

APICS Certifications and Endorsement Comparison Chart

Designation Name	CPIM	CSCP	CLTD	SCOR-P
Designation type	Certification	Certification	Certification	Endorsement
Program Overview	CPIM focuses on the mastery of an organization's internal operations and provides an in-depth understanding of the Fundamentals of Demand Management, Plan Supply, Executing the Supply Plan, Inventory Management, Continuous Improvement and Quality Management and Technologies, Strategy and S&OP and provides the knowledge to apply this information across the extended supply chain.	CSCP focuses on the mastery of the extended supply chain, from organizations' suppliers through to the end customers. The CSCP designation validates professional understanding of supply chain management and the integration of operations across the extended supply chain.	CLTD focuses on the mastery of the essential knowledge needed for the logistics, transportation and distribution industry. The CLTD designation expands candidates outlook on the logistics field and enables them to bring new ideas to their organization.	Candidates learn the major process components (Plan, Source, Make, Deliver, Return and Enable) for managing and measuring the performance of a global supply chain by implementing the Supply Chain Operations Reference (SCOR) model.
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No eligibility requirements 	<p>To be eligible to take the APICS CSCP exam, you must have at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 years of business experience A bachelor's degree or international equivalent or An Active CPIM, CPIM-F, CIRM, SCOR-P, CPM, CPSM, CLTD, or CLTD-F certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No eligibility requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No eligibility requirements
Supply Chain Operations Areas Most Suited for Designation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Production and inventory management Operations Supply chain management Procurement Materials management Purchasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply chain design Supplier management Transportation Supply chain management Distribution channels 3PL, 4PL Customer management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logistics Services Transportation Government & Military Distribution channels Consulting 3PL, 4PL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production management Operations Supply chain management Procurement Materials management Inventory management
Company Benefit	The CPIM program provides employees with the understanding to evaluate planning and inventory activities within an organization's global operations by improving efficiency, maximizing technology ROI and streamlining operations to address challenges and opportunities.	The CSCP program helps employees master advanced supply chain management principles that extend beyond an organization's internal end-to-end operations from suppliers to customers. It provides a higher-level of knowledge and skills needed to streamline operations and produce bottom line results.	The CLTD program provides employees with the understanding to evaluate logistic, transportation and distribution activities within an organization's global operations by improving efficiency, maximizing technology ROI and streamlining operations to address today's supply chain logistics challenges.	The SCOR Professional program provides employees with the major process components of the SCOR framework (Plan, Source, Make, Deliver, Return and Enable) which helps companies to increase the speed of system implementations, improve inventory turns and drive measurable supply chain process improvement and business performance.
Candidate Benefit	The CPIM program increases a candidate's functional knowledge of production and inventory management by providing them with the tools they need to effectively evaluate and manage activities.	The CSCP program provides candidates with the necessary tools to effectively manage global supply chain activities and enables them to implement best practice approaches to increase supply chain efficiencies.	The CLTD program provides candidates with the essential knowledge needed for today's logistic, transportation and distribution challenges and enables them to implement best practice approaches to increase logistic efficiencies.	The SCOR-P program builds a candidate's SCOR knowledge so they will be able to manage supply chain projects with more predictable outcomes, improve supply chain performance and build team credibility with senior management and other departments.

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Study Methods and Guides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Self-study ▪ Online study ▪ Classroom study options ▪ Exam Content Manual (ECM) ▪ CPIM Learning System Courseware materials ▪ Online content and quizzes ▪ APICS Dictionary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Self-study ▪ Online study ▪ Classroom study options ▪ Exam Content Manual (ECM) ▪ CSCP Learning System Courseware materials ▪ Online content and quizzes ▪ APICS Dictionary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Self-study ▪ Online study ▪ Classroom study options ▪ Exam Content Manual (ECM) ▪ CLTD Learning System Courseware materials ▪ Online content and quizzes ▪ APICS Dictionary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCOR Digital Standard (DS) ▪ SCOR-P APP ▪ SCOR-P courseware
Exam Type	<p>Part 1: Computer-based multiple choice and technology enhanced items (TEIs)</p> <p>Part 2: Computer-based multiple choice</p>	Computer-based multiple choice.	Computer-based multiple choice.	Computer-based multiple choice.
Exams	<p>Must pass two exams within three years to become certified.</p> <p>Both exams are 150 questions. 130 operational and 20 pretest* questions.</p>	<p>Must pass one exam to become certified. 150 questions. 130 operational and 20 pretest* questions.</p>	<p>Must pass one exam to become certified. 150 questions. 130 operational and 20 pretest* questions.</p>	<p>Must pass one exam to become endorsed. 60 multiple questions.</p>
Exam Length	3.5 hours per exam	3.5 hours	3.5 hours	2 hours
Exam Content	<p>Exam content is developed according to the test outline included in the CPIM Exam Content Manual and validated by global subject matter experts. Exam questions are monitored through rigorous psychometric calibration and cross-referenced to industry-approved source material. A job task analysis (JTA) study is conducted every 3 – 5 years to ensure content relevancy.</p>	<p>Exam content is developed according to the test outline included in the CSCP Exam Content Manual and validated by global subject matter experts. Exam questions are monitored through rigorous psychometric calibration and cross-referenced to industry-approved source material. A job task analysis (JTA) study is conducted every 3 – 5 years to ensure content relevancy.</p>	<p>Exam content is developed according to the test outline included in the CLTD Exam Content Manual and validated by global subject matter experts. Exam questions are monitored through rigorous psychometric calibration and cross-referenced to industry-approved source material. A job task analysis (JTA) study is conducted every 3 – 5 years to ensure content relevancy.</p>	<p>SCOR Model (40% of exam) covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key Concepts ▪ Processes ▪ Performance ▪ Best Practices ▪ Skills <p>SCOR Project (60% of exam) covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key Concepts ▪ Pre-SCOR ▪ Scope configure ▪ Optimize ▪ Ready

*Pretest questions do not contribute to the total score but are necessary for research purposes. The pre-test questions are randomly distributed among the scored items and are used for statistical purposes only. Candidates should answer all exam questions.

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Exam Scoring	<p>ASCM uses a scaled score methodology, which is a technique for equating scores in which the degree of difficulty varies from one exam form to the next. The APICS CPIM score range is 200 to 350.</p> <p>Fail = 200-299 Pass = 300-350</p>	<p>ASCM uses a scaled score methodology, which is a technique for equating scores in which the degree of difficulty varies from one exam form to the next. The APICS CSCP score range is 200 to 350.</p> <p>Fail = 200-299 Pass = 300-350</p>	<p>ASCM uses a scaled score methodology, which is a technique for equating scores in which the degree of difficulty varies from one exam form to the next. The APICS CLTD score range is 200 to 350.</p> <p>Fail = 200-299 Pass = 300-350</p>	<p>ASCM uses a percentage-correct scoring, giving the applicant a percentage based on the number of questions answered correctly.</p> <p>Each applicant must successfully answer 75% or higher to obtain a passing score on the exam and to receive the SCOR-P endorsement designation.</p>
Pricing Per Exam (Pricing subject to change without notice)	<p>North America:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASCM PLUS member \$495 USD ▪ ASCM CORE member \$690 USD ▪ Nonmember \$690 USD <p>International:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASCM PLUS member \$495 USD ▪ ASCM CORE member \$690 USD ▪ Nonmember \$690 USD 	<p>North America:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASCM PLUS member \$695 USD ▪ ASCM CORE member \$965 USD ▪ Nonmember \$965 USD <p>International:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASCM PLUS member \$1,050 USD ▪ ASCM CORE member \$1,300 USD ▪ Nonmember \$1,300 USD 	<p>North America:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASCM PLUS member \$475 USD ▪ ASCM CORE member \$625 USD ▪ Nonmember \$625 USD <p>International:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASCM PLUS member \$475 USD ▪ ASCM CORE member \$625 USD ▪ Nonmember \$625 USD 	<p>The SCOR-P exam is purchased as part of a training course. Course prices can vary depending on provider. Course price will include the SCOR-P training, materials and one Authorization to Test for North America and International. The SCOR-P exam may not be purchased separately by an individual.</p>
Retaking an Exam	<p>Candidates who fail an APICS CPIM exam must wait 14 full days before retaking the same exam. The retake fee is \$250.</p>	<p>Candidates who fail an APICS CSCP exam must wait 14 full days before retaking the same exam. The retake fee is \$450 USD.</p>	<p>Candidates who fail an APICS CLTD exam must wait 14 full days before retaking the same exam. The retake fee is \$250 USD.</p>	<p>Candidates who fail an APICS SCOR-P exam must wait 14 full days before retaking the same exam. The retake fee is \$350 USD.</p>
Exam Cancellation	<p>Candidates must pay the \$45 USD cancellation fee. Candidates who no longer can test within their originally selected window must cancel the exam directly in their My APICS account by accessing the online Authorization to Test Request Form. Once logged in, candidates will have the option to cancel their current ATT. Candidates will receive a confirmation email from Pearson VUE.</p>	<p>Candidates must pay the \$45 USD cancellation fee. Candidates who no longer can test within their originally selected window must cancel the exam directly in their My APICS account by accessing the online Authorization to Test Request Form. Once logged in, candidates will have the option to cancel their current ATT. Candidates will receive a confirmation email from Pearson VUE.</p>	<p>Candidates must pay the \$45 USD cancellation fee. Candidates who no longer can test within their originally selected window must cancel the exam directly in their My APICS account by accessing the online Authorization to Test Request Form. Once logged in, candidates will have the option to cancel their current ATT. Candidates will receive a confirmation email from Pearson VUE.</p>	<p>Candidates who no longer can test before their ATT expires will forfeit their exam fees. Any exam cancelled will result in forfeiture of your entire exam fee paid to APICS and your Authorization to Test (ATT) will be consumed. However, candidates who have already scheduled an exam and can no longer take it are encouraged to cancel the scheduled exam with Pearson VUE to free up the reserved seat for other exam candidates.</p>
Exam Rescheduling	<p>Only appointments scheduled to be taken online may be cancelled. In such cases, a \$45 USD cancellation fee will apply. Once an online exam appointment is cancelled candidates will receive a confirmation email from Pearson VUE.</p> <p>Appointments at physical testing centers cannot be rescheduled less than 24 hours before the appointment time. Appointments scheduled to be taken online can be rescheduled up until the time of the appointment.</p>	<p>Only appointments scheduled to be taken online may be cancelled. In such cases, a \$45 USD cancellation fee will apply. Once an online exam appointment is cancelled candidates will receive a confirmation email from Pearson VUE.</p> <p>Appointments at physical testing centers cannot be rescheduled less than 24 hours before the appointment time. Appointments scheduled to be taken online can be rescheduled up until the time of the appointment.</p>	<p>Only appointments scheduled to be taken online may be cancelled. In such cases, a \$45 USD cancellation fee will apply. Once an online exam appointment is cancelled candidates will receive a confirmation email from Pearson VUE.</p> <p>Appointments at physical testing centers cannot be rescheduled less than 24 hours before the appointment time. Appointments scheduled to be taken online can be rescheduled up until the time of the appointment.</p>	<p>Only appointments scheduled to be taken online may be cancelled. In such cases, a \$45 USD cancellation fee will apply. Once an online exam appointment is cancelled candidates will receive a confirmation email from Pearson VUE.</p> <p>Appointments at physical testing centers cannot be rescheduled less than 24 hours before the appointment time. Appointments scheduled to be taken online can be rescheduled up until the time of the appointment.</p>

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Maintenance Points	Candidates who hold multiple APICS Certifications (CPIM, CSCP, CLTD) may apply earned points to all of the designations that they hold when submitting their maintenance applications.	Candidates who hold multiple APICS Certifications (CPIM, CSCP, CLTD) may apply earned points to all of the designations that they hold when submitting their maintenance applications.	Candidates who hold multiple APICS Certifications (CPIM, CSCP, CLTD) may apply earned points to all of the designations that they hold when submitting their maintenance applications.	N/A
Certification Suspension	If a candidate does not maintain their certification within five years, their credentials will be suspended. With each additional year their certification is suspended, they will be required to submit additional professional development points to reinstate their certification.	If a candidate does not maintain their certification within five years, their credentials will be suspended. With each additional year their certification is suspended, they will be required to submit additional professional development points to reinstate their certification.	If a candidate does not maintain their certification within five years, their credentials will be suspended. With each additional year their certification is suspended, they will be required to submit additional professional development points to reinstate their certification.	N/A
Maintenance Application Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASCM PLUS member \$75 USD ▪ ASCM CORE member \$75 USD ▪ Nonmember \$150 USD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASCM PLUS member \$75 USD ▪ ASCM CORE member \$75 USD ▪ Nonmember \$150 USD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASCM PLUS member \$75 USD ▪ ASCM CORE member \$75 USD ▪ Nonmember \$150 USD 	N/A
Credential Verification	Candidates and employers can visit ascm.org/verification to view the status of a certification.	Candidates and employers can visit ascm.org/verification to view the status of a certification.	Candidates and employers can visit ascm.org/verification to view the status of a certification.	Candidates and employers can visit ascm.org/verification to view the status of a certification.

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