

## **Exam Breaks Frequently Asked Questions:**

- 1. What can candidates expect when checking in and out of the exam room during the break?**
  - Candidates should expect the same experience as when they first check in and when they end their exam and check out, with the addition of the proctor providing any specific information or details pertaining to their break.
- 2. Can candidates take more than one break?**
  - The CAS has only one stop-the-clock break offered per examination. Candidates are able to take additional breaks, but the exam clock will continue running.
- 3. How many candidates can leave the exam room for a break at one time?**
  - There is no limit to how many candidates can be on break at any given time.
- 4. When does the 15-minute break start?**
  - The break is a floating break whereby candidates can raise their hand and have the proctor place them in break at any time within their exam.
  - There is a "Pause Exam" button in the exam that candidates can select themselves to initiate when they want to begin their break. A pop-up will appear asking them to confirm that they want to begin the break or return to the exam. If they initiate the break, they then must raise their hand and follow the proctor's instructions to leave the exam room. There is only one break; if a candidate ends the break before the 15 minutes is over, the remainder of the break time is forfeited.
- 5. Who keeps track of the 15-minute time period?**
  - Candidates will need to keep track of their own break time.
- 6. What can I do during my 15-minute break?**
  - During this break, candidates will be allowed to leave the exam room and use the restroom. Candidates may access their locker for food and/or beverages, and medication if necessary. Candidates may also access their backup calculator during any break if needed.
- 7. What is not allowed during the 15-minute break?**
  - Candidates are not allowed to leave the premises or access a mobile phone, exam notes, study guides, or anything other than the items specifically mentioned in #6 above. Any candidate who violates this rule will not be allowed to return to their exam. All violations will be documented by the Pearson VUE proctor and subject to disciplinary action.
- 8. Can I have a snack during my break?**
  - Yes, candidates may access their locker for food and/or beverages.
- 9. Does the clock automatically start after the 15-minute break?**
  - Yes, the exam clock will automatically start after the 15-minute break period.
- 10. Do I need my ID to take the 15-minute break?**
  - Yes, you will check back in when you arrive back from your break, and you will proceed with the same check-in process that you did when you first arrived at the Testing Site.
- 11. What if I forget my ID?**
  - The candidate is allowed to keep their ID with them when entering the testing room. If the candidate leaves for a break, they are required to present the ID to be allowed back into the testing room.