



**LEADING TREASURY
PROFESSIONALS**

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Students - Frequently asked questions

Why are the qualifications changing in 2015?

The ACT is committed to upholding the professional standards of treasurers, and those with treasury responsibilities, to help them be more effective in their jobs. As the world's markets change it is important our qualifications continue to reflect the needs of the profession. The changes are a natural part of our ongoing education programme and the ACT's commitment to be the global standard bearer for treasury.

How are the qualifications changing?

We have revised our syllabi against the new ACT Competency Framework which is the result of consultation with senior treasurers from multinational corporations, banks and learning and development teams worldwide. Mapping our qualifications against the skills and competencies of the framework means we will continue to have the most up to date and relevant qualifications for real world treasury practice.

Are all the current qualifications changing?

Yes, except for International Cash Management (CertICM) which will remain under the new structure. MCT remains unaffected at this stage but will change in 2016.

When is the last exam sitting on the current qualifications?

The last opportunity for you to take an exam on the current qualifications is April 2016. There are no changes to the current booking deadlines or the timetable for exams.

How should I progress with my studies?

There is no need to stop what you are doing. You should carry on studying, booking and taking your exams as originally planned.

We recommend that you aim to complete whichever stage you are on by April 2016 as this will put you in a good position should you need to transfer over to the new qualifications.

I am entered to take my exam in April 2015, what does this mean for me now?

You should carry on as previously advised and take your exam in April as planned. Exam results for the April 2015 exams will be issued on Tuesday 9 June 2015.

I deferred my exam from April to October 2015 but I now want to take my exam in April?

You will not be able to take the exam in April as it is too late. You still have two further opportunities to take the exam(s) in October 2015 and April 2016.

We are advising you not to defer and where possible to carry on with your studies in order to complete by April 2016.

What happens if I haven't completed by April 2016?

Transition information is now available, this will allow you time to plan ahead. The April 2016 exam results will be issued in early June 2016 and if you have not completed your exams at this time, you will be transferred over to the new programme of study.

When is the last opportunity to attend a learning workshop on the current qualifications?

Learning workshops (tuition and revision) will be offered for the October 2015 exam sitting. We will offer revision for the April 2016 exams. CertICM continues as normal.

For a full list of learning workshops on offer, please visit: <http://study.treasurers.org/teachingdays>

I have a time limit but I can't complete in that time now?

Do not worry, we will give you a pathway for completing if you have to transfer to the new qualifications.

Can I transfer from the current qualifications to the new?

We recommend you continue with your existing study path. However, should you wish to transfer to the new programme you should visit www.treasurers.org/learning/qualifications/qualifications-update or contact our Qualification Advisory Team.

Why are you recommending that I continue with the ‘old’ qualifications?

We’re encouraging you to stay and see out your original plans. This is because you will be familiar with the content and structure and we believe that this will help you to study more effectively and make your route to qualify as smooth as possible. The current ACT qualifications will still be recognised and valued by the ACT and employers alike.

Where can I find more information about the new qualifications?

Please visit our website at www.treasurers.org/learning

When do the new qualifications start?

Certificate in Treasury Fundamentals (CertTF) starts in May 2015.

Certificate in Treasury (CertT) and the Diploma in Treasury Management (DipTM) start in October 2015.

I have already taken an ACT qualification, will my designatory letters change?

The designatory letters associated with these certificates can continue to be used by those who have achieved the appropriate qualification and will continue to be recognised as before.

I have looked through the mapping and the FAQ’s and I still have a question?

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Qualifications Advisory Team. They will be available to answer any of your questions. You can either call or email as follows:

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Email: studentsupport@treasurers.org

The team are available to help you Monday – Friday, 09:00 – 17:00 (UK time), excluding UK Bank Holidays.