



ATI June Exams 2020

Dear Student,

We hope that you are keeping safe and well in these difficult times. We know many of you are concerned about exams and this email is an update on plans for assessments on your programme.

Revised Exam Schedule June 2020

Following the feedback we received from students as a result of our last communication about moving the April and May exams to August, we listened to your concerns and we are delighted to tell you that we are now in a position to provide your exams in June. These plans are designed to allow you all to complete your studies with two sittings this year (June & August).

This will allow you graduate or progress to your next year of studies. We recognise the very challenging and stressful circumstances that many of you are facing and want to assure you that they are being considered in the design and marking of the assessments.

Exams Online

All exams will be moved to take home online format. These exams will be in a timed format where the exam paper is released to you. You will then complete the exam and upload your answer within a specified timeframe. In order for you to feel fully prepared to take an exam in an online format, ATI will provide you with a “How To Guide” to let you familiarise yourself with the process in advance. Prior to the exams themselves we will also make available test exam papers in order to make you as comfortable and familiar with the online exam process as possible.

Year 1 exams will be scheduled between Monday 8th June and Wednesday 17th June 2020.

Year 2 exams will be scheduled between Monday 8th June and Monday 15th June, IAS to be scheduled between the 16th & 26th June 2020.

Online Revision Bridging Programme

Given the extremely challenging circumstances facing students at this time and the impact this level of change may have, ATI are mindful of providing our students with the best possible support between the end of college term and the June exam session. As such we are currently developing a structured timetable for the provision of online exam revision, which will be available to all students free of charge. The topics covered within these sessions will be dictated by subject matter experts for each module.

The online revision bridging programme will be available for all modules both in ROI & NI and will be delivered via Moodle. ATI will provide this support for a period of 5 weeks from the 27th April. Support will be available weekly and will include a blend of recorded content and Q&A's via our Moodle Forum. This content will be followed by live tutorials which will be driven by the type of questions that are submitted by students in the forum. A full schedule of our revision bridging programme will follow with instructions on how to access the recordings, use the Moodle Forum and any other guidance you may need to ensure ease of use.

Scheduling

We are working now with examiners to finalise the details of assessment for each module, including the requirements for IT support, central scheduling, and other academic and logistical concerns.

Reasonable Accommodation

We are also working to ensure that appropriate reasonable accommodations are provided, where possible, for students with disabilities under these alternative assessment scenarios. Any student with concerns about this should contact the Assessment Team, at exams@accountingtechniciansireland.ie

In addition, we recognise that some students may have technical issues with poor connectivity to our online platforms or concerns about access from different jurisdictions and time zones. We will be setting up a mock environment where students can test their connectivity and see what the layout of the various Moodle pages will look like on the online platform.

We are encouraging any students who have generally difficult working conditions at home, either for studying or for completing assessments, to contact the Assessment Department to discuss. Please do follow the link [here](#) to complete a short questionnaire in relation to the IT Requirements for the exams.

While our hope is that all students will be able to engage with the processes we have set up, we recognise the challenges that some of you are facing and will be as generous and flexible as possible in taking such circumstances into account in considering your requests.

Frequently Asked Questions

ATI have developed an [FAQ](#) document that contains the answers to some of the questions you may have. This document is available on our website and will be updated regularly based on queries that arise from all our students, colleges

and employers.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we complete this complex process. We recognise how stressful and difficult this situation is, for everyone affected. Our goal is to give you full clarity as quickly as possible, mitigate the effects of these unprecedented circumstances on your performance as best as we can, and ensure that you can complete your studies this year, so that when we emerge from this crisis, we will all be ready to proceed to the next academic year.

If you have any questions or concerns please do contact our Assessment Team at exams@AccountingTechniciansIreland.ie

Stay safe and look after yourselves, your loved ones and your community in these extraordinary times.

ATI Leadership Team