if you are just interested in the optional 4th module, Acquisition Business Management***, ASMC offers a 2-Day Course! Although no FY12 WPAFB offerings are currently planned, ASMC National does have several offerings available elsewhere:
<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/acquisition-business-management/>

All expenses for this course will need to be unit-funded, so please work with your supervisor and training coordinator if you are interested.

For information on the CDFM program and/or any of these training options, please contact **Ms. Marie Ely**, (937) 255-3721 / marie.ely@wpafb.af.mil.

One last note . . . if you are looking to borrow an EDFMT book, the Aviation Chapter has a few available for checkout! Please contact Ms. Brenda Himebaugh, (937) 257-3272 / Brenda.Himebaugh@wpafb.af.mil or Ms. Terri Desch (937) 257-4750 / Terri.Desch@wpafb.af.mil for more information.