

2018 CPA PEP Update: Elective Modules

Starting with the Winter 2018 offering of the CPA PEP, several education components have been updated to incorporate input from candidates and facilitators, including additional resources and enhanced feedback for candidates.

As of January 2018, the following changes will be in effect:

Changes that impact Core and Elective modules

Updated Module Interface

The Desire2Learn (D2L) will have a new dynamic interface that allows candidates to access course content from their desktops, tablets or smartphones. While the appearance and layout of information will be different, the functionality of the available tools (email, discussion boards, Dropboxes, etc.) will not change.

Updated Resources

New CPA Canada Learning eBooks replace the Oracle

The Oracle will no longer be available and has been leveraged into Learning eBooks, which will consist of seven volumes—one for each of the six technical competency areas and one for the enabling competencies. The Learning eBooks will provide candidates with a technical knowledge resource that covers most of the CPA Competency Map.

Introduction to CPA PEP module replaces Module Zero

Module Zero was introduced as a supplemental resource for candidates entering CPA PEP using legacy prerequisites, which are no longer accepted. The new *Introduction to CPA PEP* module leverages the content from Module Zero will include additional resources such as self-assessment tools, sub-modules containing readings and videos, and the *Core 1 Survival Guide*.

Certification Resource Centre (CRC)

The new Certification Resource Centre (CRC) will be a central resource repository for CPA certification program (education, practical experience, and evaluation) materials. Many candidate guidance documents (candidate guide, exam preparation documents, etc.) will move from the D2L homepage to the CRC.

Enhanced Feedback

Restructured feedback guides for the immersive case and practice cases will have all assessment opportunities (AOs) appearing on a single tab.

Marks will be provided on the overall AO instead of the minimum proficiency indicators, which will be scored as N, P, or Y (no, partial, or yes, respectively). Facilitator feedback will be personal and tailored depending on the level achieved:

- NA: value-added comments to reduce number of NAs in the future
- NC/RC: focus on how to improve to the next level
- C/CD: confirmation feedback on why C/CD was achieved to reinforce a candidate's response

Changes that impact Elective modules only

Substantial changes to elective modules will be communicated in 2018 and made available in 2019. Changes starting in Winter 2018 include:

Weekly Assignment Structure

How module components contribute towards the overall module mark for exam eligibility will be unchanged.

Change	Description
Learning eBook Chapters	Suggested Learning eBook readings will be listed in the module Survival Guide. Each chapter will have a corresponding practice quiz for review.
Immersive Case	Immersive cases will be updated for changes to the tax and accounting standards.
Peer-reviewed Assignments	Peer-reviewed assignments will no longer be part of the elective modules.
Practice Cases	Practice cases will have minor revisions to better align with the examination blueprints. Practice cases will be shorter and candidates will be expected to demonstrate more through smaller assessment opportunities to better reflect the module-end examinations.

Enhanced Examination Feedback

The module transcript will include additional enabling skills feedback to candidates who are unsuccessful on elective module exams starting with exams written in March 2018. The transcripts will include statements specific to the case and individual candidate performance to help candidates understand how to improve.