

LEVEL I CFA®

2018 CURRICULUM UPDATES

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ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

NO CHANGES

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Reading 6: The Time Value of Money

Reading 7: Discounted Cash Flow Applications

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