



BENEFITS OF CDFM

The Certified Defense Financial Manager™ (CDFM), the sign of distinction in defense financial management.

The Certified Defense Financial Manager™ (CDFM) credential, offered exclusively by the Society of Defense Financial Management (SDFM) is the premier certification recognizing the verified competency, professionalism, and expertise of defense financial managers.

The CDFM is more than a designation behind your name. The preparation for—and successful completion of—the required examinations provides certificants with broad knowledge across a range of disciplines. Whether a DoD employee or an individual in the private sector, the CDFM Program exposes you to the fundamentals you need to succeed in the defense financial management field.

“I truly believe that obtaining a certification is critical because it shows motivation, discipline, and technical competence. I highly recommend SDFM's Certified Defense Financial Manager certification because it is best aligned with the needs of financial managers in the DoD community. The fact that it is test-based means there's validation that those who have been able to earn this prestigious credential know the principles that drive the field.”

Irma P. Finocchiaro, CDFM

Former DoD Senior Financial Manager and Director Of Defense Programs At Whitman School Of Management, Syracuse University

Impact of the CDFM credential on Defense Financial Managers

- Fulfillment of the OUSD(C) certification requirement as an alternative to DFMCP certification at any level
- Confidence in making decisions for leaders in the field and advising customers on critical financial matters
- Recognition from supervisors and peers of competency in current and future roles
- Portability between the government and private sectors, increase future career opportunities
- Obtaining certification is a mark of distinction that proves to you and the industry you have the acquired knowledge to provide experienced defense financial management to those you serve
- Training credits for other certification programs (CETs, CLPs, etc.) are accepted for CDFM recertification

Pursue the CDFM and Demonstrate Your Expertise

- ✓ Resource Management Environment
- ✓ Budget and Cost Analysis

- ✓ Accounting and Finance
- ✓ Acquisition (if achieving the CDFM-A)

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Questions?



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