OVERALL EXAM – PDPA

Objective-Format Portion	Case-Based Portion	Other Information
60 objective-format questions for an estimated time of 2 ½ hours	One 2-hour integrated case	• The PDPA exam will be four and a half hours in length. • Candidates are responsible for managing the time allocation between the objective-format portion and the case portion as it will not be controlled as part of the examination. • The technical knowledge tested is at the same level as the Tax and Assurance CPA PEP electives. • Candidates will have access to restricted resource material, i.e., CPA Handbooks, the Income Tax Act, a tax shield formula and other relevant tax information. • The standards and regulations are those in effect as of December 31 of the prior year. (Review *Technical Update for 2018 Examinations*.) • Candidates must demonstrate depth in the Assurance and Financial Reporting competencies, breadth in Taxation competency, and must demonstrate sufficient competency over all the competencies tested.

PDPA COMPETENCY AREA WEIGHTINGS:

OBJECTIVE-FORMAT PORTION	
CPA Competency	**Number of questions**
1. Financial Reporting	10
2. Strategy and Governance	5
4. Audit and Assurance	10
5. Finance	5
6. Taxation	30

CASE PORTION
Case will assess competencies in Assurance and Financial Reporting. Approximately 50% of competency assessments will be on the Assurance competencies and approximately 50% of competency assessments will be on the Financial Reporting competencies.