

Rescheduled SOA Spring Exam Dates Announced – April 2, 2020

SOA Candidates:

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the Spring exam postponement that occurred as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions. We trust you are staying safe and doing everything you can to remain healthy.

We are pleased to announce the Society of Actuaries (SOA) has established new dates for the Spring written-answer exams, originally scheduled for April 24 – May 5.

The new dates for the Spring exam administration are as follows (revised exam schedule attached).

- July 14, 2020 FSA Core Exams
- July 15, 2020 FSA Advanced Exams
- July 16, 2020 ERM Exams in the morning and FSA Specialty Exams in the afternoon
- July 17, 2020 LTAM
- July 21, 2020 EA1 Exam in the morning and EA2L Exam in the afternoon

The new dates were selected after thorough consideration of the current and anticipated COVID-19 situation and the recent extension of distancing guidelines to avoid nonessential travel or gathering in groups of more than 10 through April of this year. Careful analysis was completed of the volunteer efforts required to administer and grade the Spring exams and dates chosen to limit undue overlap with the volunteer work leading into the Fall exam cycle.

We understand the new dates will not be ideal for everyone. After considering all information available at this time, including feedback from volunteers and the availability of exam centers, this new schedule is our best available option. Our Education volunteers have shown unprecedented support, flexibility and determination in agreeing to this new timetable and have our sincere gratitude.

Grades for the Spring exams will be released on September 18, 2020 and the Fall 2020 exam registration deadline will be September 28, 2020. While the Spring grade release date is, out of necessity, later than what is typical, the schedule will allow candidates adequate time to register for the fall exams after learning of their Spring results.

Please note that exam centers will change for many candidates. Keeping the health and safety of our candidates and proctors in mind and due to the required distancing guidelines, we will be establishing many new exam centers that will help us comply with the needed sanitizing procedures and the requirement to have candidates seated at least six feet apart in groups of 10 or fewer.

As you are aware, the COVID-19 situation remains fluid. The plan outlined above relies on the assumption that circumstances will improve such that operations will normalize over the next few weeks and months allowing candidates to participate at local exam centers by mid-July. Should conditions worsen as we approach the new exam dates, the SOA will decide on any further postponements or cancelations by mid-June. Candidates should also be aware that the SOA is beginning to explore computer-based testing options for the Fall 2020 exams with written-answer components and will communicate further on that front when possible.

A short registration window will be offered for those who were unable to register for the Spring exams previously. The window will be open from May 19-26. Candidates who registered for the Spring exams and wish to participate on the new dates need do nothing further – your registration will transfer automatically to the new dates.

Candidates who registered for the original dates and do not want to participate on the July dates have until June 1, 2020 to request either a credit voucher on their account or a refund of their registration fee. Voucher/Refund requests and all other related questions should be directed to the <u>SOA Customer Service</u> <u>Team</u>. SOA.org will be updated shortly with this new information and a Frequently Asked Questions page will be added to the <u>Education General Information</u> area.

Again, thank you for your understanding through this challenging time. We hope you and your families are staying safe and well. Best of luck on your future exams.

Regards,

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