

## **Student Webinar – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**

**Hosted by David Malthouse and Ben Bullman**

### **Qualification Update**

#### **AAT:**

- The AAT announced last month that some assessments would be available to sit remotely from August. Dates are still to be confirmed.
- There will be a phased release of units starting with:
  - Level 3: Advanced Bookkeeping
  - Level 3: Financial Accounts Preparation
  - Level 3: Management Accounting Costing
  - Level 4: Professional Diploma Synoptic Assessment
- There will be three phases and it is planned that all assessments will be available to sit remotely in the future.
- The AAT announced last week that in-centre assessments would resume on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June and students will be able to book their slot from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June.
- First Intuition are currently carrying out a detailed risk assessment of our centres so that we can offer in-centre assessments in line with current government guidance whilst ensuring the health and safety of both students and staff. We will be publishing further details about our plans in relation to in-centre assessments in the next week.
- The new AAT syllabus has been delayed by 6 months until 2022. All dates in relation to the new AQ2022 syllabus have been moved in-line and the deadline to sit assessments under the current AQ2016 has also been extended.

#### **ACCA:**

- The June ACCA exam sitting has been cancelled.
- Some global locations have been able to delay their June sitting until July and, the ACCA announced a limited trial for UK students to sit their exam in the July window using remotely proctored invigilation.
- First Intuition were offered a small number of places for the July trial and some students have now managed to secure a slot to take part in this trial.
- It is now possible to book a place for the September exam sitting (7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September) and any bookings can be amended up until the 27<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Advice for FI for any students considering sitting an exam in September is to book as soon as possible.
- The ACCA recently announced that it would be possible from June to sit exams in the three Knowledge Level papers and the Law module at home using remote proctoring technology. An announcement confirming the dates for these exams is expected in the next two weeks.

#### **CIMA:**

- Case studies at all levels have now been sat via remote proctoring by CIMA students

- Feedback suggests that exam slots are easy to obtain and there have been few issues.
- CIMA students are advised to contact David or Ben if they need any help planning their studies for the August or November sittings.

**ICAEW:**

- The booking window for the ICAEW September Professional Level exam sitting opens on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June.
- The Advanced Level exams originally planned for July have been delayed until August. The booking window for this sitting opens on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June.
- Certificate Level exams are available via remotely proctored invigilation and are bookable on-demand.

**First Intuition:**

- We are currently carrying out detailed risk assessments on our premises to ensure we can offer on-demand exams whilst remaining within the government guidelines on health and safety and social distancing.
- To provide safety and certainty for all of our students and staff, we have taken the decision to run all of our courses until the end of 2020 in our virtual classrooms.
- We remained committed to face-to face teaching and will be returning to this method of delivery as soon as it safe to do so.
- Updated brochures with new dates are available on the centre pages of our website now.
- As a result of the decision we have taken, we are able to offer a wider than usual range of courses across our centres until the end of the year.
- AAT revision classes are still running, and we have now added ACCA Masterclasses for ACCA students looking to maintain and deepen their knowledge. Please use the links below to join these sessions.

<https://www.firstintuition.co.uk/fihub/aat-revision-sessions-with-our-expert-tutors/>

<https://www.firstintuition.co.uk/fihub/free-first-intuition-masterclass-webinars/>