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Qualification Updates:

AAT

- In centre exams will resume from 29th June, colleges and training providers will be able to schedule from the 22nd.
- AAT working closely with training providers to ensure the correct health and safety is being practised, guidance has been released on the AAT website today to help further with social distancing guidelines.
- After sitting the remote exams students will get their results within two weeks.
- The AAT has confirmed that they are working on a cohesive FAQ page including technical specifications and how to schedule the exams for training providers.
- With many students now in the alien situation of having to sit multiple exams, the AAT is focusing on supporting those students by creating content and resource focusing on this.
- During this current period, the AAT has advised they have had the highest volume of employers wanting to enrol apprentices either upskilling current employees or from recruiting.
- The assessment venue webpage is regularly being updated as soon as the AAT are receiving confirmation from exam centres.
- As announced previously Qual 21 has now been postponed to 2022 and therefore renamed Qual 22. The last sign-ups under AQ2016 will be on January 22.
- AAT fees should be frozen in till January 31st, 2020

ACCA

- ACCA has confirmed the first four on-demand exams (Accountant in Business, Management Accounting, Financial Accounting and Corporate & Business Law)
- The exam booking window will be open on Thursday 18th June and the first remote exams will be available to sit from 25th June. There must be a seven-day gap between booking the exam and sitting it. An FAQ page will be available on the ACCA website shortly.
- The exams will be available 24/7, although there will be a limit to the number of exams running.
- Students will receive their results immediately after sitting the exam.
- Technical checks will need to be completed before booking the exams slot so students will need to be able to work through those on the day of booking.
- There will be minor syllabus changes for the September exam sitting for any students who were originally planning to sit in June, however, students should not be too worried as these changes are very minimal and the ACCA has produced a guidance document which can be found on their website.

CIMA

- Online exams have been running well, we are still awaiting full data on how the exams are reporting however the results seem to be in line with previous in-centre exams.
- To help with progression, CIMA is offering students who book to sit any exams in June and July free resits if they fail their exam.

ICAEW

- Certificate level exams are going well, the pass rate is exactly in line with the in centre results from last year, students have experienced minimal technical issues.
- The ICAEW are advising the window for Advanced Stage exams will be open from late June, and the window will be open for two weeks, to avoid any confusion for when the professional exam window will open shortly afterwards.
- They have advised they are hoping the advanced level exams will be able to be sat in-centre however they are working on having the online proctored exams as a backup.
- The professional level exam booking window will be opening once the advanced level closes in early July. Again, they are hoping for these exams to be able to be sat in the centre but will have online proctoring set up as a backup.

FI Updates

- We have received so much great feedback from students and our tutors alike that we are happy to announce we will continue to run our free AAT revision sessions in till the end of the year. These sessions will remain free to FI students and non-FI students.
- Following from last year's success we are also happy to confirm we will still be running our popular free accountancy academy; however, this will now be online and also available to graduates.
- The accountancy academy will begin the end of June and run every Tuesday through till August, 3.30 PM to 5.00 PM designed to be similar to an after-school club for those who are now back to school or being home-schooled.
- We are all incredibly excited that this event is still going ahead, and now its online we have been able to open up the academy across the country and we have already received an amazing number of sign-ups.
- Also starting soon, we have lunchtime skill sessions, these were originally run for our apprentices and based on skills days that are no longer running, however, we will now be opening these up to any students who wish to sign up. These skills sessions will include topics such as working remotely, correct behaviours and how to demonstrate confidence.