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CAS Fall 2020 Exams FAQ

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[The CAS announced on April 7 the cancellation of the April 2020 CAS exam sitting](#) due to health and safety concerns related to the novel coronavirus. This FAQ has been compiled to answer questions about changes to the standard CAS admissions process resulting from the cancellation. The FAQ will be updated periodically to inform candidates of additional changes. Questions not addressed here or in the original announcement may be submitted to the Actuaries' Resource Center at arc@casact.org.

June 10 Update:

Q: If I was registered for the Spring, do I need to take any action to register for the Fall?

A: No, your registration from the Spring sitting will transfer to the Fall sitting. No action is needed.

Q: If I was registered for the canceled Spring exams, will my registration be at the same location I had registered for originally?

A: Yes, in MOST cases it will be the same site as you originally requested. Candidates that need to be moved due to their original sites not being available will be contacted directly by the CAS.

Q: If I registered for the Spring exams, and did not receive a confirmation/verification letter, will I receive one for the Fall? (or, if I already received one for the Spring, will I get another confirmation for my Fall registration?)

A: Yes, confirmation letters will be sent after Fall registration closes on August 21, 2020.

Q: If I already received a candidate number for the Spring, will it remain the same for the Fall?

A: Yes, the candidate number you received for the Spring sitting will transfer to the Fall sitting.

Q: Will I see confirmation in my CAS profile that I am registered for the Fall if I previously registered for the Spring?

A: Yes, your online profile will show that you are registered for the Fall sitting.

Q: Is there a fee to cancel my exam if I was registered for the canceled Spring exams?

A: Now that fall registration is open, the spring window is closed. The refund deadline for exam MAS-I & MAS-II is October 9, 2020. The refund deadline for exams 5-9 is October 2, 2020. A \$100 administrative fee per examination will be assessed on all refunds. However, there is no fee if you want to change your registration from one examination to another.

Q: CAS announced that Exams 7 and 9, which are normally administered in April, will be administered this October instead. Will Exam 8 still be administered in October? Could Exam 8 be administered in Spring 2021 as well?

A: Yes, Exams 7, 8, and 9 will all be administered in the Fall 2020. In addition, all three exams will also be administered in Spring 2021.

Q. What is the schedule for Exams 7 and 9 in the Fall? Will other exam dates change?

A. The full schedule of fall exams can be found [here](#).

Q: Will the Fall exams use the Spring 2020 or Fall 2020 syllabus?

A: This will vary by exam. Please refer to the [“Changes for the Fall 2020 CAS Syllabus of Basic Education \(ADDENDUM\)”](#) that was recently posted to the CAS website.

Q: Can I change exam locations for my deferred Fall sitting?

A: Yes, changes to exam locations should be sent to Bob Craver at bcraver@casact.org. Exam locations cannot be changed after registration closes.

Q: If I wasn't registered for Exam 7 or 9 for the Spring 2020 sitting, can I register for them for the Fall 2020 sitting?

A: Yes, candidates can register for any exam that will be offered in the Fall. Fall registration closes on August 21, 2020.

Q. What contingencies are being considered if we're still in the same situation in October that we are in now?

A. [As previously announced](#), the CAS is focused on identifying viable contingency plans for October that would allow candidates to take exams remotely, should the current situation persist into the Fall. The CAS is absolutely committed to administering CAS exams in some format in the Fall.

Q. How will CAS Online Courses be administered?

A: The Institutes, the administrators of the CAS requirements Online Course 1 and 2, [has announced that it will deliver exams in an online format](#) for the April 15 to June 30 testing window. Candidates who have registered for these exams will be contacted directly by the Institutes for next steps.