



CAIA STACKABLE CREDENTIAL PILOT PROGRAM

Overview and Eligibility Criteria

The [Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst \(CAIA\) Association](#) (CAIAA) Stackable Credential Pilot Program will allow qualified candidates to “stack” their acquired knowledge and credentials and move directly to Level II of the rigorous two-part CAIA exam series.

The first phase of the CAIAA Stackable Credential Pilot Program, will evaluate, over a period of 2-8 exam cycles, whether CFA charterholders have absorbed the body of knowledge covered in the CAIAA Level I curriculum through the CFA exams combined with work experience. CAIAA will study the results of the Pilot to better understand how to best meet the growing need for education in the alternative investment space, particularly with an audience who have already acquired a base of knowledge.

To be eligible for the Pilot Program, Candidates:

- must have no existing CAIA exam history,
- must be a CFA charterholder, in good standing,
- must have acquired a CFA digital badge, verifiable by CAIAA, and
- may apply and register for the program at www.caia.org during CAIA’s exam registration periods.

CAIAA will welcome, as part of this program, up to 500 candidates per exam administration period (1,000 annually). Candidates for the program will be required to apply online at www.caia.org. CAIAA will verify their CFA charter status through their digital badge, and, if they are in good standing and space is available, these Candidates will be approved for the waiver and may register for the CAIA Level II exam. If an individual’s application is denied, they may re-apply during an exam cycle or in a future exam cycle.

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CAIAA will maintain a waiting list of Candidates for each exam cycle when the program becomes fully enrolled. Individuals who are not approved for the program during a given exam cycle, may elect to be removed from the waitlist by contacting candidate@caia.org. These individuals may choose to re-apply in the future or register directly for the CAIA Level I exam during the current exam cycle or any future exam cycle.

At the opening of each exam cycle, CAIAA will notify previously waitlisted Candidates via email that registration is open. A Candidate's eligibility for the program will be determined for each registration cycle. There is no pre-registration available.

Stackable Credential Pilot Program Candidates are ineligible for CAIA's Gateway Scholarship or any other CAIA scholarship program. CAIA Academic Partner faculty who are CFA charterholders should contact info@caia.org for more information regarding their program eligibility.

In accordance with CAIAA's Membership policy, upon successfully passing the Level II exam, the Candidate will be able to apply and join CAIAA, earning the prestigious CAIA Charter, a mark of distinction in the fast-growing and highly competitive alternative investment industry. Stackable Credential Pilot Program participants will have full access to the same Membership benefits as all CAIA Association Members.

The Level II exams will be administered globally through the CAIA Association's test administrator, Pearson VUE.

Candidates for this program must agree to the terms of the [CAIA Candidate & Member Agreement](#), and other policies found [here](#). Our privacy policy may be found [here](#).

CAIAA reserves the right to change or end this pilot program at any time and may or may not decide to permanently implement this program once the pilot program is complete. Individuals who have progressed through the program and become Members will be unaffected by any program termination. CAIA will notify any active Candidates in advance of program termination to inform them of their options.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact us at candidate@caia.org.

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