

Continuing Education FAQ's for CDFA® Professionals

How many CE credits do I need to maintain my CDFA® designation?

To maintain the CDFA® designation, CDFA® professionals must complete:

- 24 hours of continuing education every two years
- 2 hours of ethics continuing education

Total Requirement: 26 IDFA®-approved CE credits every two years

How often are new CE webinars offered?

IDFA® offers at least one new continuing education webinar each month which is released on the first day of each month.

Are the webinars free?

Yes. IDFA releases one free webinar each month. Each new webinar is available free of charge for the first 7 days after release (from the 1st through the 7th day of each month).

Who can access the free webinars?

The free monthly webinars are open to:

- CDFA® professionals
- Non-members
- Referral partners and colleagues

You are encouraged to share the opportunity with others who may benefit from the content.

How do I earn CE credit?

To receive CE credit, you must:

1. Watch the webinar
2. Complete the quiz
3. Pass the quiz with a score of 70% or higher

Once successfully completed, you will receive:

- 1 hour of CDFA® continuing education credit
- CFP® CE credit or NASBA credit (if eligible)

How do I know if a webinar qualifies for CFP® or NASBA credit?

If a webinar is approved for CFP® or NASBA credit, it will be clearly noted in the webinar description. We will try our best to register our webinars for CFP® and NASBA credit but it is not guaranteed.

Does IDFA report CFP® or NASBA CE credit for me?

Yes. If a webinar qualifies for CFP® or NASBA credit, IDFA® will report your attendance on your behalf at no additional cost, provided you include your CFP® or NASBA number during registration.

What happens after the free 7-day access period?

After the initial 7-day period:

- The webinar is added to the IDFA® On-Demand CE Library
- The course remains available for purchase and CE credit

Pricing:

- \$24.99 for CDFA® members
- \$49.99 for non-members

Do on-demand webinars still qualify for CE credit?

Yes. On-demand IDFA webinars include CDFA® CE credit upon successful completion of the quiz requirements.

Eligible programs may also continue to offer CFP® or NASBA CE credit. The webinar will clearly state if it is eligible for CFP® or NASBA CE credit.

What qualifies as ethics CE?

Ethics CE programs must be approved by IDFA®, they will be clearly marked as an Ethics CE and will generally cover topics such as:

- Professional standards and conduct
- Fiduciary responsibility

- Ethical considerations in divorce financial planning
- Regulatory or legal updates affecting professional practice

Can I receive CE credit for third-party programs?

Yes. CDFA® professionals may receive CE credit for qualifying third-party continuing education programs if:

- The program is offered by one of our approved CE partners and is approved by IDFA in advance. You can view our approved CE partners and courses [here](#).
- The content aligns with IDFA® CE policies, standards, and competency requirements.
- The topic is relevant to divorce financial analysis or related financial issues

Programs must be pre-approved prior to attendance. Retroactive approval is not available.

Can organizations become approved IDFA® CE providers?

Yes. Third-party organizations may apply to become IDFA® CE Partners and offer programs eligible for CDFA® CE credit. To apply-click [here](#).

What are the requirements to become an IDFA® CE Partner?

To qualify:

- Programs must be submitted to IDFA® for approval in advance
- Content must align with IDFA® CE policies, standards, and core competencies
- Topics must relate to divorce financial analysis or related financial issues

Programs must be approved prior to attendance. Retroactive approval will not be granted.

Are the webinars educational or promotional?

IDFA® webinars are designed to be educational, practical, and professionally relevant. Some webinars may include a brief sponsor message at the beginning of the program or the end of the program, but sponsor content is minimal and kept separate from the educational material.

What are Business Growth Webinars?

IDFA® Business Growth Webinars are expert-led programs designed to help CDFA® professionals build, grow, and strengthen their practices. These webinars focus on business development, professional growth, client relationships, marketing strategies, and practice management topics relevant to operating a successful CDFA® business.

Business Growth Webinars are:

- Available on demand for a fee
- Designed to provide practical strategies and real-world insights
- Focused on helping CDFA® professionals grow their visibility, confidence, and business success

Please note:

- Business Growth Webinars are **not eligible for CE credit**
- These programs do not count toward the CE requirements needed to maintain the CDFA® designation