

FAQ for AGC's BIM Education Program and Certificate of Management—Building Information Modeling (CM-BIM)

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How can I earn my CM-BIM?

Individuals earn the CM-BIM credential by:

1. Taking all four BIM Education Program courses, facilitated by an approved instructor
2. Submitting an original Participant's Registration and Course Evaluation Form for each class to AGC of America
3. Passing the CM-BIM exam by earning a raw score of 98 or higher.

How much does it cost to earn my CM-BIM?

Participants will need to pay to attend all four BIM Education Program courses and the exam fee. The cost of the individual BIM EP courses varies by training location but is generally somewhere between \$1,200 and \$1,600 for all four courses. The fee for the CM-BIM exam is \$550, and in the event you must re-take the exam there is a re-testing fee of \$100.

Do I have to take all four courses? Can I just take the exam?

Participants must attend all four courses in a classroom environment, delivered by an approved instructor, to be eligible to sit for the exam.

Can I take the courses online or via self-study?

No. Participants must attend all four courses in a classroom environment, delivered by an approved instructor, to be eligible to sit for the exam.

Do I have to take the courses in order?

It is not required for the credential that the courses be taken in order however, the course materials do build upon each other and it is strongly recommended that they be taken in order to maximize your experience.

Where can I take BIM Education Program classes?

Classes can be delivered at local training centers or in-house at construction firms. The primary delivery locations are at AGC Chapters. See a calendar of upcoming courses [here](#).

I don't see course dates that work for me—will more courses be scheduled?

Each AGC Chapter that offers the training sets their schedule based on participant demand. We recommend contacting your local chapter to see when they will be offering these courses. Locate a chapter [here](#).

Can I take BIM Education Program classes in multiple locations?

Yes. The BIM Education Program is developed in a manner to allow consistent delivery across the country and you should feel free to mix-and-match training locations as your schedule allows.

I have completed all four BIM Education Program classes. Now what?

Once you have completed the four units of the BIM Education program you can now submit your application at www.agc.org/cm-bim. You will receive an approval email with more instructions once you are approved to sit for the exam. Please note that it takes up to ten business days for applications to be processed and it is recommended that there be a minimum of 30 days between your last course and the exam.

What is the CM-BIM credential?

AGC's CM-BIM credential is an assessment-based certificate program—simply put, it is a credential that acknowledges your completion of a training program and an exam that verifies that you have learned the information provided in that program. The CM-BIM program is designed to set a baseline of BIM knowledge across the industry; it does not denote a level of expert knowledge in all facets of BIM.

Where can I take the CM-BIM exam?

Many AGC Chapters across the country are testing centers for the exam. See a complete list [here](#).

Does the CM-BIM expire?

Yes. The term of validity for the CM-BIM credential is five years from the date of receipt. This term was set to reflect the changing nature of this technology-based process. Participants will be required to pass an examination on changes to the practice to retain a valid credential.

How do I show that I've earned my CM-BIM?

Following passing the exam and completion of the post-exam survey participants can immediately begin using the designation "CM-BIM" following their name. Within one month participants will also receive a certificate from AGC of America acknowledging their receipt of the credential.

What is covered in the CM-BIM exam?

The CM-BIM exam tests only the concepts learned in the BIM Education Program. Participants are not required to have any outside knowledge and should base their answers solely off what was taught in the courses and what is in the course materials.

What is the format of the exam and how much time will I be given?

The CM-BIM is a 125 question, multiple-choice exam, derived directly from the BIM Education Program. Each question provides four answer options with one correct option. All items on the exam will be scored with the same point value. Four hours will be given to complete the exam and total exam time is calculated in the testing software.

If I don't pass the exam can I retake it?

If you do not pass the exam on the first attempt, you may re-apply to take the exam 60 calendar days from the previous exam date. You may take the exam up to three times in a calendar year. When an individual re-applies, he/she must also pay the re-exam fee of \$100. Any request to take the exam more than three (3) times in a calendar year must be submitted in writing to the CM-BIM Administrator. Exceptions to the retest policy will be reviewed by the Governance Committee and will be granted only for compelling reasons.

What does it mean to be a BIM Education Program approved instructor?

Each course in AGC's BIM Education Program requires a separate approval process. Following verification that the instructor meets the qualifications to facilitate that course they will be notified of their approval by the Director of BIM Education Programs.

Approval to instruct one course does not constitute or guarantee approval to instruct all courses in the program. Individuals may be approved to instruct courses only with a co-instructor that meets certain qualifications to ensure that all requirements of instructors for that course are met. Instructor approval may be revoked at any time due to poor participant evaluations or instructors failing to meet any of the standards outlined in the instructor requirements forms.

How do I become an approved instructor?

Instructors must complete the Instructor Requirements form for the unit they wish to apply for and submit that, along with a resume detailing BIM experience to AGC of America. The form details the qualifications necessary to become approved to instruct that particular course and other requirements, such as a review of the course materials and instructor orientation.

More information on becoming an instructor can be found [here](#).

I am an approved instructor for one or more courses—do I still have to attend the course as a participant to sit for the exam?

Approved instructors, who have facilitated a course in the BIM Education Program are not required to additionally take that course as a participant. Instructors should submit a Participant's Registration and Course Evaluation form for each unit as they facilitate it to have their completion included in the database.

I would like to host the program at my company. How do I do this?

Courses can be hosted by anyone so long as the following conditions are met:

- Courses are taught by an approved instructor
- Each participant has and retains their own copy of the Participant's Manual for that unit and the original Participant's Registration and Course Evaluation Form are sent in to AGC of America for each participant upon completion
- The courses are taught as designed and to their required duration.

For more detailed information, visit the AGC website [here](#) or email curriculum@agc.org.