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**THE Certified Fund Raising Executive ADVANTAGE**

- **COMPETENCE.** Confirms your knowledge of fundraising best practices, accountability, and ethical conduct.
- **CREDIBILITY.** Distinguishes you as a dedicated professional who keeps pace with the latest developments in fundraising.
- **CAREER ADVANCEMENT.** Makes you part of a global network with greater career opportunities and earning power.
- **COMMITMENT.** Is a public statement that you are personally dedicated to upholding the integrity of the fundraising profession.

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

1. Visit www.cfre.org and click “My CFRE”
2. Start your online application for FREE!
3. Complete the online application with your information and experience.
4. Submit your application to CFRE International and wait for your approval to take the exam.
5. Schedule your exam — when you pass, you’re a CFRE!

**WHAT ARE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS?**

The CFRE certification process has two parts: 1) a written application and 2) a written exam. Candidates must meet application requirements before they are permitted to test. The CFRE application works on a point system. Candidates for Initial Certification must document that they have met minimum point requirements in all of the following categories:

- **EDUCATION.** 80 points required (must be within the past 5 years). Points can be earned by attending or teaching educational conference sessions or workshops on fundraising; by authoring publications on fundraising; through academic degrees; and service learning through volunteer activities.

- **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.** 36 points required (must be within the past 5 years). This is the equivalent of 3 years* of employment. Employment must be as a professional member of a fundraising staff or as a fundraising consultant to nonprofit organisations.

- **PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE.** 55 points required (must be within the past 5 years). Points can be earned for actual funds raised, communications projects for fundraising, or management projects for fundraising. It is not necessary to document points in each category.

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**ABOUT CFRE**

The Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential was first awarded in 1981. In June 2013, the CFRE became the first globally-recognised credential for fundraising professionals.

Since 2001, CFRE International has existed as an independent nonprofit organisation. We are dedicated to setting standards in philanthropy through a valid and reliable certification process for philanthropic fundraising professionals.