

How to become a CPA, CGA member

Under the Mutual Recognition Agreement

Eligibility

CPAs wishing to be admitted as a CPA, CGA member through the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) must meet the following requirements:

1. Must have obtained membership in CPA Ireland through the completion of the CPA Ireland Professional examinations, and met required experience. Members who obtained membership into CPA Ireland through an MRA with another professional body are not eligible to become a member of the Association pursuant to this MRA.
2. Must not have any outstanding ethics complaints, nor have been subject to any disciplinary sanctions within the five (5) years prior to their application.
3. Applicants admitted as members by CPA Ireland after July 31, 1998, must have a university degree from a post-secondary institution recognized by the CPA provincial/regional body or school.

Requirements

As a CPA Ireland member eligible to seek CGA membership you are required to meet all the following requirements:

1. Complete the CPD course, [Overview of Canadian Tax and Law](#), and submit the certificate of completion. Transfer credits may be granted if applicants have completed an equivalent course from a Canadian post-secondary institution approved by the [CPA provincial body](#). For information about transfer credits contact the appropriate CPA provincial body.
2. Meet any other MRA admission requirements as imposed by the CPA provincial/regional body or school or under law.

Application Process

1. Download and complete the initial application form.
 - a) Offshore applicants and those residing in British Columbia, please download and complete [this form](#).
 - b) Residents of Canada please download and complete [this form](#).
2. Contact CPA Ireland and request a Membership Status Letter.
3. Submit your completed application form along with the Membership Status Letter from CPA Ireland.
 - CPA Ireland members residing in Canada must apply through the [CPA provincial body](#) where they reside.
 - CPA Ireland members residing outside Canada must apply through CPA British Columbia's office in Vancouver. Contact information below:

Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia
800-555 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, BC V6B 4N6 Canada
CGA-BCInternationalInquiries@bccpa.ca

4. Contact your university to have an official sealed transcript sent directly to the [CPA provincial body](#) (where applicable).
5. Complete the CPD course, [Overview of Canadian Tax and Law](#), and submit the certificate of completion. If a transfer credit is granted by the profession, provide official sealed transcripts from the post-secondary institution. (This may be provided with your initial application form submission.)
6. Once the above information has been provided and approved by the CPA provincial body, you will be invited to complete and submit an application for membership. Your application must include payment of the application for membership fee and annual dues. When your application has been approved, you will be notified of your admission to membership and have the right to use the CPA, CGA designation.

Ongoing designation

Members admitted under the terms of this MRA are required to maintain their originating designation. This includes payment of annual dues and annual reporting of CPD. If, for any reason, a member ceases to hold his or her originating designation, the member shall automatically cease to be a member of the other body under this MRA.

Public Practice requirements

Admission as a member under this MRA does not automatically provide a member with the right to work in public practice. Members will be required to meet the CPA provincial body's entry to public practice requirements in their respective jurisdiction.

