

## Student Webinar – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Hosted by David Malthouse, Ben Bullman and Gareth John

### Qualifications Update

#### **AAT:**

- There have been no major announcements from the AAT since our last student webinar.
- Assessments have been suspended until further notice. The AAT are exploring alternative options with their regulatory body OFQUAL, including Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Remote Proctoring. <https://www.aat.org.uk/about-aat/coronavirus-update>
- First Intuition are launching a revision programme aimed at bridging knowledge between courses finishing and exams restarting. Each session is approximately one hour long via Zoom and details of how to book will be released very soon.
- When exams do restart FI will ensure there is adequate capacity for those students wishing to sit an exam and will look to maximise sittings across the day, evening and at weekends. If social distancing measures continue, we will also look at room layouts and using additional venues.
- Recent results from Professional Level exams were generally very good within FI East Anglia.

#### **CIMA:**

- Exams via remote proctoring are now available to book for dates starting from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May.
- Feedback on the booking process has been generally good.
- Students who are planning to sit an exam are advised to visit the FAQ's on CIMA's website <https://www.cimaglobal.com/Studying/Student-Coronavirus-COVID-19-exam-FAQs/>
- CIMA have confirmed that students are able to use their own calculator in remotely proctored exams but are not able to use a pad and pen. Instead they will use an online 'scratch pad'. A demonstration of this will hopefully be available on the CIMA website soon.
- First Intuition have a range of virtual CIMA courses starting in early May. Contact Ben ([benbullman@fi.co.uk](mailto:benbullman@fi.co.uk)) or David ([davidmalthouse@fi.co.uk](mailto:davidmalthouse@fi.co.uk)) or your local centre for more details.

#### **ACCA:**

- June exams are cancelled. Some students have enquired about July exam sittings they have seen online. These are for students based in other global locations where the June sitting has been delayed until July.
- The September exam sitting is now available to book.
- On-demand papers (F1- F4) are not currently available to sit and there is no indication of when these will be able to resume. We are continuing to discuss this with the ACCA to ensure they are available as soon as it is possible and have asked them to investigate remote proctoring for these exams.
- Students are encouraged to sit their EPSM whilst exams are suspended. Ben advised that this takes around 15 hours. Cost is £70

### ICAEW:

- Certificate Level exams are now available to be sat via remote proctoring. This is currently a temporary measure.
- Students should check the compatibility of their home IT equipment on the ICAEW's website. <https://www.icaew.com/coronavirus/qualifications-update/remote-invigilation-certificate-cfab>
- The ICAEW's website currently suggests that only the online calculator will be permitted for use in the exam. The use of a separate pen/pad is also not permitted, and students will need to use the scratch pad.

### General Discussion:

- FI will be running a **Professional Experience Record (PER)** webinar on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May at 6 pm. This session will cover the requirements for ACCA and CIMA but may be useful to students on other qualifications, as it helps to document your work experience and set objectives.
- AAT students who wish to progress onto ACCA or CIMA may find the PER session beneficial as the work experience they are gaining at this time can count towards their future requirement.
- FI are discussing exemptions with the ACCA, CIMA and the ICAEW to establish whether any of their papers could provide exemptions for students close to completing AAT.

### Useful Links:

<https://www.firstintuition.co.uk/fihub/how-online-proctoring-is-changing-the-face-of-education/>

<https://www.firstintuition.co.uk/fihub/how-to-work-from-home-with-kids-around>

<https://www.firstintuition.co.uk/fihub/top-tips-for-working-at-home-read-our-guide-to-being-productive-healthy-and-comfortable/>