The demand for valuation services is high!

>100,000

The number of employee-driven businesses predicted to successfully sell in 2018

62%

Potential sellers who are either actively engaged in an M&A transaction or are open to one in 2018*

Why get the ABV credential?

As an ABV credential holder, you’ll establish instant credibility with employers and clients and gain confidence in knowing the most recognizable credentialing body in the market issued your credential. It tells your employer and clients you:

- Have demonstrated your expertise in the specialized topic of business valuation
- Have access to a community of like-minded professionals and the latest tools, resources and learning opportunities — and more — to be successful
- Are distinguished from other valuation professionals through your training, experience, testing and education
- Have expertise backed by the world’s most recognizable credentialing body in the market issued your credential. It tells your employer and clients you:


The pathway to the credential

Accredited in Business Valuation

Step 1: Learn.

The AICPA offers both self-study and classroom-based learning opportunities:

- Intro to BV
- Understanding BV
- BV School
- Review Course

Step 2: Pass the exam.

Take the two part ABV Exam based on your schedule. Candidate may take the exam in-person at one of 300 locations or online. The exam is typically offered annually before Fall Conference.

Step 3: Gain experience.

An ABV candidate must meet one of the following business experience requirements within the five-year period preceding the date of the ABV credential application:

For CPA's: 1,500 hours of business valuation experience

For Valuation Professionals: 3,500 hours of business valuation experience

Step 4: Get credentialed.

For CPA's, valid and current CPA permit, license or certificate from an accredited college or university and completion of an approved course in accounting.

For Valuation Professionals: Hold a current CPA permit, license or certificate from an accredited college or university and completion of an approved course and examination in business valuation.

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