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Qualification Update:

AAT:

- Booking for in-centre AAT assessments will open on the 22nd of June with assessments restarting from the 29th of June.
- The AAT are currently finalising the booking process for the recently announced remotely proctored assessments.
- The first wave of assessments to be offered via remotely proctored invigilation includes:
 - Advanced Bookkeeping
 - Final Accounts Preparation
 - Management Accounting: Costing
 - Level 4 Synoptic
- Two further waves of remotely proctored assessments will be rolled out to cover further modules.
- Students sitting assessments via remotely proctored invigilation will wait up to two weeks for results to be released.
- Students are advised to look at the exemptions available (see accompanying link on main web page).
- The AAT were due to release a new syllabus this September. This launch has been delayed until February 2022 and all dates in relation to the current (AQ2016) and new syllabus have been adjusted in line with this. Students will have an additional five months to register under the current syllabus.

ACCA:

- The ACCA are working towards having 'on-demand' exams available via remote proctoring by the end of June. Exact dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.
- Bookings for September centre-based exams are open and the ACCA will continue to review capacity.
- They are continuing to review remote proctoring as an option, should in-centre exams not be possible.
- Students should book via the My ACCA Portal and will be able to switch to a remotely proctored option if this becomes necessary.
- The ACCA have an additional Level 4 EPA session in September, giving students the option of this timing or December.
- Training Providers have been sent a survey to gain their insight into how/when they will restart assessments.

CIMA:

- CIMA have now been offering exams using remotely proctored invigilation for the past five weeks.
- All of the May Case Study exams have now been completed and results are looking very similar to those usually expected at in-centre exams.
- The process for booking and sitting exams using remote proctoring has gone well and student feedback suggests there are lots of slots available.
- CIMA have announced that any student who books and sits an Objective Test exam in June or July will receive a voucher to resit this exam for free if they are unsuccessful in their first attempt.

ICAEW:

- The Certificate level exams that have taken place via remote proctoring so far have gone well and pass-rates are around 86%, which is in line with previous centre-based results.
- Approval to run these exams via remote proctoring has been given on a temporary basis by the FRC.
- Requests have been made by employers for remotely proctored exams to continue in the longer term.
- The ICAEW are working with the FRC to gain approval for Professional and Advanced Level exams to be available via remotely proctored invigilation as a back-up option if exams are unable to run in-centre.
- The ICAEW advise that there will be sufficient capacity for the Advanced Level exam sitting if they are to run in-centre and the booking window will open in June.
- If remotely proctored exams go ahead at the Advanced and Professional Levels, students will need to decide whether they wish to sit their exam remotely or in-centre. Once an exam slot has been booked, it cannot be transferred.
- The ICAEW have also announced that they will be hosting a 'virtual' Tutor conference at the end of June.
- A new insight hub is also now available for students.

First Intuition:

- We are currently reviewing the government guidance in relation to social distancing and are looking at health and safety measures that will enable us to run in-centre assessments when they restart.
- Priority will be given to students who had a booking cancelled due to lockdown.
- We will then look to accommodate students who need to sit a Level 3 or 4 Synoptic assessment in the scheduled weeks in July.
- We recently announced that we would be hosting our annual 'Accountancy Summer School' as a series of online webinars. Further information can be found in this article. <https://www.firstintuition.co.uk/fihub/accountancy-summer-school-online-for-2020/>