How to sign up for a free of charge CLA and/or CPA course organized by C++ Institute: a user-friendly guide

Go to http://www.cppinstitute.org/ and click the Be a coder button:

Then choose the free of charge option on the right by clicking the green rectangular button located at the bottom of the page:

In order to start learning C and C++ languages, choose one of the following options:

- **Paid option.**
  - $ + Extra vouchers!
  - Access to the e-learning platform is a good investment. You invest $300 at the start, but then, when you complete the course and meet all the requirements, you get a $147.5 discount voucher for each certification exam (CLA – C Programming Language Certified Associate and CPA – C++ Certified Associate Programmer).
  - This amounts to $295 worth of saving. In the end, the course will cost you only $5!
  - $300 - (2 x $147.5) = $5.
  - Currently, the e-learning platform is still in the beta mode and this option will be available soon.

- **Free of charge option.**
  - Free + Extra vouchers!
  - You choose to proudly promote the C/C++ programming languages with your name. This is a noble and important mission.
  - In this case you log in with your Facebook account and gain access to e-learning materials for free. We will never publish anything on your wall ourselves. We hope (and trust) that your engagement in promoting C++ Institute will not finish at just liking our page and that you will be sharing your success with your friends all the way during the course and when you get certified.
  - Remember: there is a lot of good code to be written and too few programmers – give your friends a chance to take part in this initiative and an opportunity for a better job.
  - You will keep all benefits of the paid option, including valuable discount vouchers (when you meet all the requirements), the only difference is that you do not pay.
  - It is not only important and valuable for us. You will provide a great model for others to follow. Also, making your friends aware that you are doing this course gives you a great deal of motivation. Since there is no real teacher to control you – an additional dose of motivation is essential.

Follow the 6-step registration procedure.
Step 1: Read all the information on the screen and click the **Register with Facebook** button:

If you are not logged in to Facebook, you will be redirected to Facebook login page:

Log in and accept the Privacy Policy. **C++ Institute will never use your private information and will never publish anything on your Facebook wall without your consent.** This is a standard acceptance of terms enabling the CppInstitute application to associate your FB account with C++ Institute account, which will make your logging process much easier.
**Step 2:** Having accepted the Privacy Policy, you’ll be asked to enter your email address. When you provide it, click the **Connect** button.

![Image of the C/C++ Education Platform](image1)

**IMPORTANT:** If you already have a Pearson Vue account, make sure the email addresses are exactly the same (including the small and capital letters).

Having done that, you will be asked to read and accept the terms and conditions of using the education.cppinstitute.org education platform.

![Image of the Terms and Conditions page](image2)

**Step 3:** Click the **Like our page** button. You will be forwarded to [www.facebook.com/CcppInstitute](http://www.facebook.com/CcppInstitute). Click the **Like** button to like C++ Institute on Facebook and get back to your registration process. Click the **Click here** link to allow C++ Institute to check if you have liked their page on Facebook.

![Image of the Facebook like button](image3)

**Step 4:** Once the Facebook page is liked, the self-learn mode becomes activated. Now you will be able to choose the course you are interested in. You may pick either the CLA (C Programming Language Certified Associate) or CPA (C++ Certified Associate Programmer) course.

![Image of the course selection process](image4)
Step 5: Once you have selected the course that you want to do, you will be asked to choose its pace. There are three speeds you may choose from: slow (1 assessment every two weeks – course duration: 20 weeks), regular (1 assessment every week – course duration: 10 weeks), and fast (1 assessment every 4 days – course duration: 40 days). If you are not sure what pace you should choose, select the regular one. Then click the Next button.

Step 6: Having chosen the pace, you will be able to see the plan of your assessments and their deadlines. You can include a holiday time off, if you want, and take up to two weeks break in your learning. To do this, tick the Account for holiday time off box:

Then choose the time for your holiday break and click the Recalculate exam dates button as shown in the picture. Confirm your choice by clicking the Sign up button.
You are now signed up for a course (in the example below we decided to go for the CPA course).

If you have any suggestions that could help us improve the quality of this guide, please contact us at Gregory.Czuchaj@support.cppinstitute.org. Thank you and good luck with your exams!

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