

Announcing the new CPIM 8.0, with just one exam!

Including Frequently Asked Questions & Answers.

We are excited to announce the reconfiguration of CPIM from two exams to one. After a comprehensive study of the current market and feedback from industry subject matter experts, including the APICS Certification Committee, the decision was made to reconfigure the CPIM program to one exam.

Why reconfigure the CPIM?

- To provide a more streamlined candidate experience through content consolidation
- To potentially increase the total number of individuals that achieve the certification (based on the impact seen from the last reconfiguration)
- To create a consistent train-to-test experience among all certification products
- **A dual-exam structure will be in place until 2024.** Candidates who are currently in progress with CPIM 7.0 will have until 1 February 2024 to complete the program.

Key Deadlines:

Below are the key deadlines for the current CPIM Part 1 & Part 2 Learning Systems and exams:

If you did not complete both Part 1 & Part 2 of CPIM 7.0 take note of the following cut-off dates

- **January 4, 2023:** CPIM 8.0 learning system and bundle presale begins
- **January 31, 2023:** The last day to purchase CPIM 7.0 self-study bundles, CPIM 7.0 Part 1 bundles, CPIM 7.0 combined bundles, CPIM 7.0 Part 1 learning systems and CPIM 7.0 Part 1 exam credits.
- **February 1, 2023:** First day to purchase CPIM 8.0 authorizations to test. Fulfilment of CPIM 8.0 learning systems and bundles begins.
- **April 30, 2023:** The last day to purchase CPIM 7.0 Part 2 learning systems, CPIM 7.0 Part 2 exam credits, and CPIM Part 2 bundles
- **June 1, 2023:** The first day to sit for the CPIM 8.0 exam
- **July 31, 2023:** The last day to purchase CPIM 7.0 ATTs
- **February 1, 2024:** The last day to sit for the CPIM 7.0 Part 1 or Part 2 exams

Please note that no reasons / excuses / medical conditions / death in the family or anything else would be accepted to postpone one of these dates.

Frequently asked Questions regarding the change from CPIM 7.0 to CPIM 8.0

Q. WHAT IS BEING CHANGED WITH THE CPIM CONTENT AND EXAMS?

A. The number of exams to earn the CPIM certification will drop from the current two exams with CPIM version 7.0 to only one exam in the new CPIM version 8.0. The one exam will include all the topics and terms for the current CPIM Part 1 and CPIM Part 2 exams. Although the scope of the CPIM program remains the same, the depth of the knowledge is aligned more closely with the previous Part 2 exam content outline. The CPIM 8.0 ECM follows the format of the previous CPIM Part 2 7.0 content outline closely.

Q. HOW DOES THE CPIM EXAM RECONFIGURATION AFFECT ME?

A. If you have already begun your CPIM journey, we strongly encourage you to become familiar with your exam timeframe. We also strongly encourage you to consider different impacts to your testing timeframe, including the time you have available to prepare for your exam, the possibility of needing to retake an exam, and other factors, prior to committing to a particular version. The last day to sit for the CPIM version 7.0 exams is February 1, 2024. On June 1, 2023, the new version 8.0 exam will be live for candidates. Both exams will be live and available to select between these two dates. We strongly encourage you to consider the timelines when evaluating which version of the program to pursue.

Q. WHEN WILL THE NEW EXAM BE AVAILABLE?

A. The new CPIM version 8.0 exam will be available for testing on June 1, 2023. The last day to take the previous exams (CPIM Part 1 version 7.0 and CPIM Part 2 version 7.0) is February 1, 2024.

Q. CAN CANDIDATES REQUEST AN EXCEPTION TO TAKE THE CPIM VERSION 7.0 EXAM AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2024?

A. While ASCM understands that technical, medical, or weather-related issues – including COVID-19 – can impact a candidate's scheduled exam, no exceptions can be made to take the CPIM version 7.0 exam after February 1, 2024. The reopening of test centers in most areas combined with the option of online testing allows candidates who have prepared for the CPIM 7.0 exams the ability to test well before this transition. CPIM 7.0 test-takers are advised to be aware of their testing timeframe and to prepare for their exam accordingly.

Q. CAN I USE THE VERSION 7.0 STUDY MATERIAL TO SIT FOR THE VERSION 8.0 EXAM?

A. Yes. While you can use your current CPIM 7.0 study materials, the new 8.0 Learning System is specifically designed to the new Exam Content Outline. We recommend using the CPIM 8.0 Learning System to study for the CPIM 8.0 exam. For those candidates who already have one or both CPIM 7.0 Learning Systems, the new exam content manual for CPIM 8.0 will be available in early 2023.

Q. WILL BOTH VERSIONS OF THE EXAMS BE AVAILABLE CONCURRENTLY?

A. Yes, temporarily. The last day to sit for the CPIM Part 1 and CPIM Part 2 version 7.0 exams is February 1, 2024. The new CPIM version 8.0 exam will be available for testing as of June 1, 2023. The CPIM 8.0 Exam Content Manual (ECM) will be available in early 2023. Candidates can use that document to assist in their decision for which version of the exam to study and sit for. When reviewing the exam content outline, we highly recommend that candidates carefully research topics that are new or unfamiliar as there is a strong assumption that the candidate has experience and/or knowledge of basic methodologies related to planning and inventory management.

Q. WHAT DO I DO IF I FAIL THE VERSION 7.0 EXAM AND DON'T HAVE TIME TO RETAKE IT BEFORE THE EXAMS ARE DISCONTINUED?

A. The CPIM version 7.0 exams will no longer be available after February 1, 2024. Therefore, it is important that candidates are aware of the timeline and plan accordingly. We recommend that all candidates take the CPIM 7.0 exams prior January 1, 2024, to allow some flexibility in the event of an issue prohibiting them for taking the exam. Please note that a 14-day waiting period is mandatory before retaking the same version of the exam, this includes missed/absent exam appointments or technical issues on the day of the exam.

Q. IF I PURCHASE A CPIM 7.0 LEARNING SYSTEM, CAN I EXCHANGE IT FOR A CPIM 8.0 LEARNING SYSTEM?

A. No. Unfortunately, exchanges are not available for purchased learning systems. However, candidates can still successfully pass the 8.0 exam using the 7.0 learning system. For candidates who already have the CPIM 7.0 learning system materials, candidates will have time to confidently prepare for the 7.0 exam and take the exam before their authorization expires. We recommend using the CPIM 8.0 Learning System to study for the CPIM 8.0 exam. Please note, all purchases of ASCM products are final per the ASCM Return Policy (<https://www.ascm.org/ascm-return-policy/>)

Q. HOW LONG IS MY CPIM LEARNING SYSTEM VALID FOR?

A. Access to the online learning resources is available for one year from the date of purchase.

Q. WHEN THE CPIM 8.0 LEARNING SYSTEMS LAUNCH, DO CANDIDATES LOSE ACCESS TO ANY CPIM 7.0 LEARNING SYSTEMS THEY PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED?

A. No. All learning systems are valid for 12 months from date of purchase. Access to your CPIM 7.0 Learning Systems will not be removed when the CPIM 8.0 Learning System launches unless your learning system has already expired.

Q. CAN I REQUEST AN EXAM AUTHORIZATION EXTENSION?

A. No. Once an exam credit has been redeemed, you have six months to schedule and take your exam. Extensions are not provided. Therefore, ASCM recommends that candidates only redeem their exam credit when they are ready to test but prior to their exam credit expiration date. If a candidate's exam authorization expires prior to use, all fees are forfeited and cannot be extended. To review your exam authorization expiration dates, please log into your ASCM Account and navigate to the Certification section. Candidates are responsible for claiming their exam authorization and taking the exam before it expires.

Q. I PASSED MY CPIM PART 1 EXAM BUT NOT MY CPIM PART 2 EXAM (OR VICE VERSA), WILL I RECEIVE MY CPIM CERTIFICATION NOW THAT YOU ARE CHANGING THE PROGRAM TO REQUIRE ONLY ONE EXAM?

A. No. To earn the CPIM certification, you must take and pass both CPIM Part 1 AND Part 2, OR take and pass the new CPIM 8.0. Taking and/or passing only one of the CPIM Part 1 or CPIM Part 2 exam will not count as partial or full qualification for the CPIM 8.0 exam. If you are already on your two-exam journey, we encourage you to continue to pursue and pass the CPIM Part 1 and Part 2 exams to earn CPIM certification. Please take note of the CPIM 7.0 exam discontinuation dates.

Q. I KEEP FAILING MY CPIM 7.0 PART 1/CPIM 7.0 PART 2 EXAM, CAN I JUST SIT FOR THE CPIM 8.0 INSTEAD?

A. If you have already begun your pursuit of the CPIM Certification under the two-exam CPIM 7.0 requirement, we recommend taking and passing both the CPIM Part 1 and CPIM Part 2 exam to earn certification while both exam versions are running.

Q. I ALREADY HAVE AN ACTIVE CPIM CERTIFICATION. SHOULD I TAKE THE CPIM 8.0 EXAM?

A. No. If you hold an active CPIM certification, you are not required to retake the new exam. However, you may take the exam if you chose to earn maintenance points towards maintaining your CPIM certification. See the Certification Maintenance Handbook for more information regarding qualifying maintenance activities.

Q. DO I GET RETAKE PRICING FOR THE CPIM 8.0 EXAM IF I TOOK A CPIM 7.0 EXAM?

A. Retake pricing will only be provided if a candidate moves to the CPIM 8.0 exam after purchasing or taking the CPIM Part 2 7.0 exam. Purchasing or taking a CPIM Part 1 7.0 exam does not qualify a candidate for retake pricing on a CPIM 8.0 exam.

Q. WILL MY CPIM 7.0 2ND CHANCE EXAM APPLY TO THE CPIM 8.0 EXAM?

A. No. If you are eligible for a CPIM 7.0 2nd chance exam, that exam only applies to the 7.0 exam version. Recipients of 2nd chance exams must still follow the CPIM 7.0 deadline dates. No CPIM 7.0 exams will be administered after February 1, 2024. There will be no exceptions.

Q. IF I TESTED UNDER THE PREVIOUS CPIM EXAM(S), WILL I STILL BE ABLE TO DOWNLOAD MY CPIM ELECTRONIC DOWNLOAD CERTIFICATES?

A. Yes. All digital certificates will continue to be available for download in your ASCM My Account as long as they are “active/current.”

Q. IF I PURCHASED A CPIM 8.0 LEARNING SYSTEM OR BUNDLE DURING THE JANUARY 2023 PRESALE, WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY LEARNING SYSTEM MATERIALS, ONLINE LEARNING SYSTEM ACCESS, AND EXAM CREDIT?

A. CPIM 8.0 learning systems and bundles purchased during presale will be fulfilled on February 1, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any assistance or further questions.

Enjoy your day!

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