

As the profession becomes ever more global, the opportunities for accountants to test their international mobility skills have never been greater. And for many Cambridge International Certificate in Financial English (ICFE) could be just the answer. To meet the demand in supporting finance professionals demonstrate that they have the financial English skills they need in today's competitive context, the University of Cambridge (ESOL) & ACCA have combined their areas of expertise to develop the Cambridge ICFE.

Cambridge ICFE is a higher-level of unique exam that will help ambitious professionals to demonstrate their skills and suitability for a successful career both locally & globally. For aspiring professionals, the Cambridge ICFE can also enhance their CV for gainful employment. For professionals with established careers, it can be used to certify existing language skills and provide proof of ability to work in an international context. For employers, it gives confidence in employees' abilities to conduct business internationally or with international clients and colleagues. Therefore in order to facilitate professionals in the financial and accountancy sectors, the national accounting body, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) has introduced Cambridge ICFE course for the benefits of professionals in Sri Lanka, irrespective of age limit, and especially for those who are in the fields of finance, accountancy & banking sectors so they can achieve greater heights with a lifetime qualification.

CA Sri Lanka President, Mr. Sujeewa Rajapakse noted that as businesses get more competitive across the world, it is important that all professionals including those attached to the finance and accounting sectors possess a sound knowledge in English.

“Having understood the importance of helping our students and members advance their knowledge in the English language, the Institute set up the Multimedia English Language Centre to assist this cause. English is the international working language which is required if one is to succeed at a global level with the necessary skills to operate in an English-speaking finance environment,” he noted.

CA Sri Lanka's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Aruna Alwis said the ICFE course is not only globally recognized but its Cambridge tag gives it further merit. “This course will not only allow student obtain a thorough Business English knowledge and Financial English Language skills but the ICFE certificate will also be an additional boost for their CVs due to the course's global recognition. Cambridge ICFE gives the student of the qualification an advantage in a competitive environment.”

This Cambridge ICFE course has a flexible 130 hour learning which includes 80 hours online and 50 hours face-to-face learning. The online study gives students the option to schedule the majority of their study

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time to fit in with either work or other personal commitments, whereas the face-to-face learning is delivered at the CA Sri Lanka by a specialized team of lecturers who have been well trained by the British Council and University of Cambridge. The ICFE exam which is conducted by the British Council consists of four papers, comprehensively covering the four communication skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking. Each test is based on realistic texts, tasks and topics similar to those finance professionals would expect to encounter in their daily working lives.

CA Sri Lanka with a long standing history of trust and dependability has achieved its excellence in Cambridge Financial English through its professionally qualified and well experienced lecturers, up-to-date course materials and all other in-house facilities. The state-of-the-art Multimedia English Language Center at the Institute provides a conducive environment for all its registered candidates the facility of self-accessing ICFE materials which would definitely add much value in gaining a thorough practice of the required skills. The resourceful library at the Institute is well equipped with a vast array of latest ICFE workbooks and past papers and would facilitate free access to all materials. Additionally, extending further support even after the completion of the course, CA Sri Lanka is committed to offering unstinted guidance to those who wish to do the exam with the British Council, providing its best of services under one roof. The candidates who are interested in gaining this excellent opportunity may join the next batch of Cambridge Financial English Course which will commence on 11 November 2012 for an affordable rate which is worthy for the price. For more information you may call the Multimedia English Language Centre on tele: 2352075 or email: englishcourses@casrilanka.com