



ABOUT THE FMI

The Financial Modeling Institute (FMI) is the only globally recognized association for financial modeling

OUR MISSION

To advance the financial modeling profession by delivering and administering three levels of financial modelling certifications and supporting high quality education and training for financial professionals

OUR VISION

To be thought leaders in the financial community and stewards of best practices globally

OUR VALUES

Integrity, leadership, collaboration and innovation

CANDIDATES

ACCOUNTING INSURANCE BUDGETING & FORECASTING FINANCE & TREASURY
RISK MANAGEMENT ACTUARIAL INVESTMENT BANKING M&A OPERATIONS
VENTURE CAPITAL & PRIVATE EQUITY ASSET MANAGEMENT EQUITIES & RESEARCH CREDIT

CERTIFICATIONS



LEVEL 1

ADVANCED FINANCIAL MODELER (AFM)

Focuses on the fundamental skills required to design and build a fully-integrated financial forecast model of a company



LEVEL 2

CHARTERED FINANCIAL MODELER (CFM)

Explores a deep and broad knowledge of advanced corporate finance (project economics, valuation), financial modeling (capital structure, M&A, LBO) and data manipulation topics



LEVEL 3

MASTER FINANCIAL MODELER (MFM)

Tests mastery of 8 advanced topics and specializations including: real estate, resources, digital and technology, supply chain, private equity, healthcare, industrial markets and more



3 LEVELS



4-HOUR EXAMS



NO WORK EXPERIENCE
REQUIREMENTS



TESTING IN APRIL AND
OCTOBER EACH YEAR



AVERAGE 25-100 HOURS
SELF-STUDY PER LEVEL



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LEVEL 2: CHARTERED FINANCIAL MODELER

EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL MODELING

Earning the **Level 2 Chartered Financial Modeler (CFM)** demonstrates an advanced and thorough understanding of Financial Modeling, Financial Analysis and Advanced Excel. This level builds on the topics covered in the Level 1 exam.

FOR PROFESSIONALS WHO:

- Work closely with team leaders to provide financial modeling insights
- Ensure projects progress according to financial modeling best practices
- Use models to demonstrate the business case and “tell the story”

BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

During this 4-hour exam, candidates will complete 4 questions selected from the following list of complex modeling topics:

- **Revenue:** Create a detailed revenue schedule that considers allocations by division, geography, capacity constraints, currency issues
- **Operating Costs:** Create a detailed cost structure that includes tiered pricing on variable costs, multi-currency costing, semi-variable costs
- **Depreciation:** Incorporate accelerated depreciation, build functionality to prevent over-depreciation of assets
- **Working Capital:** Detailed inventory modeling, forecast Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable in a monthly model
- **Income Tax:** Utilize cascading tax pools/tax losses, calculate earnings for a company in multiple jurisdictions including the impact of timing differences
- **Debt:** Build an advanced capital structure, incorporate multiple pieces of debt, model various debt types and covenants, sweeps, repayments and debt sculpting, incorporate refinancing switches
- **Equity:** Incorporate various concepts including convertibles, buybacks, options/warrants, tiered dividends, and dilutive instruments
- **Subsidiaries:** Calculate non-controlling interests and long-term investments
- **Model Automation:** Create a detailed and automated summary page
- **Timing Flexibility:** Automate modeling starting/ending dates, multiple timing periods in a model
- **Model Checking:** Audit various calculation, linking, and other errors in a model
- **Data Management:** Perform data management with large data sets
- **Sensitivity Analysis:** Prepare analysis to automatically sensitize model outputs (Debt and Equity)



ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

- » Must have completed Level 1 AFM

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

- » Accounting
- » Finance & Treasury
- » Investment Banking & M&A
- » Asset Management
- » Actuarial & Insurance
- » Risk Management
- » Private Equity
- » Venture Capital
- » Equity Research
- » Budgeting & Forecasting
- » Operations
- » Credit

KEY DETAILS

- **Level 2:** Chartered Financial Modeler
- **Date:** October 19, 2019
May 2, 2020
- **Exam Duration:** 4 hours
- **Location:** 20+ global cities
- No prior work experience required