



# The Institute of Taxation

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## Certified Tax Advisor (CTA)



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# TAX EDUCATION LONGING IN PAKISTAN

The importance of Tax Profession in our society is bound to grow in the wake of globalization. It is deeply felt that Pakistan is lacking in development of tax professionals that is undertaken proactively internationally, especially in the progressive countries. Tax professionals are supposed to be at the forefront in dealing with the fiscal challenges that is becoming a stressful dare in our country. Pakistan is a country of plenty resources where outdated practices and procedures are adopted to address challenging fiscal issues, which is why a group of professionals have initiated to establish a Institute of Taxation.

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## About the Institute

Institute of Taxation is established as the first and foremost educational body in Pakistan, which will be playing an active role in supporting the government's initiatives for developing tax administration and tax policy in the country.

Institute of Taxation is also committed to develop tax profession, regulate its members and play its role in serving the best interest of national taxpayers in a changing world scenario.

The establishment of Institute of Taxation intends to provide the perfect opportunity to carefully consider and focus these evolving needs of the profession. For this a germane curriculum has been developed that is well-aligned with the local needs as well as that of the international institutes.

**Certified Tax Adviser**

**Fellow**

**Associate**

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## Become a Recognized Tax Expert with CTA:

Take your taxation knowledge to the next level with the CTA qualification — the benchmark for tax advisory excellence. Designed for those who have mastered the foundations, CTA prepares you for high-level roles in tax consulting, corporate tax strategy, and public sector advisory.

Recognized as a hallmark of professional tax expertise, CTA equips you with deep technical knowledge, legislative understanding, and practical insight to advise confidently on complex tax matters. Whether you aim to work in practice, industry or government, CTA gives you the edge.

## Why Choose CTA?

- Become a qualified tax adviser with credibility
- Develop in-depth command of tax law and regulations
- Learn from seasoned professionals and case-based scenarios
- Ideal for career growth in tax firms, corporates or regulatory bodies as a tax expert and advisor.
- Build authority in a high-demand field

### Course Structure

#### Skill Level

- Tax accounting and Financial Reporting
- Direct Taxes – Technical Concepts
- Indirect Taxes – Technical Concepts

#### Professional Level

- Direct Taxes – Application
- Indirect Taxes – Application
- International Taxation

#### Advanced Level

- Advanced Case Study; or
- Research Paper

**Duration:** 2.5 years including 1 year tax internship.

**Eligibility:** CTM qualified members, 14 Years of relevant Education, barristers, lawyers, revenue officers, and equivalent.

**Exemptions:** Eligible for students pursuing qualifications from recognized professional accountancy bodies and those possessing relevant bachelor's degrees.

## Progression Path

### STEPS TO BECOME CERTIFIED TAX MANAGER (CTM)

Duration 2 Years

#### CTM– Application Level

At this stage students are offered one course work on Economics and Finance and three advanced level examination papers i.e., Accounting, Business Law and Taxation. By passing this level, a student is awarded with an employable stand alone CTM designation.

A CTM designation holder is then admitted as an Affiliate member of the Institute and can choose to start his journey for becoming CTA.

#### CTA – Professional Level

This paper is to develop applied knowledge and practical expertise relating to Pakistan Direct and Indirect Tax Laws and International Taxation.

Proficiencies will be developed in dealing with specific technical issues arising in the direct and indirect taxes and to write professional advice on these issues. It also includes legal drafting and pleading on tax issues. By passing CTA-Professional Level, students are eligible for Fellow Member designation, provided they have three-year relevant tax experience. Fellow members are eligible to practice as “Certified Tax Professional”.

#### ELIGIBILITY:

CTM: Intermediate / A Level or equivalent.

CTA: Relevant Degree or Professional Qualification.

#### CTM– Knowledge Level

Eligible students start their journey with ITP by entering at CTM Knowledge Level. At this stage one course work on information technology and three core examination papers i.e., Accounting, Business Law and Taxation are attempted by the students. The students must pass these three papers in one attempt.

However, referral is granted to the students who meet the criteria.

### STEPS TO BECOME CERTIFIED TAX ADVISER (CTA)

Duration 2.5 Years

#### CTA – Skills Level

This stage comprises of three Examinations i.e., Tax Accounting & Financial Reporting, Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes. Students will be equipped with technical concepts in these papers.

By passing CTA-Skills Level, students are eligible for Associate Member designation provided they have one-year relevant tax experience.

#### CTA – Advanced Level

AT this stage the students are expected to attempt an advanced case study paper or contribute a research paper in Direct Taxation or Indirect Taxation on a contemporary issue with publication in an accredited impact factor journal. By passing CTA-Advanced Level, students are eligible for the highest designation of CTA and can practice as a “Certified Tax Adviser”.

