

Student Webinar – 6th May 2020

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Qualification Update

AAT:

- With assessments still suspended, the AAT continue to look at potential solutions.
- First Intuition (FI) will open for assessments as soon as we are able to and will look to offer maximum capacity by exploring options such as adding extra rooms and sittings.
- FI will encourage the AAT to look at expanding the synoptic windows, once assessments restart.

ACCA:

- The ACCA have announced this week that they will offer the on-demand exams at the Knowledge Level and the Law module to be sat via remote proctoring.
- This will enable students with compatible software to sit these exams at home or in their preferred location.
- For September, the ACCA are also aiming to offer session-based exams to cover the remaining Skills Level papers.
- Remote exams for Strategic Level papers are still being explored.
- Dates for the June and September exams and software requirements have not yet been confirmed. Further announcements from the ACCA are expected in coming weeks.
- More information can be found in this article <https://www.firstintuition.co.uk/fihub/the-introduction-of-online-acc-a-exams/>

CIMA and ICAEW:

- Within the past week, students have started to sit both CIMA and ICAEW exams using remote proctoring software with Pearson Vue.
- Early feedback has been positive from FI students.
- The following comments have been received from our students:
 - Software needs to be downloaded in advance, but it is worth checking this on the exam day, as it may need to be updated.
 - There is flexibility around the exam slot with students able to access their booking 30 minutes in advance of the slot and up to 15 minutes afterwards.
 - The use of the webcam means that the student will see themselves in the corner for the duration of the exam, which can be off-putting.
 - CIMA students will receive an indicative grade at the end of the exam. Results for ICAEW students will be released in 48 hours.

- Additional personal feedback from one student made mention of being able to have a clear glass of water in the exam.

News from FI

- Students may be interested in the free XERO certification which is open to all students. More information can be found in this article. <https://www.firstintuition.co.uk/fihub/xero-advisor-certification/>
- On the 20th of May, our Student Webinar will focus on the Practical Experience Requirements. Whilst this is a requirement for ACCA and CIMA students, all students may find this session beneficial, as it helps to document, demonstrate and capture your work experience.
- We have launched a series of AAT bridging sessions for those students who are ready to sit an assessment but are unable to due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. These sessions aim to maintain knowledge until assessments restart. More information and links to book are available in this article. <https://www.firstintuition.co.uk/fihub/aat-revision-sessions-with-our-expert-tutors/>