

Key ICAEW Course and Exam information

Certificate Level/CFAB

It is our understanding that the ICAEW has received permission from the FRC for Certificate exams to be available again from “early May.” This is going to be via remote proctoring. The practicalities of how students book and how personal circumstances such as additional time considerations are taken into account are still being finalised. We understand that a FAQs list is being compiled at the moment; this would presumably be uploaded onto the website as soon as possible.

So far, we believe that students won’t be able to book exams themselves; either their sponsoring firm or training provider will be able to purchase books of vouchers and allocate them to students as required. We would anticipate that you regard this as a positive control; it enables you to keep track on what students are sitting and how many attempts they are having, for example.

It is really important that students have **access to equipment that meets the IT specification requirements for running the Pearson Vue exams**. Many employer provided laptops and network firewalls will block the Pearson Vue software from securing the system to run the exam. Students will need to be able to sit the exams using personal IT equipment, or to be supported by your firm’s IT department in arranging the right level of access. ICAEW will be issuing further guidance on the requirements.

ICAEW have made arrangements with Pearson to ensure that students with ‘standard extra time accommodations’ can have this applied to their remotely invigilated exams. However, it is expected that **students with more bespoke alternative arrangement requirements will not be able to take exams remotely**.

If you do want to ask questions, please do come back to one of us; until we have final confirmation from the ICAEW as to the exact arrangements (as we say, likely to be via a FAQs), we may not be able to answer – as always, we will do our utmost to help you.

Professional Level

As you are aware, the June exams were cancelled. This would presumably mean that there is extra pressure on the September sitting.

The ICAEW’s preference remains for this to be a formal exam sitting. However, it is our understanding that they are also exploring remote proctoring for this too – this has not yet been confirmed or authorised.

Our message here would be for students to get their exams booked as soon as possible; whilst the ICAEW is aware of capacity issues, and are looking at sourcing more in certain geographic pinch points, we feel that the best way to guarantee sittings and locations of choice would be for exams to be entered. Please stress this to your students.

We are hosting revision courses for September exams on the below dates; we are working hard to ensure that we have capacity for these courses to absorb the extra numbers from June’s cancelled sitting; we would fully anticipate all students to be accommodated.

FAR – w/c 24 August or w/c 31 August

AA – w/c 24 August or w/c 31 August

BPT - w/c 24 August or w/c 31 August
BST - w/c 24 August or w/c 31 August
TC – w/c 17 August

Advanced Level

As previously advised, July's exam sitting has been postponed to August. We were awaiting confirmation of the exact date; this has now been confirmed as 24-26 August. This will enable students to attend revised revision course dates with us as below.

CR - 3-7 August
SBM – 11-14, 17 August
Case – 30-31 July, 10, 18-19 August

It is anticipated that results from this August sitting will be published on 2 October. This will allow students who unfortunately fail a paper the opportunity to resit in November (revision courses for which are being run according to our previously published dates); our understanding is that a number of spaces in November will be held back for such resit students.

Conclusion

As always, there is a lot to digest. We are grateful for the patience, understanding and support that you have shown as we have navigated our way through this evolving landscape. We are confident that our delivery methods are robust, our teaching and customer service teams strong and hence our ability to support your students remains as good as ever.

Please do come back to us with queries; we will endeavour to answer them as fully as we can. Further information can be found here;

<https://www.icaew.com/coronavirus/qualifications-update>

May we take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and healthy Easter.

With warmest regards from us all here at First Intuition,

Andy, Graham, Jim, Simon and the team

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