

## **Student Webinar – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

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### **First Intuition News:**

- Updated brochures showing our offer of 'Virtual Classroom' courses are now available on our website:
  - <https://www.firstintuition.co.uk/classroom-courses/chelmsford/>
  - <https://www.firstintuition.co.uk/classroom-courses/cambridge/>
- Bookings for in-centre AAT assessments restarted last week for our Chelmsford centre with priority going to those who had an exam cancelled due to the lockdown. These students have been contacted.
- For Chelmsford, those students wishing to sit a synoptic assessment in the relevant July windows will be offered slots next, followed by all other FI students who wish to sit an on-demand assessment. More information can be found in this link <https://firstintuition.bookinglive.com/>
- Cambridge are carrying out a risk assessment to ensure that health and safety and current government guidelines on social distancing can be met. Exam bookings are expected to reopen during w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Qualification Update:**

#### **ICAEW**

- Professional level exams were cancelled in June and Advanced level exams have been delayed until the end of August.
- The next available window for Professional Level exams is in September.
- Certificate level exams are available to sit via remote proctoring. <https://www.icaew.com/coronavirus/qualifications-update/remote-invigilation-certificate-cfab>
- Bookings for the next Advanced Level exams are likely to open towards the end of June and the ICAEW are confident they will have sufficient spaces for students to sit in-centre.
- Slots for remotely proctored exams will be made available after the window for in-centre exams has opened. Once a student has booked for either an in-centre or remote exam, it will not be able to switch to sit using the other method.
- Remote examinations are considered to be very robust with a higher invigilator to student ratio. Students wishing to check their software are advised to visit the ICAEW's website for the latest spec. (see link above)
- For the Certificate Level exams, students have only been allowed to use the on-screen calculator.
- ICAEW Case Study students are advised that pre-seen material is available now for the August sitting.
- FI's advice is for students to still plan to do their revision courses as usual, three weeks in advance of the exam but for those sitting a Case Study, it is advisable to do some advanced work on the pre-seen material.
- FI are also looking at a revision programme for ICAEW students and dates will be announced soon.

## AAT

- Students who have outstanding units to sit are encouraged to contact us if they need any help planning around the assessments available.
- On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, the AAT will be restarting in-centre assessments and FI will be offering these but in-line with government guidelines around social distancing (see notes at the beginning of this summary). We are looking at ways to offer as many slots as possible.
- From August, some AAT assessments will be available via remote proctoring. The first phase of these exams includes:
  - Level 3: Advanced Bookkeeping
  - Level 3: Financial Accounts Preparation
  - Level 3: Management Accounting Costing
  - Level 4: Professional Diploma Synoptic Assessment
- A second wave of assessments that can be sat via remote proctoring is expected to be available in September.
- Students sitting an assessment remotely will receive their result within two weeks of sitting, even for those assessments that usually provide a result within 24 hours when sat in-centre.
- The Level 2 Synoptic Assessment will not be available to be sat until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August. Until this time, students who just have this unit outstanding will receive an assessed grade instead.
- FI are running a series of AAT revision sessions to help students maintain and build on their knowledge until they can sit an exam: <https://www.firstintuition.co.uk/fihub/aat-revision-sessions-with-our-expert-tutors/>

## ACCA

- The June exam sitting has been cancelled and the ACCA are running a small pilot of remotely proctored exams in July.
- Exams slots are available for booking for the September sitting. These will be in-centre exams but the ACCA have the option to offer these as remotely proctored exams if this becomes necessary.
- 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 soon.
- FI are also looking at whether we can now offer in-centre exams for the three Knowledge Level papers and the Law module.

## CIMA

- All exams are available to be sat via remotely proctored invigilation.
- CIMA recently announced that any student who books and sits an Objective Test exam at the E, P or F level in June and July can resit this exam for free if they are unsuccessful.