

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CERTIFICATION AND THE EXAM

### 1. What is the Basel ii Compliance Professionals Association (BCPA)<sup>TM</sup> ?

An International Association having the mission to promote best practices for the implementation of the Basel ii framework around the world, by developing and administering certification programmes in an objective and reliable manner that brings value to the industry. You can find more at [www.basel-ii-association.com](http://www.basel-ii-association.com)

### 2. What Certifications does the Association offer?

The Association offers the following certification:

- A. Certified Basel ii Professional (CBiiPro)<sup>TM</sup>
- B. Certified Pillar 2 Expert (CP2E)<sup>TM</sup>
- C. Certified Pillar 3 Expert (CP3E)<sup>TM</sup>

### 3. Does the Association offer training?

**Not directly.** The Association works with training centres worldwide that do offer training.

The certified training courses offered are:

- A. Certified Basel ii Professional (CBiiPro)<sup>TM</sup> - Prep Course (3 days)
- B. Basel II – Pillar 2: The Supervisory Review & Evaluation Process (SREP) and the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP). Implementation and Compliance Training - Certified Pillar 2 Expert (CP2E)<sup>TM</sup> Prep Course (2 days)
- C. Basel II – Pillar 3 after the global crisis. Implementation and Compliance Training - Certified Pillar 3 Expert (CP3E)<sup>TM</sup> Prep Course (2 days)

#### 4. Which are the benefits of these certifications?

The certifications offered by the **Basel ii Compliance Professionals Association (BCPA)<sup>TM</sup>** **can benefit employees, consultants and organizations**

##### **Benefits for Employees and Consultants**

1. **Earn more money:** Several recent salary surveys reveal the power of certification to boost income. These surveys show **certified professionals earn more money** than non-certified professionals, as their skills grow and can command a higher pay cheque.
2. **Better position:** Certification is important when being considered for a promotion or other career opportunities. You give the necessary assurance that you have the knowledge and skills to accept more responsibility.
3. **Better job:** It will be easier to move into more desirable positions. This certification will differentiate yourself from your competitors.
4. **Establishes professional credentials:** Certification is an advantage on your resume, serving as a third-party endorsement to your knowledge and experience. Certification and training listed on your resume demonstrates your ability and your desire to stay current.

##### **Benefits for Organizations**

1. **Independent evidence:** Our certifications serve as independent evidence that you have the skills required to understand and support risk and compliance projects.
2. **Job satisfaction:** Certified employees are more satisfied and more productive than their non-certified counterparts.
3. **Due care:** Certified professionals will greatly assist employers in being able to construct a viable risk and compliance program, and to prove that they exercise due care.

#### **Instead of only training, you can have more**

**A. Training** - First you need to learn.

**B. Certification** - Second, it is good to be certified by the **Basel ii Compliance Professionals Association (BCPA)<sup>TM</sup>**.

If you pass the exam, you will be entitled to use the one, two or all designations:

- A. Certified Basel ii Professional (CBiiPro)™
- B. Certified Pillar 2 Expert (CP2E)™
- C. Certified Pillar 3 Expert (CP3E)™

As a certified professional, you are entitled to **write about your certification(s) in your CV, resume, web site, using the name and the logo of the association.**

After our certified training class, you may sit for the exams at no extra cost (up to 4 times).

**C. Membership in the Association** - Third, you will become (at no cost) a member of the **Basel ii Compliance Professionals Association (BCPA)™** to **stay current** with new developments in risk and compliance around the world. **You will continue to learn, month after month.**

As members of the **Basel ii Compliance Professionals Association (BCPA)™** you are entitled to write about your membership in your CV, resume, web site, using the name and the logo of the association."

#### **5. Where can I go to get certified?**

The exam is online. Only delegates that have attended the certified training classes organized by the authorized partners of the Association can sit for the exam. You will find the necessary details at [www.basel-ii-association.com/CBiiPro\\_Certification\\_Steps.pdf](http://www.basel-ii-association.com/CBiiPro_Certification_Steps.pdf)  
[www.basel-ii-association.com/Certified\\_Pillar\\_2\\_Expert.pdf](http://www.basel-ii-association.com/Certified_Pillar_2_Expert.pdf)  
[www.basel-ii-association.com/Certified\\_Pillar\\_3\\_Expert.pdf](http://www.basel-ii-association.com/Certified_Pillar_3_Expert.pdf)

#### **6. Are the training courses and the certifications vendor neutral?**

Yes, they are. We do not promote any products or services.

#### **7. How long is each exam?**

A candidate is given 90 minutes to complete a 35 question multiple-choice exam.

#### **8. What score do I need to pass each exam?**

A candidate must score 70% or higher.

#### **9. If I do not pass the exam?**

Read the course presentations carefully. Try to understand the details. You can definitely pass, and you will have the opportunity to try again.

You will have (at no cost) a second opportunity to sit for the exam. After one month, you can use again your Username, Password and Account information we have sent you. Good Luck!

If you do not pass again, you have to read more. You will have (at no cost) a third opportunity to sit for the exam. After another month, you can use again your Username, Password and Account information we have sent you.

If you do not pass, you will have (at no cost) a last opportunity to sit for the exam. After one year, you can use your Username, Password and Account information we have sent you.

#### **10. How much will it cost to get certified?**

The exam is free for delegates that have attended the certified training classes organized by the authorized partners of the Association

#### **11. Is training necessary in order to obtain certification?**

Yes. You will need to prepare before taking this exam. Self-study is always important, but we can not rely on it.

#### **12: What are the pre-requisites for taking the exam?**

To attend the 5 days training classes organized by the authorized partners of the Association. To understand the presentations. To learn more about areas you do not understand well. To fully understand the material and pass the exam, most candidates need a minimum of three years of full-time risk and compliance work experience.

#### **13. What do the exams cover?**

You may read the course synopsis of our two certified courses at: [www.basel-ii-association.com/Certified\\_Basel\\_ii\\_Training.htm](http://www.basel-ii-association.com/Certified_Basel_ii_Training.htm)

#### **14. What is your privacy policy?**

The International Association for Risk and Compliance Professionals does not sell or provide member information to any third party.