



## Which APICS Certification is Right for You? Webinar FAQs February 2018

**Question:**

Are any text books required? And if so, are they included in the cost?

**Answer:**

There is courseware for each of the certifications and it is purchased separately from the exam. If you choose to participate in a class through one of the APICS Chapters or Partners, your courseware may be included in the class price. Check with your local partner for what is included. Partner and Chapter class information is located on the APICS website at: [apics.org/learning-opportunities](http://apics.org/learning-opportunities).

**Question:**

Are there study groups outside the local chapter if the chapter does not offer instructor led courses?

**Answer:**

Yes, some students form their own study groups, a local chapter may set up a study group and some students who all work for the same company will set up study groups.

**Question:**

Can you please tell us the name of the college again with the certification online?

**Answer:**

Fox Valley Technical College

**Question:**

Can you provide the link where I can see in my area where I can sign up for classes? Zip 07305

Does APICS have some group or chapter in Nashville Tennessee?

Do you have partners in Lebanon?

Is there an APICS exam center in Nairobi /Kenya?

Would I be entitled to enroll for an instructor-led course from the Toronto Chapter in case they open it later on?

**Answer:**

You can find an APICS Partner on the APICS Website: <http://www.apics.org/apics-for-individuals/partners/find-a-partner>.

Your local Partner or Chapter class information is located on the APICS website at: [apics.org/learning-opportunities](http://apics.org/learning-opportunities).



**Question:**

Can you run all 3 certifications in parallel? or at least 2 in parallel?

Is there a professional advantage by obtaining multiple certifications even though additional certifications may be outside of the scope of your current job?

**Answer:**

Depending on your career goals, you may decide having multiple certifications will be helpful for you in the long term. For example, although your job may be “inside the four walls” of your company, you may want to consider adding a CSCP to the CPIM to show your employer that you are capable of moving up in the organization.

As for studying for and taking the exams for all three (or any subset of two) certifications in parallel; there are no APICS policies forbidding it. Many professionals may find this a little daunting!

**Question:**

Can you use financial aid for the course?

**Answer:**

The courses are held by APICS chapters and international partners and some colleges and universities. You should check with one of them to see if there are any programs within your state or community that would pay for your course and/or your exam.

**Question:**

Comparing certificates with position does it mean that CSCP includes some topics from CPIM and CLTD?

**Answer:**

Yes. In order to show your mastery of end-to-end supply chain, you will need to understand some content that overlaps with CPIM and CLTD, but CSCP does not delve as deeply into those topics as the other certifications do.

**Question:**

Do you have the books on Spanish language?

**Answer:**

No. The courseware and exam are in English

**Question:**

Do you recommend taking any of your certifications for those who already have MS degree in SCM? If yes, which certification will add real value?

**Answer:**

Again, it depends upon your career goals. An MS degree in SCM shows that you've acquired a lot of knowledge about Supply Chain Management. Taking one, or more, of these certifications, shows that you know how to apply that knowledge. With an MS in SCM, I'd suggest starting with CSCP.



**Question:**

Does membership have to be purchased separately?  
Membership fee (core/plus) is for lifetime?  
What's the difference between APICS Core and APICS Plus member?

**Answer:**

Yes. Membership is purchased separately. You can find more information and pricing on the APICS website at: [apics.org/membership](http://apics.org/membership).

**Question:**

Have you all ever heard of The Logistic Institute? If so, how do they compare to APICS? I have certification as a Logistics Specialist from there.

**Answer:**

Congratulations on your earning the Logistics Specialist designation. We are familiar with the Logistics Institute, a Canadian organization. Their programs are very different than ours, not only in content, but in delivery, cost (APICS certifications are much less expensive) and the number of professionals who have earned their certifications.

Their website mentions that "**Today, the number of logisticians and supply chain managers who have earned their P.Log. designation increased to nearly 3,000.**" APICS has over 105,000 CPIMs and 20,000 CSCPs and our newest certification, CLTD, hit the 800 mark in less than 6 months, and APICS certifications are often requested or required in job ads.

Another difference is that APICS certifications require taking a psychometrically validated exam in order to earn the certification. There may be tests and exams as part of the education the Logistics Institute offers, but I didn't see any mention of a certification exam.

You may also be interested to know that the APICS CPIM and CSCP are accredited by the Canadian Supply Chain Sector Counsel (CSCSC), and we will be submitting the CLTD for certification soon.

**Question:**

Can one use the courseware of previous years for the CPIM BSCM exam preparation in 2017?

**Answer:**

You can prepare for CPIM any way you wish. There will be differences from the older CPIM courseware and the 2017 exam, so you may want to think carefully about that strategy.

**Question:**

I graduated with a 4-year bachelor degree in Logistics, and have about 2 years work experience. Could you give me the suggestion of choosing the right certification exam between CSCP or CLTD? I would like to earn the certificate for my future career and stepping up my knowledge and experience.

**Answer:**

It depends on your career goals – CSCP tends to be more strategic and is great if you see yourself moving up in the organization. CLTD tends to be more tactical and is great if your goal is to add tools and techniques to help you become more valuable to your company tactically.



**Question:**

How would all three certifications help someone that wants to pursue a supply chain consulting generalist role?

**Answer:**

Between them, you cover the overall, end-to-end supply chain, dig deep into planning and inventory control and then into logistics, transportation and distribution. You've placed yourself as a supply chain expert, able to help your company or clients in all areas of the supply chain. As an ERP consultant, I found that having the CPIM, and later, the CSCP (this was before CLTD) made my curriculum vitae stand out to potential manufacturing and distribution clients and I was able to understand their issues and get up to speed more quickly.

**Question:**

I already have the CTL certification through AST&L when I graduated from UH. Do you think I need to take CLTD?

I earned the CTL from AST&L in 2012. How much time should I expect to spend studying to achieve the CLTD?

**Answer:**

You still have your CTL, and you can find yourself in the APICS Certification Verification page.

Should you pursue the CLTD? That depends on your career goals. If you plan on being in the LTD profession for the next five years or more, then you will want to consider CLTD to 1) update your knowledge 2) validate your ability to apply the knowledge based on a psychometrically validated exam.

Expect to spend about 100 hours studying – whether you do self-study or take a class. Our most successful candidates spend about that amount of time preparing for the exams.

**Question:**

Are there NQF levels attached to these courses?

**Answer:**

No, there are no National Qualifications Framework (NQF) for APICS Certification courses.

**Question:**

Are there any short courses to start off for someone with no previous knowledge? References?

**Answer:**

Introduction to Materials Management by Arnold, Clive, Chapman and Gatewood is a great place to start. The CPIM Part 1 course/exam is also a great place to start.



**Question:**

How long does it take to study the CLTD course, CSCP? How long does the exam take to study for?  
How long does it take to complete the CPIM if you study every day and pass the exams the first time?  
How much of a time commitment would I need to self-teach myself using the CPIM and CSCP? (With 40-hour work week).  
Minimum hours of study for CPIM, CSCP, CLTD?  
On average, how long does it take to finish the whole course for CPIM?

**Answer:**

To complete the CPIM certification it will require approximately 175-225 hours.  
To complete the CSCP certification it will require approximately 75-100 hours.  
To complete the CLTD certification it will require approximately 75-100 hours.

For additional information on preparation hours visit the APICS Education Selector at [apics.org/education-selector](http://apics.org/education-selector).

**Question:**

I am a core member and have received the eligibility to take the CSCP certification. Listening in today, I understood that it would cost me \$50 get the learning system and \$895.00 for the exam. Did I understand that right?

**Answer:**

No. The \$50 is a discount for the Learning System. Visit: <http://www.apics.org/credentials-education/education-selector/individuals/cscp/exam-preparation-options> for the learning options and fees. and visit: <http://www.apics.org/credentials-education/credentials/cscp/exam> for the exam fee prices.

**Question:**

I am CPIM certified. Thinking about doing CSCM as well. I recently graduated two months ago. What kind of salary increases do you see for each certification?

**Answer:**

Based on our recent survey of Supply Chain Professionals there is an average of 12% high salary for those with an APICS certification. We have no information on the ISCEA CSCM certification.

**Question:**

I am currently going for my Certification in Management Accounting and I work in manufacturing at 3M and was wondering which would be most beneficial CPIM or CSCP?

**Answer:**

Where is your job focus (or where do you want it to be in five years)? If it is inside the four walls of your manufacturing company (improving planning, inventory management, etc.), then CPIM. If it is outside your four walls (customers, suppliers, flow of money, materials and information), then CSCP is your best bet.



**Question:**

I am in my first year supply chain management program. I plan on working on my CPIM certification during my first Coop term. Is it too early for me to start working on this or does it not matter?

**Answer:**

CPIM has no eligibility requirements, so it is a great place for students to start.

**Question:**

I completed SCOR-P sponsored by my organization, which would be next good course for me? I have the SCOR-P distinction, should it make sense to get CSCP now?

**Answer:**

CSCP would be a great next step for you. It will give you a broader picture of the end-to-end supply chain and incorporates the SCOR Framework within the Learning System.

**Question:**

I have 2 Master Degrees--one in business and one in management. I do not have any experience in the supply chain field, but have over 15 years' experience with contracts and regulatory compliance as a paralegal. I would like to pursue the CSCP in order to shift my career to the supply chain field. Do you think this is the best certification for me?

**Answer:**

CSCP focuses more on the strategic level of Supply Chain. With your educational background, CSCP would give you the end-to-end supply chain knowledge and skills to help you make that shift in your career.

**Question:**

I have completed BSCM now. I want to continue the part-2, But I am unable login in APICS website.

**Answer:**

Please contact customer service at 1-800-444-2742 or +1-773-867-1777 or email them at [service@apics.org](mailto:service@apics.org) for assistance with logging into the APICS website.

**Question:**

I passed CLTD in Dec and willing to take CSCP in the future. How it is going to help me in the advancement of career?

**Answer:**

CLTD focuses on the Logistics, Transportation and Distribution side of the end-to-end supply chain. CSCP will give you the broader view of the end-to-end supply chain – the big picture so you'll know how all the pieces fit together and give you better context for the CLTD

**Question:**

I saw the discounts but what are the actual costs before the discounts on the 3 programs. How much does the certification cost? Are there additional discounts available? What are the total cost for the CSCP exam and course, meaning how much do I need to invest in order to get my certification?

**Answer:**

For pricing on each of the certification programs visit [apics.org/education-selector](http://apics.org/education-selector). Here you will find information on the costs based on your location and the type of study method that you choose.



**Question:**

I work for a company in the SCM department logistics team. I am interested in CLTD, but it seems CSCP is good for me. I am a little bit confused which one I should choose.

**Answer:**

The CSCP will give you a broader context for the end-to-end supply chain and where logistics fits into that bigger picture. CLTD will help validate your skills in the logistic area.

**Question:**

If I become a PLUS member do I get discounts on the materials to prepare for CSCP?

**Answer:**

Yes. You will receive discounts on the courseware and exams.

**Question:**

If I plan to be a professional supply chain manager should I do all 3 certifications? Or, do you feel it's okay if I skip the CPIM to CSCP for getting higher degree in shorter period?

**Answer:**

Go straight to CSCP. As your career progresses, you may find the desire to earn either the CPIM or CLTD and you can look more closely at them at that time.

**Question:**

If one were going to get both CPIM and CSCP, which one do you recommend first?

**Answer:**

Although there is some overlap between the two certifications, there isn't enough to suggest one certification should be taken before the other. The advantage to CSCP is that you should be able to earn it quicker and it is an overview of the whole end-to-end supply chain, and since CPIM is being reconfigured, by the time you passed the CSCP exam, you can take the new two exam CPIM program.



**Question:**

If the course duration for CPIM takes up to a year, having 2 examinations and has been available for many years, compared to CSCP with a duration of approx. 6 months, one examination and 'just' available since 2006; how is the weight then rated by employers between both courses?

**Answer:**

The APICS CPIM has been around for about 40 years and, with over 105,000 professionals who have earned their CPIM, it is probably the better known APICS certification. However, many employers just put "APICS Certification Preferred" or "APICS Certification Required," in job ads, without specifying which certification.

CPIM got its reputation in manufacturing, and if you are going to plan at any level of the company, be involved in materials management or scheduling, then the CPIM will be the certification the company is looking for.

If you are going to be working with the information, money or materials that flow from end-to-end throughout the supply chain, then CSCP will be the most relevant certification to your company.

If you will be working in distribution, logistics, warehousing, transportation, then CLTD will be the most relevant certification.

**Question:**

If you buy the printed material (for ex for CPIM certification exams) do you receive it directly at the address you registered in APICS?

I'm in Toronto. If I register for individual self-study program right now, would I receive the material here?

**Answer:**

Yes, you will receive your order at the address you indicate in your profile at the time you place your order.

**Question:**

I'm a continuous improvements professional that will be working with our Supply Chain to improve our S&OP processes, which certification do you recommend?

**Answer:**

CPIM goes more deeply into S&OP and the plans and actions that flow from it than CSCP or CLTD. APICS also offers two one-day seminars on S&OP, "Principles of Sales and Operations Planning" and the "Sales and Operations Planning Workshop." These seminars, often offered back to back, are offered about 4 times a year and would dive more deeply into the S&OP process.

**Question:**

I'm still a little torn between CSCP and CLTD. I'm currently a Director of Supply Chain with a Masters in Supply Chain but many companies still require an APIC certification. Which one do you suggest?

**Answer:**

CSCP would validate your skills and knowledge in the end-to-end supply chain. CLTD is more focused on the movement and storage of materials between the various partners within a supply chain, which is just one facet of the supply chain. So, I would recommend CSCP first.





**Question:**

In a non-profit organization like a UN peacekeeping mission, which certification would you recommend? I have been in the logistics field for 10 years.

**Answer:**

CLTD. Logistics is vitally important in this type of environment. Plus, the CLTD will expand and validate the years of experience you have in logistics already.

**Question:**

Is Apics looking at marketing more in South Africa?

**Answer:**

APICS has a great partner in South Africa, SAPICS, which offers APICS certification courses, as well as other education and an annual conference which is the leading event in Africa for supply chain professionals. You can find out more about them here: <http://www.sapics.org/>

**Question:**

Is APICS well recognized in Australia?

**Answer:**

APICS has a great partner in Australia, too, Australasian Supply Chain Institute (ASCI), which offers APICS certification courses, as well as other education. They participate in the semi-annual SMART Conference, the premier conference for supply chain and logistics in Australia. You can find out more about them here: <https://www.asci.org.au/>

**Question:**

Is CSCP the best choice for an associate consultant?

**Answer:**

As a former ERP consultant, I would say. "Well, that depends." What area are you consulting in? ERP in Manufacturing, or Manufacturing in general? Then CPIM. Supply Chain consulting? Then CSCP. Distribution and Logistics? The CLTD.

First determine where you want to focus your expertise, where do you want to be in the next five years, then select the certification most likely to get you there.



**Question:**

Is SCOR-P going to be merged with CSCP?

**Answer:**

At this time SCOR-P will continue to stay a stand-alone credential, however, since the original Supply Chain Council and APICS merged, we have strengthened the SCOR Framework topics in CSCP.

If your company is implementing SCOR, or considering it and need more information, then we recommend the SCOR-P course and credential.

If your company is not particularly interested in SCOR right now, then CSCP will give you sufficient background to understand and discuss the SCOR Framework intelligently.

**Question:**

Is there a reduced rate for having all three certifications?

**Answer:**

No, there is not.

**Question:**

Is there any discussion or materials regarding packaging in any 3 of the certifications?

**Answer:**

CLTD does cover packaging.

**Question:**

Our Co. is a \$200M company and we are just starting SCM initiative. We are starting with a focus on forecasting and demand planning which I will be heading. What certification would you suggest for this project?

**Answer:**

CPIM follows the planning hierarchy from high level business planning to S&OP to MPS to MRP to scheduling on the shop floor. CLTD deals with demand planning.

**Question:**

ROI is like Return on Investment?

**Answer:**

Yes. ROI is Return on Investment.

**Question:**

What are the available seminars or conferences for 2018?

**Answer:**

All our the APICS seminars, webinars and conferences are located on our website at [apics.org/events](http://apics.org/events).



**Question:**

What if you're currently a buyer/planner but want to pursue the CSCP designation?

**Answer:**

Go for it! The CSCP will give you a broader knowledge of your company's end-to-end supply chain, from your supplier relationships, which you probably help to manage, to the delivery of the end product to the consumer. It will help you think more strategically in your current job and help prepare you for bigger roles in the future.

I will also mention that CPIM covers planning at all levels of the company, including the MRP you are probably using to determine your raw material and component requirements. If you plan to continue as a buyer/planner, then I would suggest you consider the CPIM as well.

**Question:**

What will a CSCP do for someone with no supply chain experience looking to change career?

**Answer:**

CSCP will help you gain knowledge about the end-to-end supply chain and validate that you know how to apply the various principles and techniques within the CSCP body of knowledge. The CSCP, without supply chain experience behind it, tells employers that you are serious about becoming a supply chain professional and that you are willing to get the education you need to perform better and that you've already mastered the body of knowledge covered in the CSCP.

**Question:**

What would you recommend? individual studies or instructor led?

**Answer:**

That depends on your learning style and preference. Visit the APICS Education Selector to determine which method is best for you, [apics.org/education-selector](https://apics.org/education-selector).

**Question:**

When getting the practice test results, is the test taker notified which ones they missed, and given the correct answer?

**Answer:**

The practice tests, consist of 50 multiple-choice questions each, cover content drawn from the entire system. After each question, you will be provided with immediate feedback, including the correct answer and the rationale for that answer. A running total of questions answered is provided as you proceed through the test. The pretest results will provide you with an indication of those areas that require the most attention. The posttest results will measure your progress following your completion of the course.

**Question:**

Where can I find the materials to prepare for the exam?

**Answer:**

Visit the APICS Education Selector to view the different exam preparation materials, [apics.org/education-selector](https://apics.org/education-selector).



**Question:**

Which is better for some pursuing his masters in industrial and systems engineering? CPIM or CSCP?

**Answer:**

Many industrial and system engineers start with CPIM. It is a better match for industrial engineers.

**Question:**

Will any of these certifications add value to those who work in academia? lecturers or professors?

**Answer:**

Many academics in the Operations Management and Supply Chain Management areas have APICS certifications. Many OM and SCM academics are more interested in theory and new algorithms than they are in how to apply the theory in real companies. Academics with an APICS certification show that they are more interested in the practical application than in new theories about manufacturing and distribution.

**Question:**

I enjoyed the Webinar and will be attending the next series. In a couple of your slides it showed the type of jobs for each certification. I am a person completing an MBA and will be pursuing an Operations Management position in my company with a goal of reaching the Directors Management level. In your Webinar I thought the speaker said for Operations Management and/or Directors level the CSCP is the route to take? Also, does CSCP cover the CPIM course material?

I am undecided but am interested in learning more and completing all programs. is there a specific order I can take each program?

**Answer:**

Certainly there is some overlap between CSCP and both CPIM and CLTD, but only at a high level and in order to explain the entire end-to-end supply chain in CSCP. CPIM and CLTD dive deeper into their respective topics. However, there is no "preferred" or "recommended" order for those interested in all three certifications. You want to determine which certification is most applicable to your current job or the career you want to enter, and start there.



**Question:**

Do I pay for the exam if I fail?

I hear the certification test for CSCP costs ~\$700. What options are available to re-take the test and how much would it cost?

Sorry wasn't able to listen to the whole webinar... what if you fail the test? You pay the full price to take it again?

Do we need to pay for all 5 exams when attempting CPIM exam?  
What is the process and associated costs if one fails part or all of the exams?

**Answer:**

Exams are paid for prior to scheduling your exam there is no refund if you fail the exam. For CPIM, there is an exam fee for exam that you take.

If you need to retake the exam you must wait 14 days before you can purchase a retake exam credit, at a reduce fee, and re-schedule your exam. More detailed information on exam procedures can be found on our APICS website at [apics.org/bulletins](http://apics.org/bulletins).

**Question:**

When I take the CLTD exam in 2018, can I get the results right away at the place where I took the test?

**Answer:**

Yes. Candidates receive their pass/fail results upon completion of the exam at the exam center.

**Question:**

Any suggestions for people with severe test anxiety?

**Answer:**

We have several preparation tools for candidates for each of the certifications. We also Test Taking Tips posted on [apics.org](http://apics.org) and available in shop APICS we have a video for purchase by Liezl Smith, CPIM, CIRM, CSCP, ACPF, a long time APICS instructor that shares techniques for students to prepare for APICS certifications. This video is also available in each of the four Learning Systems (CPIM Part 1, CPIM Part 2, CSCP, CLTD).

**Question:**

Are there any figures to show how these certifications (by type) may impact salary?

**Answer:**

APICS conducts surveys of candidates who have earned their certification. Currently we show a 12% increase in salary for professionals who hold an APICS certification.



**Question:**

As a business development manager who is looking to gain certification would I qualify for the CSCP with my BA & MBA in business?

Can anyone with a bachelor's degree take the CSCP exam with no supply chain experience?

For the requirements for CLTD, is it 3 years' experience OR bachelor's degree, etc.? Or is it the experience AND bachelor's degree, etc.?

In the certification requirements it says bachelor's degree! So it has to be related to supply chain or any bachelor's degree?

**Answer:**

The bachelor's degree does not have to be supply chain specific. And, the requirement is the experience OR bachelor's degree.

**Question:**

Can you further explain the 5-year maintenance for CPIM certification?

Can you provide info on how development points are earned to maintain certificate? Are they free?

Is there a cost to renew the certification annually or every 5 years?

What is the Certification maintenance period?

**Answer:**

APICS certification maintenance is every five years. Professional development points are obtained from activities that relate to the core areas of the APICS Body of Knowledge. We recognize that individuals are at various levels in their careers and provide multiple sources and a variety of professional development activities for maintaining APICS credentials.

Read the [maintenance bulletin](#) to ensure you are familiar with maintenance program policies and procedures prior to submitting your maintenance application. The bulletin will help you determine which category your activities fall under and the number of points you can claim.

The application fee for APICS PLUS and CORE members is \$75.00 (USD) and the nonmember price is \$150.00 (USD) Additional information can be found on the APICS website at [apics.org/maintenance](http://apics.org/maintenance).

**Question:**

If I have all three: CSCP, CPIM and CLTD, do I need then 3 sets of 75 points for maintenance?

Does the certification maintenance for one certification apply to multiple certifications, or does each certification require its own unique maintenance?

**Answer:**

In general, the certification maintenance activities pursued to meet one certification will apply to the other certification maintenance requirements. However, it is likely maintenance dates for all 3 certifications are different so maintenance intervals need to be separately managed for all 3. Please refer to the certification maintenance bulletin on the APICS website for more detailed information.

**Question:**

Given that the validity of the exam is 5 years, after 5 years will I need to retake the exam? If this is the case, will I need to pay the same amount of the course for the retake?

**Answer:**

As long as you maintain your credential, you will not have to retake the exam. Read the [maintenance bulletin](#) to ensure you are familiar with maintenance program policies and procedures.



**Question:**

Why does it need to be renewed after 5 years?

**Answer:**

APICS certifications are considered high-stakes, therefore they require maintenance. In order to meet rigorous standards, exam content is developed according to the test outline included in the Exam Content Manual and industry-validated by global subject matter experts. Exam questions are monitored through a rigorous psychometric calibration and cross-referenced to industry-approved source material.

**Question:**

Do I become an APICS member if I purchase and/or pass one of these exams?

**Answer:**

No. APICS membership is separate. For more information on APICS member pricing visit the APICS website at [apics.org/membership](http://apics.org/membership).

**Question:**

Have you seen a good pass rate with self-study?  
What is the success rate for the CSCP and CPIM exams?

**Answer:**

We don't know the method of study for candidates to be able to tell you the pass rate for self-study. You can however, view the exam pass rate report which is posted on the APICS website for each certification at [apics.org/passratereport](http://apics.org/passratereport).

**Question:**

I worked in Supply for 14 years in the Navy. Ordering and Managing Inventory does that cover the requirements?

**Answer:**

Yes. This would qualify for related business experience.

**Question:**

I would be interested in the CLTD program, however, my title is Transportation Specialist. I have been in this position for over 8 years and have a BA in Business, do I still qualify even though my job title is not listed?

**Answer:**

Yes. The job titles provided in the presentation were examples of some of the types of positions that would be recommended for earning the CLTD certification. It was not meant to be a complete list.

**Question:**

If I can't pass the exam within one year, can use self-learning system after a year? I mean how long is the self-learning system available?

**Answer:**

The learning system online access is good for a year. However, if you are getting close to your expiration date AND you purchase and schedule your exam. Your expiration date can be extended.



**Question:**

If I earned my CSCP, and I have already earned my CPIM, should I maintain both of my certifications?

**Answer:**

Yes. You worked hard to earn both of your certifications, don't let them lapse.

**Question:**

I'm still a student right now, will be graduating in 3 months... can I pursue the CSCP or will I need work experience?

**Answer:**

CSCP does have an eligibility requirement but if you graduate in 3 months with a bachelor's degree, you will meet the requirement.

**Question:**

It sounds like testing is the only way to get these certifications. Is there any credit given for being involved in this type of work for more than 30 years?

**Answer:**

The APICS CPIM, CSCP and CLTD certifications are obtained by taking an exam. There is not credit for work experience other than the eligibility for CSCP and CLTD.

**Question:**

What documents do I need to present in order to prove that I am eligible for CSCP or CLTD?

**Answer:**

If you are chosen for an audit, you will need to produce documents to provide the eligibility requirement you claim. For example, if you are claiming eligibility based on achieving a bachelor's degree, you will need to provide a copy of your diploma.

**Question:**

What is considered relevant work experience and how do you apply that you meet the entry criteria for starting CTLD?

**Answer:**

Any jobs in the Transportation, logistics, or distribution field qualify as work experience. Example job titles were provided in the webinar. A quick eligibility application can be located at the APICS website at the following URL:

<http://www.apics.org/credentials-education/credentials/eligibility>

**Question:**

On the CSCP Exam what do you mean by on demand and always available to take?

**Answer:**

Candidates can schedule their exams at their convenience through a Pearson VUE testing center near them. There are no restrictions on when a candidate can take an exam as long as the testing center is open and has space.





**Question:**

Does CSCMP SCPRo fundamentals certification count as experience for CSCP?

**Answer:**

No

**Question:**

Are there any prerequisite courses or skills that are required? Math, statistics, etc.?

**Answer:**

No

**Question:**

Can military time be counted towards required experience for the CSCP?

**Answer:**

Military work in a related field would count towards experience for CSCP.

**Question:**

How many exams total are there for CSCP and CLTD?

**Answer:**

There is one exam each for CSCP and CLTD.

**Question:**

How many times can you take the CPIM exam?

**Answer:**

You can take the exams as many times as you need to pass them, however you must wait 14 days before purchasing and scheduling your retake exam.

**Question:**

I'm in the IT industry and cover supply chain processes, with a bachelor's degree. Will that apply for qualification for CSCP

**Answer:**

Yes. Your bachelor's degree alone will qualify for CSCP of CLTD.