



CMA Students' World

This section focuses on reflections from young students of ICMAB and how they have been pursuing their CMA career path and facing challenges in CMA study at the beginning of their career.

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Why do you pursue CMA education of ICMAB?

My passion is to be an efficient, quotable and confident professional accountant. In order to fulfill my dream I need a professional degree. Then I found ICMAB, a unique institute which has every facility to meet and solve the problem of a passionate student. Though I was a student of science background, ICMAB has opened a mysterious Pandora's Box for me. It's like paddling a boat in a sea with full of glorious treasures. One famous quote that inspires me is "Dream is not what you see in sleep, it's the thing which doesn't let you sleep" [A P J Abdul Kalam]. So I did not wait for tomorrow and I decided to get myself admitted in ICMAB after HSC. The journey of my professional study has been started in January 2018 from Knowledge Level.

How do you make comparison between CMA education & other Academic Qualification?

Basically, academic education is mostly theoretical. To be a Business Leader we should not only look at the aspects of traditional education system, but also we should realize the importance of professional education. A CMA's role is geared towards assessing business possibilities and has the strategic insight to assess risk and make vital business decisions based on robust understanding of the business environment. Cost and Management Accountants are typically qualified to engage in a wide variety of business.

If you dream to be a business leader then CMA is for you and this is designed according to global pattern. It will open the door for you to be affiliated with International professional accounting bodies like CIMA (UK), ACCA, ICAEW, CPA (AICPA) and many others.

What are the main challenges you faced in studying CMA education?

As a student of Khulna Branch, I feel that there are not enough facilities like those get in Dhaka Branch. But at the same time I want to say that in this modern technological world it does not matter which branch you belong to. Besides facilities, sometimes I face some challenges. These are:

1. There is only night shift class so that it is quite difficult for female students to attend all the classes. There is no common room for girls which creates problem for those who stay all day long in library for study.
2. There is not enough IT training facilities which is most important in today's world. So like many other students, I am not getting enough IT related training from ICMAB.
3. In a modern era soft skills are very important for all students. It helps a student to be a business leader. There are many seminars and training sessions arranged but I didn't find any active clubs for skill development of students.

I can't change the direction of the wind but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination. So, I have to cope with these major challenges to prove myself here.

Do you think CMA qualification will help you to get added advantages in the job market?

Definitely, CMA degree will make me more competitive in the job market and give me a better chance to find

a desired job. Thousands of student in our country are completing their graduation from different universities but they can't find a job as per expectation because of lack of professional knowledge and experience. I hope, by achieving CMA degree we can easily get job in local or multinational companies, and fulfill the employer's demand. The world economic forum also forecasted that almost 70% of traditional accountant jobs will be abolished by 2030, and the Management Accountants' demand will increase day by day.

What strategies are you following to complete the CMA education on time?

There is no shortcut way to pass the exams of ICMAB. So I personally think you have to give full concentration on study manual and other related reference books.

You should work smarter not harder. Currently I have been preparing myself to compete in Business Level. I always prefer first to understand the syllabus fully and then go through the books. Other strategies I try to follow are:

1. Analyzing the syllabus carefully and also analyzing the past question papers.
2. I always use google for learning more details about any issues related to my topics. It helps me a lot to understand what I am studying. I also use google scholar for gaining deep knowledge about my topics.
3. I always try to follow other successful persons for any kind of guidance regarding the CMA studies and,
4. I always try to get a clear concept of every topic and try to present the answers of the questions in a lucid and succinct way.

What do you expect to get from ICMAB as a student?

I feel proud to be a student of ICMAB. This professional institution continuously helps me to fulfill my dreams. The following issues will make me more thankful to ICMAB:

1. ICMAB should provide IT training for the students in order to enhance the IT skills and knowledge. Now a days it is very necessary for all students of ICMAB.
2. ICMAB should arrange more seminar and workshop programs which are related to our curriculum.
3. ICMAB should improve communication and presentation skills of students through English Speaking Club.

4. ICMAB should also improve the study system by providing its own study materials.

Could you remember any memorable event during study at ICMAB?

I have had a breath taking experience in ICMAB when my Knowledge level result was published. I was fully astonished and surprised, as I completed this level at my first attempt. It was a very big day for me. This made me more confident and I believe today or tomorrow I will reach my destination. I always believe that success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.

Do you think the CMA qualification will be able to fulfill your aspiration?

Yes, I do believe. CMA is one of the biggest parts of my dreams. By completing CMA, I hope to appear as a competent player in the competitive job market. It will help me to become a business leader for enrolling in business world. Truly speaking, CMA is one of the best choices I have made in my life for a better career. To me, CMA is a global identity that represents me in the whole world as a professional accountant.

Thanks to almighty Allah for making me a part of ICMAB family.

