



# COMPUTER BASED TESTING FAQ

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## Exam Registration and Preparation

### **Q: *Registration with CAS: How do I register for MAS-I and MAS-II Exams in the Fall 2020?***

A: Candidates will register for the exam by completing an [online registration form](#) on the CAS website.

After you register with the CAS, you will receive an examination authorization to test (ATT) email from Pearson VUE providing you with your login details and notifying you that you are now eligible to start the scheduling process.

Registrations prior to June 25, 2020 should expect an ATT email on June 26, 2020. The [Pearsonvue.com/CAS](https://www.pearsonvue.com/CAS) webpage will be made available for the CAS exams the week on June 26, 2020. If you register after June 29, 2020 you should expect an ATT email within 5 days of registering. Pearson VUE testing center locations and exam times are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Q: *Registration with CAS: It has been 5 days since I have registered with the CAS and I haven't received my Authorization to Test (ATT) email, who should I contact?***

A: Ensure the CAS has your correct email address and contact the Actuaries' Resource Center by email: [arc@casact.org](mailto:arc@casact.org) or phone: (703) 276-3100.

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### **Q: *Scheduling with Pearson VUE: How do I schedule my exam time and location?***

A: The [Pearsonvue.com/CAS](https://www.pearsonvue.com/CAS) website will be available the week on June 26, 2020.

Refer to the CAS Scheduling Guide for step by step instructions on how to schedule. The guide will be updated on June 26, 2020 when specific CAS webpages will replace the generic webpages in the guide.

Once you schedule your exam, Pearson VUE will send a confirmation letter listing your exam date, your examining time, the address of the exam center, and directions to the exam center.

The CAS encourages candidates to schedule their appointments as early as possible in order to secure a desirable location and time.

### **Q: *Scheduling with Pearson VUE: Why are my location choices only Pearson VUE Professional Testing Centers?***

A: CAS has chosen to offer exams in the Pearson Professional Centers only, due in part to the higher level of security and consistent check in procedure and testing environment they offer for our high stakes testing programs. The Professional Centers are owned and operated by Pearson VUE; no third parties are involved.

### **Q: *Refunds: If I decide not to take MAS-I and/or MAS-II, can I get a refund of the exam fee?***

A: Yes. The refund deadline is October 9, 2020. Like other CAS exams, candidates who cancel by the deadline will receive a refund of the exam registration fee, minus a \$100 administrative fee. You must contact Pearson VUE or access your online Pearson VUE account to cancel your seat with Pearson VUE.

**Q: *Exam Format:* How does CBT change the format and style of questions on MAS-I and MAS-II?**

A: While the CBT environment will allow for more sophisticated test questions and the use of larger datasets in the future, those changes will not be implemented for the Fall 2020 exam. For the first offering, the CAS is focused solely on the transition from paper and pencil to a computer-based format.

The questions on MAS-I and MAS-II will be the same as those that would have been asked if the exam had remained a paper and pencil exam; in other words, the questions will be similar in format and style to previous offerings of MAS-I and MAS-II. Refer to the demo exam to view examples of the format and style.

**Q: *Exam Length:* How much time is allotted for MAS-I and MAS-II?**

A: The scheduled appointment time for the exam is 4.5 hours. 4 hours will be used to answer the exam questions presented.

All necessary reading materials are embedded in the exam. Please refer to the exam demo to review the functionality and features included in the exam. Please note that a reading period will not be offered.

The typical exam breakdown will look like this:

Introduction	2 minutes
Read and agree to the CAS NDA agreement	5 minutes
Examination tutorial	8 minutes
Take examination	4 hours
Complete post exam CAS Survey	15 minutes

**Q: *Exam Completion:* What happens if I finish my exam in less than four hours?**

A: You may submit the exam as soon as you have finished. A second prompt will ask you to confirm that you are ready to submit. Once you approve submitting the exam, it cannot be accessed again.

**Q: *Exam Completion:* Will my work be saved if I run out of time?**

A: All answers will be automatically saved. Refer to the demo exam to view the timer location.

**Q: *Exam Completion:* Will the Pearson VUE website have my results?**

A: Your Pearson VUE account will have your exam status as 'taken'. You will receive a printout confirmation that you took the exam at the testing center.