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The Certified Treasury Professional (CTP[®]) designation serves as a benchmark of competency in the finance profession and is recognized as **THE LEADING CREDENTIAL IN CORPORATE TREASURY WORLDWIDE**. By earning the CTP, you demonstrate your commitment to a high standard of performance excellence and increase your opportunities for career advancement.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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The Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) Credential

The CTP sets the global standard and is a symbol of excellence in the corporate treasury profession. Earning the CTP credential definitively communicates that an individual has demonstrated the knowledge and skills required to perform in today's complex corporate finance environment.

AFP®, a not-for-profit, individual membership association, sponsors the CTP credential program on behalf of the finance profession. The certification program has continually evolved since 1986 to accurately reflect the responsibilities of today's treasury professionals. AFP is committed to ensuring that the CTP credential maintains its distinctive high standard of excellence.



Pearson VUE provides technical assistance to AFP in test development and administers the delivery of the computer-based CTP examination through a network of more than 5,000 test centers across the globe.

The CTP examination is developed with the help of subject matter experts from the areas of corporate cash and treasury management, and banking and financial services. The scope and content of the CTP examination is based on the results of a treasury practitioner job task analysis, as well as the work of several test development committees of subject matter expert volunteers.

“Someone who has their CTP has put time and effort into learning more about all of **the different aspects of treasury management**, and as a manager, I appreciate people who have chosen to undertake that study. Most job opportunities in the treasury space say that a **CTP is preferred**, and it's nice to know that the skills covered in the CTP exam are **valued and marketable**.”

- David Tarlow, CTP

Executive Director

Treasury Sales Group Manager



GENERAL INFORMATION

Experience and/or Education Requirements

Candidates may enroll in the Certified Treasury Professional program and begin taking the exam before the Education and Experience Requirements have been fully satisfied, but will not be awarded the credential until all requirements have been met. You must complete these program requirements by your application expiration date. Applications are valid for six consecutive testing windows. If you are unable to complete the program requirements and earn your certification within this timeframe, you must pay the new applicant fees and retake the exam.

WORK EXPERIENCE	EDUCATION
Full-time in a career-based cash/treasury management or finance-related position	Graduate or Masters degree in business or finance
Minimum 2-Years	None
Minimum 1-Year	Completed

** Two years of full-time college or university level teaching experience in a corporate finance related topic may be substituted for each year of work experience.*

The professional experience requirement to earn the CTP credential is a minimum of two years full-time work experience in a career-based cash/treasury management or corporate finance-related position. Positions such as internships, vacation/holiday employment or volunteer positions do not qualify in meeting the full-time experience requirement. You must complete these program requirements by your application expiration date. Applications are valid for six consecutive testing windows. If you are unable to complete the program requirements and earn your certification within this timeframe, you must pay the new applicant fees and retake the exam.

All applicants must complete the Report of Experience and/or Education as part of the online application. Relevant work experience should be outlined on this form.

An advanced business degree from a graduate-level program is equivalent to one year of work experience. In order to qualify for this equivalent experience, a transcript or a copy of the graduate degree must be submitted with your application or emailed to certification@AFPonline.org.

The AFP Certification Committee is the final judge of an individual's qualifications to sit for the CTP examination. The committee will consider applicant appeals with respect to exceptional circumstances. The committee also reserves the right to verify an applicant's eligibility through random audits.

EXAM FORMAT

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Test Development

AFP facilitates an update of the CTP exam every three years following generally accepted best practices for credentialing agencies and The Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing. AFP employs professional testing experts to assist in all aspects of the exam development process to ensure psychometric soundness and legal defensibility of the program. The success of the CTP credential is a function of active practitioner involvement. Practicing CTPs are involved at every stage of the process.

STEPS	PRACTICING CTPS	EXAM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
1	Job Analysis Task Force	▶ Perform Job Analysis
2	Test Specifications Task Force	▶ Determine Test Specifications
3	BOK Committee	▶ Update Body of Knowledge (BOK)
4	Item Writers Task Force	▶ Create Exam

Job Analysis

The job analysis process provides a systematic procedure of identifying and validating the performance domains of the treasury professional and the knowledge and skills that are necessary to execute job responsibilities. Subject matter experts develop a list of job tasks and responsibilities, from which a survey is developed. The information derived from the analysis provides the basis from which the examination specifications are developed. Nearly 1,000 survey respondents validate the job tasks and responsibilities and rank the importance of each.

Test Specifications

Using the job analysis results, a committee of volunteers with extensive field experience, develop the specifications (number of exam question items per knowledge domain) for the CTP examination.

Body of Knowledge

A major outcome of the job analysis and test specifications processes is an updated CTP Body of Knowledge (BOK), published as *Essentials of Treasury Management, Seventh Edition*. Subject matter experts work with an author to write and edit the BOK. It represents the scope of knowledge needed for basic competence in corporate treasury management, with “basic competence” defined as the baseline level of knowledge and skills required to perform the job responsibilities in an effective and ethical manner.

The Exam

Under the guidance of test development professionals, groups of subject matter experts write, edit and approve test questions. These questions, each of which are referenced to a specific section of the CTP BOK, are assembled into exam forms following the test specifications blueprint. Exam forms are validated to ensure they are fair and reliable and hold every candidate to the same standard.

EXAM FORMAT

2023–2025 CTP Test Specifications: Knowledge Domains

CONTENT AREAS NUMBER OF QUESTIONS

Domain 1

Maintain corporate liquidity required to meet current and future obligations in a timely and cost effective manner 37-41

- A. Manage optimal cash positioning through short-term investing and borrowing activities 4-6
- B. Forecast/manage cash receipts and disbursements [cash flows] 5-7
- C. Manage optimal banking structure such as cash concentration/pooling etc. 3-5
- D. Manage foreign exchange (FX) exposure 3-5
- E. Manage trade financing (including letters of credit) 2-4
- F. Manage intercompany financing (including loans, repatriation, in-house banking) 3-5
- G. Review cash balances and reconcile transaction activity to ensure accuracy 3-5
- H. Optimize treasury operations (including considerations for roles/responsibilities and outsourcing options) 3-5
- I. Calculate, analyze and evaluate financial ratios to optimize financial decision making 4-6

Domain 2

Manage capital structure, manage costs of long-term capital, and quantitatively evaluate long-term capital resource investments 27-31

- A. Negotiate and manage syndicated agreements 3-5
- B. Manage investment portfolio 3-5
- C. Manage issuance of debt and equity, including post issuance compliance and retirement 3-5
- D. Manage revolving debt agreements 3-5
- E. Assess impact of mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures 2-4
- F. Evaluate current market conditions (including credit availability, spreads, interest rates, terms, risk) as they relate to long-term borrowing strategies 3-5
- G. Hedge FX, interest rate and commodities exposure 3-5
- H. Administer dividends, issue or repurchase of stock 2-4

Domain 3

Manage internal and external relationships 27-31

- A. Build, maintain, and review relationships with external financial service providers 4-6
- B. Evaluate and implement treasury products and services (including banking products, treasury workstations) 4-6
- C. Administer bank accounts (including bank fee analysis) and maintain documentation 4-6
- D. Identify, negotiate and select relationships and operational agreements with external service providers (including financial, technological and investment/retirement advisors) to ensure best practices and competitive pricing 4-6
- E. Serve as an internal trusted advisor and consultant (including Project Finance) 3-5
- F. Build and maintain relationships with internal stakeholders (including accounting, IT, legal and tax departments) 4-6

2023–2025 CTP Test Specifications: Knowledge Domains

CONTENT AREAS..... NUMBER OF QUESTIONS

Domain 4

Monitor and control corporate exposure to financial, regulatory,
and operational risk (including emerging and reputational risk).....31-35

- A. Comply with treasury policies and procedures (such as investment, FX, risk management, hedging, credit approval)..... 3-5
- B. Draft treasury policies and procedures for approval (such as investment, FX, risk management, hedging, credit approval)..... 3-5
- C. Detect and mitigate fraud (such as payments, bank transactions, internal, external)4-6
- D. Benchmark performance against external sources to ensure best practices (including banking fees comparative analysis) 3-5
- E. Evaluate and manage counterparty risk (including risk related to supply chain, banks, brokers, dealers).....3-5
- F. Develop, maintain and test business continuity plans (including bank balance reporting process, funds transfer capabilities)..... 4-6
- G. Manage merchant services programs (including fees, risk, controls, card security compliance, retention requirements)2-4
- H. Ensure regulatory compliance, and report internally and externally on compliance.....3-5

Domain 5

Assess impact of technologies on the treasury function..... 17-20

- A. Leverage technology systems (including enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems and treasury management systems) 6-9
- B. Identify security issues and concerns associated with new and existing technology, including merchant services..... 5-7
- C. Monitor information security risk and cyber-related risk (including e-mail scams, phishing scams)..... 5-7

Unscored Questions.....20*

33–37% of the questions test knowledge of basic facts and terms.

38–42% of the questions test an understanding of concepts and principles.

23–27% of the questions test the higher thinking ability to apply concepts and principles to a specific situation.

10–15% of the questions will require mathematical computations.

** These questions are unscored and do not count towards the final score. The questions may be from any domain. The specific questions on the exam that are unscored are determined before the start of the testing window.*

EXAM LOCATIONS / DATES / FEES

Test Center Locations



The computer-based CTP examination is administered by Pearson VUE through a network of more than 5,000 testing centers in cities worldwide. Test centers, which are subject to change, are listed here on the [Pearson VUE website](#).

2025 CTP Examination Testing Windows and Deadlines

Offered in two 60-day testing windows for greater flexibility and convenience to candidates. All forms and applicable fees must be submitted in writing and postmarked by the specified deadline. Forms submitted without appropriate fees cannot be processed.

CTP Examination Testing Windows	Early Application Deadline (save \$100)	Final Application Deadline*	Cancellation/Refund Request Deadline	Deferral Request Deadline
June 1 - July 31, 2025 (2025A)	March 26, 2025	April 23, 2025	May 17, 2025	July 31, 2025
December 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026 (2025B)	September 24, 2025	November 05, 2025	November 17, 2025	January 31, 2026

* Applications received after the final postmark deadline will automatically be deferred to the next available testing window.

New Applicant Fees

Fees are subject to change; all fees in USD.

AFP Member	Non-Member
Early Deadline \$925	Early Deadline \$1,320
Final Deadline \$1,025	Final Deadline \$1,420

Application Fee

An application fee of \$211 is included in the new applicant fee. This fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Non-member Differential

First time applicants will be enrolled as AFP members unless otherwise requested on the registration form. To receive member pricing, you must be a current AFP member for the exam year for which you are applying. AFP membership is individual, non-refundable and non-transferable. The non-member differential (\$395) is non-refundable and non-transferable.

OFAC Compliance Policy

The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) prohibits U.S. companies from engaging in unlicensed transactions with individuals who live in countries that are subject to certain sanctions. If you reside in Syria or Sudan, AFP cannot conduct business with you. AFP also cannot do business with Specially Designated Nationals ("SDNs") regardless of their location. If you attempt to register for a program despite U.S. sanctions that prohibit AFP from doing business with you, we are legally required to cancel your registration and we cannot refund your payment. See the OFAC website for details and updates on current sanctions programs.

Pearson Vue must also comply with OFAC policies, regardless of the location of the testing centers. Candidates who present an ID from a sanctioned country will be denied entry to the testing site.

Other Fees (in USD)

The following are remitted as single fees and do not require an application fee or AFP membership dues. Forms can be found online [here](#).

Re-Registration Fee.....\$250

Fee applies to candidates who were not successful on their previous exam attempt or failed to schedule an appointment during their approved testing window. Only candidates who are within six testing windows of their original application qualify for this re-registration fee. Candidates wishing to retake the exam more than six testing windows after their initial application must submit a new application and pay the new applicant fees. Candidates must cancel their existing exam appointment in accordance with test center cancellation policies; otherwise they are subject to the “no-show” penalty fee of \$90.

“No-show” Penalty.....\$90

Fee applies to all candidates who fail to cancel an existing appointment with the Pearson VUE test center, regardless of whether they submit a written request to AFP to cancel, defer or transfer their exam registration. This fee also applies to candidates who miss their appointment, cancel too late or arrive late.

Cancellation Policy

Candidates who submit a cancellation request form to AFP by the appropriate deadline will be refunded a portion of the new applicant fee. The application (\$211) and non-member differential (\$395) fees are non-transferable and nonrefundable. Re-registration candidates who submit a cancellation request form to AFP by the appropriate deadline (always two weeks before the testing window begins) will receive a refund of the re-registration fee, minus a \$100 processing fee and any “no-show” penalty fees that were previously assessed.

Please note that cancellations are intended for candidates who are no longer interested in taking the examination or will be putting off the examination for an unknown period of time. Once the cancellation form has been processed and the candidate receives a refund, they must re-submit the new applicant form and the appropriate fees, should they ever want to sit for the examination again. For candidates interested in moving their exam registration to the next testing window, please view the deferral or re-registration sections of this page.

Deferral Policy

Under special circumstances (i.e., medical or personal emergency) AFP may allow a deferral from the current testing window to the next testing window with no additional fee.

An event that can be anticipated is not considered an emergency. A candidate’s inability to take the exam due to work commitments or insufficient or inappropriate preparation is not considered an emergency.

Emergencies include:

- Death in the immediate family
- Illness, either yourself or immediate family member
- Disabling traffic accident
- Court appearance or jury duty
- Military duty

Special circumstances must either immediately precede or coincide with the administration of the exam. All such circumstances must include supporting documentation (i.e., a doctor’s note, emergency room forms, death certificate). A medical or personal emergency may apply to you or to one of your immediate family members: spouse, child or parent as defined by the Family Medical Leave Act.

Approval of a deferral request is granted on a case-by-case basis. Deferrals are permitted only once per new application.

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Submitting Your Application

Applications to take the CTP Exam may be submitted online. Full payment must accompany all applications. Applications cannot be processed without the required fee(s). Applications submitted by mail or fax must be postmarked by the application deadline or the application will be automatically deferred to the next testing window.

Authorization-To-Test (ATT)

Upon approval, AFP will send you an Authorization-To-Test (ATT) via e-mail which will give you the information you need to schedule your appointment to test. If you do not receive your ATT within four weeks after submitting your application, please contact +1 301.907.2862.

Please note: If you are registering for a future window, you will not receive your ATT until after the current window has ended.

Scheduling Your Examination Appointment

Once registered, the candidate must either schedule an appointment and take the exam, or re-register for a different testing window. For emergencies please see Deferral Policy section. Failure to schedule an appointment during your approved testing window will result in forfeiting your exam fee and you will need to complete a re-registration form and pay the \$250 re-registration fee in order to register again to take the exam.

Carefully check your ATT. Your name, as it appears on your identification, MUST match the name the test center has on file. If any information is incorrect, contact AFP prior to making your appointment to test.

Appointments to test can be made by calling Pearson Vue's registration center at +1 866.837.8287 or online [here](#). You may make an appointment to test at any of Pearson Vue's 5,000+ testing centers for any available date and time during your approved testing window. For the best availability, candidates should make their appointment immediately after receiving their ATT, as test center seats can fill quickly.

Testing Time

Your scheduled test appointment time is four hours, of which you will have three-and-one-half hours to answer 170 questions. The remaining 30 minutes is available for you to review an optional 15 minute tutorial (prior to the examination) and answer a brief computer-administered questionnaire (at the end of the examination).

During the examination, you will have the opportunity to review any question on the examination. You can change answers, mark or skip questions. Should your time expire while taking the exam, all answers, regardless of how they are marked, will be calculated into your score. Once your allowed time has expired, or you exit the examination, you cannot see or review the questions again.

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Requesting Special Testing Accommodations

Candidates with documented visual, physical, hearing or learning disabilities, which would prevent them from taking an examination under standard conditions, may request special testing accommodations and arrangements.

AFP and Pearson VUE require written documentation of the disability from the candidate's doctor or from another qualified medical professional who has treated the candidate for the disability. This written documentation must accompany the registration form when submitted to AFP. There is no extra fee for making these arrangements.

In considering a request from an applicant for special accommodations, AFP and Pearson VUE are guided by a sense of fairness. Special accommodations are granted to give an approved candidate the opportunity to be examined in an equivalent manner with other candidates, but not to provide an advantage over other candidates.

Click [here](#) for a description of the documentation required.

Making Changes

Click [here](#) to see rules and regulations for more information on how to make changes within the same testing window, or how to re-register or defer to the next testing window.

Exam Results

At the end of the examination you will receive a printed report of your results that will include your name, title of your examination and whether you passed or failed. Your actual score is only provided if you failed, along with your performance diagnostics by knowledge domain.

** Please note that during the first exam administration under a new body of knowledge, candidates will not receive their results until 6–8 weeks after the close of the testing window. This wait is necessary in order to assess the performance and difficulty level of each exam question and set a passing score. The next testing window this will affect is the June/July 2026 window.*

CTP STUDY RESOURCES

CTP Resources

Preparing for the Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) exam is an important step toward advancing your career in treasury. To help you succeed, AFP offers a variety of resources, including:

Body of Knowledge Essentials of Treasury Management®, Seventh Edition

The CTP exam consists of 170 multiple-choice questions, all referenced to the Essentials of Treasury Management®, Seventh Edition, which serves as the Body of Knowledge (BOK) for the exam. Developed by a committee of subject matter experts to reflect the knowledge, skills and abilities performed by treasury professionals as identified in the CTP test specifications. Click [here](#) to learn more.

CTP Exam Prep Platform

The CTP Exam Prep Platform is the preferred study resource for the CTP Exam and is based on the test specifications for the 2023 - 2025 windows. This fully digital and interactive platform contains study materials, evaluations, sample questions and customized progress tracking. Features of the Exam Prep Platform include; 20 hours of instructor-led video; 20 chapters of online reading material; case studies; knowledge checks for each chapter; practice questions. Click [here](#) to learn more.

	AFP Member	Non-Member
Exam Prep Platform (EPP)	\$910	\$1010
Essentials of Treasury Management (ETM)	\$185	\$285
Bundle the EPP and ETM	\$995	\$1095

CTP Examination Preparation Guide

This complimentary online guide contains helpful test-taking tips and strategies. It also includes 170 sample test questions. Click [here](#) to download the guide.

Collaborate Community

ASK QUESTIONS, GIVE ANSWERS AND GET INVOLVED.

Are you looking for a place to discuss the CTP certification and exam details online?

Join your peers on the AFP Collaborate Community.

It's the perfect place to exchange information on the CTP exam and credential. Discuss challenges and solve your biggest problems in a safe, private, and exclusive community of your peers. Access to the site is limited to AFP Members who hold the CTP credential and candidates who have applied to an exam window.

Complimentary Webinars

AFP offers complimentary webinars to help you prepare that include *Everything You Need to Know About the CTP Exam and CTP Exam Strategies and Test Taking Tips*. Access the webinar recordings [here](#).

CTP Exam Review Course

A fast-paced, instructor-led in-person or online course that offers an intense review of key concepts, test-taking tips and strategies to help you further prepare for the exam. This course can be taken in as little as three days. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Regional AFP/TMA Organizations

Regional associations often offer a CTP exam preparation course as part of their educational offerings. Contact your local organization for more information. For a list, click [here](#).

SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

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Review these questions to familiarize yourself with some of the types of questions on the examination.

The answer key is on the inside back cover of this handbook.

1. XYZ Bank would like to conduct some foreign exchange transactions with JKL Bank. JKL isn't the most liquid and could have some credit risk. XYZ Bank should suggest which of the following in order to eliminate risk?
 - A. Pre-authorized draft
 - B. Straight-through processing
 - C. Forward contract
 - D. Continuous Linked Settlement
2. Due to a loss of proprietary information held for clients, ABC Company has been named in a billion dollar lawsuit. It was determined that the loss of information was due to a breach in its computer system firewalls by outside parties. When the lawsuit became public, the company experienced a steep drop in its stock price. This scenario is an example of what kind of risk?
 - A. Internal technology
 - B. Compliance
 - C. External theft/fraud
 - D. Market
3. A supplier can improve invoicing float by:
 - A. Renegotiating credit terms
 - B. Establishing a bank lockbox
 - C. Shortening its order entry process
 - D. Factoring its receivables
4. A U.S. company decides to enter a new geographic market facing some dominant competitors, but projects sales growth of 40% in its first year due to its superior product line. The company decides to only offer electronic payment methods for settlement of its receivables. A year later, the company's sales volume only increases by 10%, but their average days' sales outstanding of 32 days is the best in the industry. What should the company have considered in its collection policy objectives?
 - A. Cost efficiency
 - B. Customer satisfaction
 - C. Performance measurement
 - D. Approved collection practices
5. A bank issues a letter of credit (L/C) and receives a request for payment under the L/C. The buyer notifies the issuing bank not to make payment because there is a dispute over the quality of the merchandise. However, the documents received fully comply with the terms of the L/C. Which of the following statements is true?
 - A. The buyer may immediately return the merchandise and cancel the L/C.
 - B. The bank may delay payment until reimbursed by the buyer.
 - C. The bank may delay payment, provided the seller is notified of the dispute within three business days.
 - D. The bank must make payment and is entitled to immediate reimbursement from the buyer.
6. When using the Internet to access auction markets, companies may use certificate authorities to reduce their exposure to which of the following types of risk?
 - A. Credit
 - B. Valuation
 - C. Counterparty
 - D. Foreign exchange
7. Over the past 3 years XYZ Company has expanded into multiple countries and significantly grown its banking relationships. The company now incurs significant expenses related to payment transaction costs and maintaining multiple bank connections. What should the company use to combat these rising costs?
 - A. SWIFT network
 - B. ACH network
 - C. CHIPS network
 - D. Treasury workstation
8. Company XYZ has stable cash flows and sizable assets. The board of directors compared its WACC with its own industry's averages and determined that it may be at a competitive disadvantage. In order to become more competitive, what action will XYZ MOST LIKELY take?
 - A. Issue new debt and repurchase common shares.
 - B. Issue more common shares and retire debt.
 - C. Reduce the dividend for a few quarters.
 - D. Issue preferred shares with convertible warrants.

SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

9. A company is looking for a way to finance their inventory. What is the BEST funding match?

- A. Long-term private placement
- B. Short-term debt
- C. Equity issuance
- D. Stock split

Use the information provided in the chart below to answer questions 10-12:

10. What is the ROI for the company represented in the Income Statement if the Long term Debt and Equity for the period were 12,900,000?

- A. 20.16%
- B. 24.03%
- C. 22.5%
- D. 13.56%

11. Given the information, what is the Free Cash Flow for this company?

- A. \$2,250,000
- B. \$1,650,000
- C. \$450,000
- D. \$1,450,000

12. The company has 30 for Days' Payables, 37 for Days' Inventory, and 14 for Days' Receivables. What is their Cash Conversion Cycle?

- A. 81 Days
- B. 21 Days
- C. 7 Days
- D. 30 Days

SAMPLE INCOME STATEMENT		SAMPLE CASH FLOW STATEMENT	
Revenue	18,000,000	Net Income	1,750,000
Less: COGS	9,200,000	Adj to reconcile Net Income to Cash:	
Gross Profit	8,800,000	Depreciation/Amort	200,000
Less: Operating Expenses	5,700,000	Increase in A/R	(400,000)
EBITDA	3,100,000	Increase in Inv	(500,000)
Less: Depreciation & Amort	200,000	Increase in A/P	300,000
EBIT (Operating Income)	2,900,000	Net Cash from Operations	1,350,000
Less: Interest Expense	300,000	Capital Expenditures	(900,000)
Net Profit before Taxes	2,600,000	Decrease in Short Term Inv	200,000
Less: Provision for Taxes	850,000	Cash used in Investments	(700,000)
Net Income	1,750,000	Short Term Notes Pay	500,000
		Issuance of Long Term Debt	400,000
		Dividends Paid	(250,000)
		Cash from Financing	650,000
		Net Cash Inc/(Dec)	1,795,000
		Cash at Beginning of Year	1,000,000
		Cash at End of Year	2,795,000

See Answer Key on page 27.

MAINTAINING YOUR CTP CREDENTIAL

CTP Recertification and Reporting CE Credits

CTP Certification is valid for 3 years. A CTP must earn and report a total of 36 continuing education (CE) credits within every three-year recertification cycle and pay the recertification fee (click [here](#) for more information on recertification fees) to maintain the CTP credential. Educational programs do not necessarily need to be produced by AFP to qualify. Also, though highly encouraged, membership in AFP is not required to maintain the CTP credential.

It is the responsibility of each CTP to maintain records documenting qualified credits earned. AFP reserves the right to audit that documentation. Any reported credits that cannot be verified during an audit process will be disqualified. A program agenda or a letter signed and dated by the program sponsor/provider is acceptable documentation. Records of documentation should be retained for two full years after completion of each three year recertification cycle.

Approved CE Activities

The following are examples of approved CE activities:

- Attendance at cash/treasury management, corporate finance or accounting-related workshops, seminars, courses, conferences, live teleconferences/cyberconferences/webinars, and user groups (These educational programs do not need to be sponsored/produced by AFP.)
- Cash/treasury management, corporate finance or accounting-related college or university courses
- Serving as a lecturer or speaker on cash/treasury management, corporate finance or accounting-related workshops, seminars and university/college courses
- Publication of authored articles on cash/treasury management or corporate finance-related topic areas (not restricted to AFP publications)
- Volunteering on AFP or regional AFP/TMA or other finance-related organization committees
- Accepted thesis or dissertation in a cash/treasury management or corporate finance-related topic area
- Completion of an independent/self-study course (with a method of evaluation or certificate of completion) in cash/treasury management or finance-related topic areas
- Successful completion of another financial certification or licensure examination
- Successful completion of quizzes on associated articles in *AFP Exchange*, AFP e-newsletters or select archived AFP webinars
- Individual membership in a national, international or regional treasury, corporate finance or accounting-related association

For a complete list of acceptable program types and any category limits, please click [here](#) to refer to AFP's Recertification guidelines.

Activities Not Approved for CE Credits

- Organizational products/services and/or sales-specific, marketing or business development presentations (excluding user group conferences)
- Fundamental, introductory or self-directed exam-prep courses in corporate finance or cash/treasury management
- Personal career development topics not specific to finance or cash/treasury management
- Non-finance related computer software application courses such as Access and Word
- CTP Exam preparation
- CTP Certification

**Learn More About Maintaining
Your CTP Credential**

FAQS

How to Register

Q: Do I need to be a member of AFP to register for the exam?

A: You are not required to be an AFP member prior to registering for the exam. However, non-members are required to remit the non-member rate for the exam. The non-member rate includes a price differential that is applied towards an AFP membership for the year.

Q: How do I determine if I am eligible to take the exam?

A: The CTP program has experience and/or educational requirements that candidates must meet before earning the credential. However, candidates may take the exam before meeting those requirements. You must complete these program requirements by your application expiration date. Applications are valid for six consecutive testing windows. To meet the experience and/or educational requirements candidates must report two or more years of full-time, career-based, corporate finance-related work experience. If you have only one year of experience, a graduate-level degree in business, finance, or accounting or two years of full-time, university-level teaching in a finance topic is each equivalent to one year of work experience.

Q: Does my work experience have to be in treasury/cash management to qualify?

A: No. Your work experience must be within the corporate finance profession, but it is not required that this experience be specifically in treasury/cash management.

Q: If I have a graduate degree, do I need to complete the work experience portion of the exam application?

A: Yes. Exam candidates with a graduate degree are required to report at least one year of work experience. The work experience portion of the application will need to be completed and submitted by all candidates.

Q: How can I determine if my application and eligibility information has been accepted and approved?

A: You will receive an email confirming approval of your CTP exam registration approximately one week after submission of your application and payment. AFP will contact any candidate with application or payment issues that may delay this approval process.

Q: Why should I schedule my exam appointment in the early part of the exam window rather than the latter part of the window?

A: When scheduling your appointment, you should consider a date early in the window rather than the last week of the window. Should an unexpected job or personal responsibility require you to cancel your appointment to test early in the window, you will have more flexibility when rescheduling your appointment. Candidates who have appointments late in the testing window may be required to move their eligibility to the next testing window and pay the re-registration fee when they find that last minute appointments are unavailable during their current testing window.

Q: Does an exam application expire?

A: Applications are valid for six consecutive testing windows. If you are not successful in your initial attempt at the exam, by submitting a re-registration form and fee you may retake the exam once per testing window for the next five consecutive testing windows from your initial window. The application expires after six testing windows and a candidate wishing to take the exam again must submit a new application and fees.

See FAQs online at www.CTPCert.org/FAQs.

Preparing for the Exam

Q: Does the exam fee include a copy of the *Essentials of Treasury Management, Seventh Edition*?

A: No. AFP provides exam candidates with the ability to purchase the study materials which best suit their needs. Should you, for example, opt to use the *Essentials of Treasury Management, Seventh Edition* textbook for studying, you would be required to indicate this choice on your application and remit the additional fee.

Q: What are the advantages of the CTP Exam Prep Platform over the *Essentials of Treasury Management, Seventh Edition*?

A: In addition to a digital copy of the text of the *Essentials of Treasury Management, Seventh Edition*, the CTP Exam Prep Platform provides an online program for users to assess their knowledge of the exam content areas. Through a system of quizzes, tests and application exercises, users have access to practice questions. Platform users also have the ability to track their performance and are provided with feedback when answering questions incorrectly.

Q: If I purchase the CTP Exam Prep Platform, should I also purchase the *Essentials of Treasury Management, Seventh Edition* textbook?

A: Yes, if you would like a reference guide in print form. The CTP Exam Prep Platform is fully digital, with no printed materials.

Taking the Exam

Q: I've registered for the exam. How do I make a testing appointment?

A: Approximately 2-4 weeks after submitting your application you will electronically receive an eligibility letter including your Authorization to Test (ATT) from AFP. Your ATT will include information needed to schedule an appointment.

Q: What is the passing score for the exam?

A: The exam is based on a scaled score. In this case, each question is worth one point. Your raw score is converted through a statistical formula, revealing a scaled score. Therefore, we cannot indicate an exact number or percentage of questions that need to be answered correctly to pass the exam. As there is no penalty for incorrect answers, we recommend trying to answer each question to the best of your ability.

Q: What is the deadline to cancel my appointment with the testing center to ensure that I do not incur the \$90 "no show" penalty?

A: If you cannot make your appointment or you are submitting a transfer or deferral request to move your exam to the next testing window, your exam appointment must be canceled with Pearson VUE at least one business day prior to the scheduled appointment. Saturday and Sunday are not considered business days.

Re-taking the Exam

Q: Can I take the exam more than once in a testing window?

A: No. Exam candidates are allowed to take the exam only once during their scheduled testing window. To retake the exam, you are required to submit a Re-Registration Form for the next testing window.

Q: How many times can I retake the exam?

A: AFP does not limit the number of times an exam candidate can retake the exam. However, if you need to re-register more than six testing windows after your initial application, you will need to reapply and pay the application and examination fees.

STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT / ANSWER KEY TO SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Association for Financial Professionals® Standards of Ethical Conduct

The conduct of financial professionals has a direct effect on the reputation of the profession. A good reputation is earned on a continuing basis by performing one's business with competence, appropriate confidentiality, integrity and by complying with applicable laws and regulations. Financial professionals have an obligation to their employers, co-workers, customers, shareholders, the profession and themselves to maintain the highest standards of conduct and to encourage their peers to do likewise.

Competence

- Continue to acquire an appropriate level of professional knowledge and skill in finance
- Perform professional duties in good faith and in accordance with technical, legal and regulatory practices, as well as the letter and spirit of the law in the field of finance

Confidentiality

- Maintain confidential information acquired in the course of professional activities and disclose such information when legally obligated to do so
- Refrain from using or appearing to use confidential information for unethical or illegal advantage either personally or through third parties

Integrity

- Practice honesty and standards of professional care in all dealings without engaging in any activity that would prejudice the ability to carry out professional responsibilities competently and fairly. Avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof
- Refrain from abusing the financial systems and markets.
- Disclose fully all relevant information that could reasonably be expected to influence business dealings
- Certified Treasury Professional (CTP), Certified Corporate Financial Planning and Analysis Professional (FPAC), Certified Treasury Professional with Mastery of Canadian Treasury Management CTP(CD) and the Certified Cash Manager® (CCM) designations may only be used if the certification is active

CTPs must agree to abide by this Standards of Ethical Conduct and are subject to revocation of their credential in the event of violation.

Answer Key to Sample Questions

QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	D
2.	C
3.	C
4.	B
5.	D
6.	C
7.	A
8.	A
9.	B
10	D
11	C
12	B

CTP EXAM CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Click **here** to complete your exam application.
 - ☐ General Registration
 - ☐ Report of Education and/or Experience
 - ☐ Graduate Transcript (if reporting only one year of experience)
- ☐ Receive eligibility confirmation from AFP
- ☐ Receive Authorization-to-Test (ATT) from AFP
- ☐ Contact Pearson VUE to schedule examination appointment
- ☐ Use study resources and schedule regular study time on your calendar
- ☐ Use AFP Collaborate to find a study partner
- ☐ Register for and attend complimentary webinars about the exam and study tips

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