

Exam Regulations

February 28, 2017

The following reflect the most up-to-date version of the exam regulations:

1. The examination will begin when the invigilator states that the exam has commenced. Students arriving late shall be permitted to enter the examination room up to the first hour of the examination only and must complete the exam within the remainder of the time allotted, i.e., no additional time is given if late.
2. Students are required to present one form of identification before entering the examination room. The form of identification must be a government issued photo identification, must contain the student's photograph and signature, and must not be expired. If the student's government-issued photo identification appears to be damaged or altered in any way, the student might not be allowed to sit the examination and the examination fee will be forfeited.

Examples of acceptable identity documentation include:

- a passport
 - a driver's license
 - other valid, government-issued pieces of photo identification
3. CPA Canada and the CPA regions are not responsible for lost, stolen, broken or misplaced property and strongly recommend that students do not bring personal, valuable or non-examination items with them to the examination site.
 4. Students will store all their personal belongings, such as coats, bags, purses, cell phones, either outside the examination room or on the side of the walls in the examination room. Depending on the venue, a coat check or another room with no supervision might be available for storage.
 5. Before entering the examination room and in the examination room, an unobtrusive visual inspection of personal items will be conducted by invigilators.
 6. Upon being admitted into the examination room:
 - a) Students will not impersonate other students or have an impersonator take any part of the examination on their behalf.
 - b) Students will display their government-issued photo identification at the top right corner of the examination table.

- c) Students will not obtain or use answers or information from, or give answers or information to, another student or person during the sitting of the examination.
 - d) Students will not touch or look at any answers to questions on the examination materials prior to the announcement of the commencement of the sitting of the examination until told to do so, or after the announcement of the conclusion of the sitting of the examination.
 - e) Students will not create a distraction by sound, movement or odour (e.g., no strong perfume) which disrupts the concentration of other students in the examination room.
 - f) Students will not be physically or verbally abusive towards a proctor or a staff member at any time during the sitting of the examination.
 - g) Students will comply with requests or instructions made by a proctor during the sitting of the examination including, but not limited to, a request to leave the examination room.
7. Students will sit at their pre-assigned seat in the examination room.
8. Once the examination announcements have started and until students are dismissed at the end of the examination, there should be no communication between students.
9. Temporary absences from the examination room are only permitted under the supervision of a writing centre supervisor or invigilator.
10. Students are not allowed to **permanently** leave the examination room during 4-hour examinations. Students are not allowed to leave the examination room during the last half-hour of the examination.
- Students are not allowed to **permanently** leave the examination room during the first hour of 2 and 3 hour examinations. Students are not allowed to leave the examination room during the last half-hour of the examination.
11. Students are not permitted to ask questions of a writing centre supervisor or invigilator and no explanation whatsoever shall be given by a writing centre supervisor or invigilator as to the meaning or purpose of a case or an objective-format question. If students perceive any ambiguity in the examination, they should make an assumption and move on.

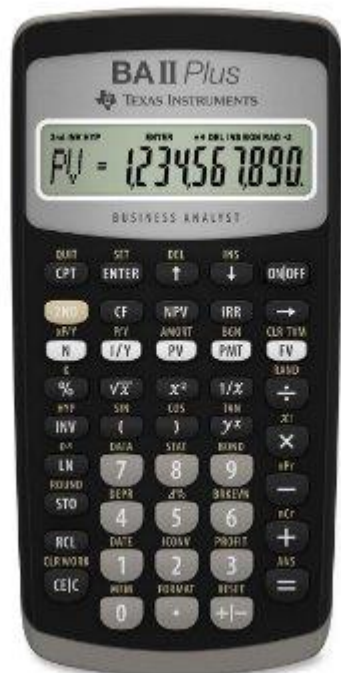
12. Students are permitted electronic access, within Securexam, to the following reference materials:

- An examination version of CPA Standards and Guidance Collection.
- An examination version of the Federal Income Tax Act.

It should be expressly noted that a laptop with a Windows operating system in English or French must be used, preloaded with Securexam. If an operating system is in any language other than English or French, IT proctors will not be able to assist students with troubleshooting computer issues. Under no circumstances will a student be allowed to use a Mac/Apple laptop (even if the device is using partitioned drives, or has 'Boot Camp' installed), any iOS device or laptops/tablets with detachable keyboards (such as the Microsoft Surface line of tablets) or any netbooks (devices that require the Internet to fully function). If you have any questions or concerns about whether your device falls into any of these categories, please contact your region.

The laptop must be out of the computer bag.

13. Students may bring in a BA II Plus Texas Instrument calculator. Calculators will NOT be provided by CPA Canada and no other calculator will be allowed in the examination room:



14. Students have the option of bringing any or all of the following to their assigned seat:

- a) BA II Plus Texas Instrument calculator

- b) Keys and wallet.
 - c) Pencils, highlighter and erasers (no mechanical pencils and no pens).
 - d) Food in its original wrapping/container or re-covered in a clear wrapping (i.e., Saran Wrap). Food brought into the examination room should not be noisy, distracting or have a strong scent.
 - e) Drinks in their original container or in a clear container, with no label. Cans/juice boxes should be unopened before entering the exam room. Cardboard sleeves from coffee cups should be removed. Any liquid container should have a lid to avoid spills. Metal or non-transparent containers are not allowed.
 - f) Feminine hygiene products.
 - g) Medication(s) in clear containers or packaging or, alternatively, loose or in a clear wrapping. Pillboxes, organizers and cases are not allowed. Students who need to carry special medical equipment into the examination room (e.g., EpiPen, insulin, needles, diabetes-testing kits, puffers) are requested to advise the Region before registering for an examination.
 - h) Tissues (loose or in a clear wrapping).
 - i) Prescription glasses.
 - j) A backup computer preloaded with Securexam. Computers can have no peripheral devices, other than a wired mouse and/or a non-powered, wired numeric keypad and/or a USB hub. An external keyboard, a mouse pad and/or a wireless mouse are expressly forbidden.
15. Allowable items brought in by the student must be placed in a clear plastic bag, no larger than 26.8 cm x 27.3 cm in size, on their desk in clear view of the writing centre supervisor or invigilator to see, to the exception of keys, wallet and back-up computer. Keys and wallet (in another clear plastic bag) and the backup computer (without a computer bag) must be put under the desk.
16. Prohibited items at the student's assigned seat in the examination room include, but are not limited to:
- a) Calculators other than the BA II *Plus* Texas Instrument calculator
 - b) Ear plugs and headphones (soft ear plugs will be provided).
 - c) Books, notebooks, reference material, paper, pens or post-it notes.
 - d) Newspapers and magazines.
 - e) Computers, other than those permitted with the use of the Securexam (CPA) software.
 - f) Computer bags, purses, briefcases, backpack, hip pack, pencil case
 - g) Pens and mechanical pencils, pencil sharpeners, rulers.
 - h) Large jewellery – e.g., no pendant necklace or large earrings.
 - i) Sunglasses and eyeglass cases.
 - j) Watch.
 - k) Cigarettes/tobacco products/ lighter/ matches.
 - l) Weapons of any kind.
 - m) Coats, gloves, ties and scarf.

- n) Hats, visors and hoodies (except head coverings worn for religious reasons). Students who wish to wear religious apparel must advise the Office of the Registrar in writing in advance of the examination.
 - o) Electronic data storage devices, communications devices including but not limited to: USB keys, cell phones, electronic diaries, recording or filming devices, cameras, fitness trackers.
 - p) Any device to communicate within or outside of the writing centre.
17. Prior to the day of the examination, students must complete the Training Contract in D2L. Students may be required to sign the appropriate waiver related to the laptop computer use in the examination writing centre. Students are not permitted to modify the Securexam software in any way.
18. Students shall affirm, through completion of the Training Contract in D2L, policies with respect to exam confidentiality.
19. While unlikely, in case of an interruption to the supply of power to some or all of the students using laptop computers when writing the examination, students should ensure they have a battery backup with a one-hour power supply. Students must bring in a working power cord for their laptop computer.
20. Students shall record only their identification number on each USB key and examination booklets; no name or other distinguishing mark shall be used in the typed response.
21. Students must submit their USB key and examination booklets at the end of the examination. If these items are not returned to the Presiding Officer, the student's response will not be accepted. The security files contained on the USB key will be reviewed to ensure that students did not exit Securexam during the examination. Copies of the security files and of the student's response are contained on the student's hard drive. Students must maintain these files for a minimum of three weeks subsequent to the writing of the examination.
22. Students will remove from the examination room their allowable items contained in a clear plastic storage bag. Tissues, paper, wrapping, etc. will be collected.
23. Students are required to upload their final exam files to the Software Secure upload site within three hours after the end of the examination. Files received after this time will have a late fee charge of \$200 levied against the student. No further examination can be taken until the fine has been paid.
24. Students will not have their responses marked or the marking results will be voided if they are guilty of any of the following (or similar) dishonest practices:
- a) Making use of any electronic device, books, papers or memoranda other than those reference materials provided by a writing centre supervisor or invigilator. In

the event an Invigilator suspects a breach of the above rules, any offending material will be confiscated.

- b) Speaking or communicating with other students under any circumstances whatsoever.
- c) Exposing their response to the view of other students or looking at another student's response.

In these cases, the student may not be permitted to continue to write the remainder of the paper.

A plea of accident or forgetfulness shall not be accepted under any circumstances in the case of any breach of the rules.

By participating in the examination students should note the following:

- i. The examination material remains the exclusive property of CPA Canada.
- ii. The confidentiality of the examination content, including the objective format items, is to be maintained at all times.
- iii. The examination material is not to be reproduced through memorization or any other means, including but not limited to postings regarding the examination content or answers on the Internet.
- iv. Information related to the examination content may not be provided to any individual who may take the examination.
- v. The examination content is not to be shared, under any circumstances other than following the examination, with another student who has already sat the same examination.