

APICS CPIM Recertification Exam

Do I have to be an APICS member to qualify for the APICS CPIM Recertification Exam?

No, however, you will save money if you are a member. APICS members receive a discount of more than 25 % on exam registration fees and receive valuable savings on reference materials and educational programs. Please contact APICS Customer Support or access the APICS Web site at apics.org for more information.

When do I submit my application for the APICS CPIM Recertification Exam?

The program is available for one year only; candidates who know they will qualify should submit their application to APICS as soon as possible.

How long after my application has been submitted will I be notified if I qualify?

Candidates will receive a response within two weeks of applying.

Why is there an application process and fee?

The APICS CPIM Recertification exam is only available to those candidates whose designation lapsed for 10 years or more. APICS will review each candidate's record to ensure eligibility and provide the information to the test vendor.

How can I be sure that APICS has my current e-mail and mailing address?

Call APICS Customer Support at (800) 444-2742 or (773) 867-1777 or send an e-mail to service@apics.org to confirm the e-mail and mailing addresses APICS currently has on file.

Can I become an APICS member and register for the exam at the same time?

No. Your membership status must be active when you register to ensure that you receive the member rate. To allow adequate time for your membership information to be transferred to Pearson VUE, you should wait until you have received your membership card before attempting to register. APICS members should keep their membership current and renew it promptly to avoid a lapse in benefits.

When registering for an exam, you must have your APICS member number available to ensure that you receive the APICS member rate.

When will the exam be available?

The first time the exam will be available will be at the APICS International Conference & Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 17, 2010. This exam will be in the paper-and-pencil testing format. The exam will be available in the United States, Canada, and Mexico via computer-based testing in December 2010 and will be available through December 2011. Internationally, the exam will be delivered in paper-and-pencil format starting in December 2010. Please contact the local office in your area for more information or access the link on the APICS Web site.

How should I prepare for each exam?

How you study and the amount of time you spend studying will depend on your knowledge of the concepts being tested. It is recommended all candidates go through the Datachem CPIM Skill Gap Assessment Tool that will be available on APICS Bookstore soon. The Brian Willcox Study Notes Series, stock #09250, is also available through the APICS Bookstore. Candidates can also purchase the *2010 CPIM Exam Content Manual*, stock #09051V2010-1 and the *APICS Dictionary*, stock #01102, or call APICS Customer Support to order any of these resources.

Can I take this exam instead of submitting my maintenance application?

If you qualify to take this exam, it means that you do not qualify to submit a maintenance application. Candidates who have let their maintenance expire for more than 10 years would be required to take all five APICS CPIM exams. However, for a limited time, APICS is offering the APICS CPIM Recertification exam.

For how long will this exam be available?

The exam is available through December 31, 2011.

Why is this exam only offered to candidates who have let their maintenance lapse?

APICS has recognized that due to the state of the economy and employment conditions, it has become more crucial than ever for individuals to have current credentials. The APICS CPIM Recertification Exam is being offered as a service to help individuals with expired credentials to renew via a more streamlined process. This program is not intended to replace the certification maintenance program which will continue to uphold the importance of continuing education and maintaining skill relevancy.

Why is this available for a limited time?

The APICS CPIM Recertification Exam has a specific purpose to help individuals renew their credentials during this economic downturn. Individuals wishing to take advantage of this program will have one year to take advantage of this opportunity.

Will points be awarded toward CSCP Certification Maintenance for passing this exam?

Yes, candidates who pass the CPIM Recertification exam will be awarded 10 points to use toward the CSCP Certification Maintenance program.