



## CPIM Transformed for Today's Busy Professional webinar August 8, 2017.

Thank you to all our webinar attendees. Below is the list of submitted questions with answers. We are here to support the achievement of your professional designation. If you have additional questions, please contact our staff at [pdadmin@apics.org](mailto:pdadmin@apics.org).

Question	Answer
I already got the Self-Study kit (2 months ago,) for the BSCM, but did not take the exam yet. Can I still register to take the exam for the first part for a reduced price?	The APICS Plus member discount for CPIM Part 1 is \$495. If you are a Core Member or nonmember the price is \$645.
Does the 6-month countdown mean that is the maximum amount of time we have to take the test? Or can we buy the books, take time to study, and then buy the exam and do the exam within 6 months?	If you purchase the CPIM bundle, you will have up to one (1) year to complete both exams. As part of the bundle, you receive exam credits for CPIM Part 1 and Part 2 that must be used to purchase an Authorization to Test (ATT) within 6 months of your bundle purchase. Then, you will have 6 months to take the exam.
Will there be a certificate after taking Part I first and can I already indicate it in my credentials while still working on the part 2 of the CPIM exam?	Yes, there will be a certificate for completing the Part 1 exam.
Will the Part 2 exam have all 4 modules together, or do you test for individual modules to then complete Part 2?	The Part 2 exam will include all four modules, SMR, MPR, DSP and ECO.
Will the new CPIM need to be renewed every 10 years?	You need to submit maintenance points on a 5-year cycle to keep your credential active.
Where can I find test centers (in and out of the US)?	The test center locations are located on the Pearson VUE website at: <a href="http://www.pearsonvue.com/apics/">http://www.pearsonvue.com/apics/</a>
Which modules are in the Part 1 and Part 2? Is it only BSCM in Part 1?	The MPR, DSP, ECO and SMR content are all covered in the Part 2 exam.
When can I start scheduling exams for the new CPIM (both Part 1 and Part 2)?	You will be able to purchase the new test starting 31 August 2017. You will be able to begin taking the Part 1 exam on 30 September, 2017 and Part 2 exam on 4 November, 2017.
When will the legacy exams end?	The legacy CPIM exams will be available until December of 2018. However, I would not recommend waiting if you choose to pursue this path. Legacy exam sales will discontinue 30 June, 2018.
When do I have to purchase the legacy basics test by to get the old pricing?	Legacy exam sales will discontinue 30 June, 2018.
What is a passing score on the exam (Part 1 and Part 2)?	The passing score on all APICS exams is 300
What is the deadline to order the BSCM exam if I ordered the Study material before?	The last date to purchase the BSCM exam for eligible candidates is 6 January, 2018. The last date to take the exam is 7 January, 2018.
What happens if you fail the exam? Does it cost to retake it?	You will need to purchase a retake exam, there is a discounted rate for the exam \$250.
Do you retake the entire exam or only certain parts?	You retake the entire exam.



## Question

What happens if I need to re-schedule/postpone an exam date?

What sort of translation materials are allowed in an exam?

What are the maintenance requirements for the new CPIM?

What is the format of the new exam? How many questions? What topics? What is a scored question?

What about people who have started the current exams and/or scheduled an exam this month?

Can you schedule the exam at any convenient time for you, or are there preset APICS dates?

How often are exams offered?

Once we have the CPIM certification, how long is it valid? do we need to redo test every year every 3 years every 5 years?

When do the other exams become unavailable? When is the last day to purchase? Last day to sit for the old exams?

What should I do if I have already completed BSCM for the old module?

Are the pretest and posttest question "re-usable"? Can they be retaken multiple times?

Is it possible to take all the old CPIM exams before the cutoff date?

Do you need to complete both exams to get the certification?

Do most people take Parts 1 and 2 at the same time, or study for them and complete separately?

I'm already studying for Basics. I understand I need to test before January 7th, correct?

## Answer

There is a \$45 non-refundable rescheduling fee. You must reschedule your appointment more than 24 hour in advance of your scheduled date. This can be completed online through your My APICS account or over the phone with Pearson VUE <http://www.pearsonvue.com/apics/contact/>

A word to word direct translation book is allowed in the exam. However, no definitions are allowed in this word to word translation book.

75 points every 5 years

CPIM Part 1 exam is 150 questions (130 scored 20 pretest), you will have 3.5 hours to complete the exam. In addition to multiple choice questions, the Part 1 Exam also contains some questions that require different types of responses. For details on these questions, please refer to the CPIM Exam Content Manual (ECM). Exam topics can also be found in the ECM. Scored questions are questions that impact your exam score. Pretest questions are questions that are not scored and do not affect your exam score. You will not know the difference between the two when you are taking the exam.

You can continue your current path with the 5 modules into 2018. The last date to purchase a legacy CPIM exam is 30 June, 2018. The last day to take one of the legacy modules is 31 December, 2018. The CPIM Basics exam will be discontinued after 7 January, 2018.

You can schedule at any time/date within your Authorization to Test (ATT) validity period. However, this is also dependent on test center availability in your area and their schedules.

Exams are offered year-round. Except major holidays.

The CPIM certification is valid for 5 years. You must submit 75 maintenance points every 5 years to keep your certification active.

The last date to purchase a legacy CPIM exam is 30 June, 2018. The last day to take one of the legacy modules is 31 December, 2018. The CPIM Basics exam will be discontinued after 7 January, 2018.

The BSCM exam will count towards the CPIM Part 1 exam. Therefore, you will only need to take Part 2 to earn your CPIM Certification.

The pre-test and post-tests in the new CPIM Learning Systems can be taken multiple times.

If you have not already started on the legacy CPIM exam path I would not recommend starting now.

You will need to take both Part 1 & 2 to earn the CPIM certification.

Complete separately

Yes, that is correct.



## Question

If we purchase the bundled pack, is there a time limit to complete each of the certification exams?

Can I order the first exam if I purchased the BSCM study material from the old system?

If you already have the CPIM certification, do you have to take these exams to update your certification?

I signed up for two Part II modules in May, will these fall into this updated program too?

If I already have CSCP certification, can Part 1 of CPIM exam be waived for me?

Can you receive this certification if you are not an APICS member?

If I have already paid for my ATT for part 2, and want to switch to the new format. How do I switch?

If I have completed the BSCM (Part 1), is it considered its own 'mini-certification' that can be displayed online or via business cards?

I am in Australia. If I want to do online test from Australia, how can I verify my ID?

Do you recommend taking the current BSCM instead of part 1? I was told that this could save some money.

Do accrued maintenance points apply towards all certifications if we are keeping multiple current?

## Answer

You will receive an exam credit for each exam valid for 6 months that must be used to purchase an Authorization to Test (ATT) before it expires, then you will have 6 months from the date you purchase your ATT to use it to take test. In total, you could have as much as 1 year to complete both exams.

Yes, anyone will be able to purchase and take the Part 1 exam.

No, you do not need to take these exams to maintain your certification. However, you do need to submit maintenance points on a 5-year cycle to keep your credential active.

The CPIM content will not be changing, only how it is delivered. MPR, DSP, ECO, and SMR content will all be included in the CPIM Part 2 exam. CPIM Basics content will be included in the Part 1 exam.

CSCP Does not exempt you from the BSCM exam or from the CPIM Part 1 exam. You would need to take both CPIM Part 1 & 2 to become CPIM Certified.

Yes, you can earn an APICS Certification even as a nonmember. However, membership dues often pay for themselves in discounts on exams and courseware for those pursuing APICS Certifications.

Exam purchases are non-refundable and non-transferable. If you are already on the path to be certified under the legacy modules, you will have until the end of 2018 to complete those exams.

No, CPIM Basics is not a certification or credential and should not be represented as such.

APICS test centers are available globally including in Australia. For details on what constitutes acceptable ID, please see the "On the date of the exam" section in the APICS Exam Handbook <http://www.apics.org/docs/default-source/certification/apics-exam-handbook.pdf?sfvrsn=4>. If you are unsure if your ID qualifies, please contact [exams@apics.org](mailto:exams@apics.org).

The last date you're able to purchase a CPIM Basics exam is 31 August, 2017 and the last date to take the test is 7 January, 2018. If you are not prepared to purchase and test in the very near term CPIM Basics is likely not a good option for you. That said, the CPIM basics is a shorter exam than Part 1 and is cheaper to purchase.

Yes, Maintenance points accrued can be used to maintain all of your certifications.



## Question

Could you compare/contrast the cost of each learning system approach (i.e.: Instructor Lead, Self- Study, Corporate)?

I am planning to take the part 1 exam (BSCM) within the next 30 days. I only purchased study materials for BSCM. Can I purchase study materials for part 2 only?

Is there a lower cost to renewing the learning system after the 12 months are up or do we have to pay full price again?

I purchased the previous self-study program 3 months ago, and I am just now getting started. Is there any way to upgrade to new system without needing to pay full price?  
What should I do if I have already purchased materials for the old modules?  
What if you have already purchased some modules but haven't taken the tests, do you get any sort of discount?

What if I JUST purchased the self-study series (5 books) that is in the old format?

You referenced on-line materials. I did not know that we have a complete digital version of our CPIM training materials. Is this a digital "reading" version of existing written material, or is it more like a series of Mp4's that seek to bring concepts to life?

Will the bundle pack come with both digital and hard copies?

Will you clarify that the materials are supplied with any module- classroom?

Will the actual content of the old CPIM's 4 modules be now condensed into Part 2 of the CPIM?  
What from the old CPIM exams is transferable to the new modules?  
What are the main differences between the old and new CPIM?

Will you still need to know the concepts, etc. in the APICS dictionary - when doing the online study method?

Will I need to use additional outside reading materials as it is currently suggested with available modules? Is this necessary to pass the exams? Outside of the learning systems, are there other suggested authors/materials for studying?

## Answer

Please see our Learning Options page for more information: <http://learn.apics.org/cpim/learning-options/>

Yes, you may purchase the Part 2 Learning System separately.

Extensions are available if you have purchased an ATT. These are handled on an individual basis, so please reach out if you need to extend.

There are no refund or upgrade offers because we've built time in for candidates to complete the legacy exams. However, between August 8 and August 31, 2017, those who want to switch to the new CPIM format, between August 8 and August 31, should take advantage of the pre-sale promotion. Between these dates, you can get \$50 off either Learning System or \$100 off the bundle (both learning systems AND both exams).

You have time to complete your five modules. The legacy exams will be available for purchase until June 30, 2018. The last date you will be able to take the legacy exams is December 31, 2018.

The digital materials include an e-reader, videos, quizzes, activities, flashcards, and other tools to interact with the content.

The bundle includes Part 1 and Part 2 Learning Systems and Exam vouchers. The Learning Systems include both online and printed materials.

Regardless of study preference, the Learning Systems include both Print materials (either Part 1 or Part 2, or both if you purchase the Bundle) and the online Learning System components.

Legacy content from the CPIM 4 modules (MPR, DSP, ECO, SMR) will now all be condensed and offered in the new CPIM Part 2 Learning System and Exam. It will cover the same body of knowledge, but in a more streamlined fashion. There will be a mapping document provided in the Learning System for reference.

Yes. The Learning System includes a Glossary and Flashcards that use APICS Dictionary Terms. We also suggest you download and access the new Dictionary App, which is free to members.

The Learning System is a comprehensive preparatory method, you should not need any outside sources.



## Question

Will I have to pay extra for printed books?

Will any of the video content be available if we are still taking the old format?  
If I have the entire 2016 books for all modules does that information suffice to self-study? Can I purchase just the practice questions/online tools instead of everything else?

Why doesn't APICS make audio books available?

Will CPIM study material from the previous model still be relevant/useable for the new CPIM? (esp. Part 2) What is the difference between the old and new books?

If I've already purchased the 5 self-study books for 2017, can they be used for the new CPIM tests or will new study materials be required?

When will instructor-led courses be available/scheduled?  
How much does it cost to take a course through a local chapter? Are these online or in person?

If you have taken the old system, can you take the new class/test?

What is included in the self-study package? I already have books and am trying to decide if I should purchase the self-study as well.  
What is included in the Learning System? (ECM, Handbook, dictionary?)  
Is the Learning System the same as Self-Study?  
Does the Self-Study Kit come with access to the Learning System?

If I can start to study at any time, what's the purpose of the August and Sept schedule mentioned online?

## Answer

No, the printed books are included with your purchase of the Learning Systems.

No, the new online materials (videos, etc.) will only be available within the new Learning Systems.

At this time, APICS does not have any audio books available. We are exploring ways to add these types of products to the APICS portfolio moving forward.

We suggest using the new Learning Systems if you plan to take the new exams. The body of knowledge covered is the same in both the old and new courseware - following the same ECM – however because of the improved instructional design and added online learning activities within the Learning Systems, it is the preferred method for study.

Please see our pricing and ordering page for more details: <http://learn.apics.org/cpim/pricing-ordering/>. Learning Systems are available for sale now through our Pre-Sale (8/7/17 - 8/31/17). Take advantage of the pre-sale offers mentioned in the Webinar for additional discounts. While orders are being accepted now, materials will not be shipped until the week of 8/29/17 when CPIM Learning Systems are officially released.

Please see the course provider listing for more details on classes in your area: <http://learn.apics.org/course-providers/>. Our Chapters and International Partners are preparing for classes this fall. Make sure to check for classes with your local Chapter, or by searching online through the Event Finder.

If you have taken the old BSCM courseware and exam, you may choose to continue with the new Learning System and Exams for Part 2. While it may be possible to use the old courseware to self-study for the new exams, we recommend using the newest materials. If you take a class that is using the new Learning Systems, you will need a new Learning System.

The new Learning Systems are designed for both self-study and classroom use. They include both printed (or digital) books and extensive online content, including the Exam Content Manual, quizzes for each section, flash cards, videos and a mock final exam.

The August timeline refers to our pre-sale promotion. Between August 8 and August 31, 2017, you can get \$50 off either Learning System or \$100 off the bundle (both Learning Systems and both exams) if you pre-purchase them now. The new Learning Systems will start shipping on August 29.



### Question

Practice exams used to be available online. Are they now only available with purchase of the Learning System?

Any tips for those who have already started studying using Self-Study kits?

Are all resources available online with your purchase or is it at an additional cost?

Can you access the web-based without having a membership?

Can books/courseware be sent internationally?

Can more than one person share self-study material? If you have a group study, does everyone need the material?

Can you clarify what the bundle deal is? Cost for Part 1 and Part 2 Learning Systems and Exams.

When can chapters begin to hold classes?

Is there any webinar training module in the course or only self-study?

Where can I order the material? (Provide link)

How long should you study for the exam?

Do you need to purchase the learning systems to pass the exam?

Is there any difference between the online component versus the hard copy books?

### Answer

Yes, the questions that were available in the Exam Simulator with the old materials have been incorporated in to a more robust set of questions within the Learning Systems and is included in your purchase.

Keep moving forward and studying with your current materials. The best option is to study and when you are ready, take the exam.

The Learning System is one package which includes all the online tools and the printed materials.

Candidates do have the option of purchasing study materials either as a member or non-member. However, APICS Plus membership provides additional discounts on the materials as well as access to our online candidate community as well as several other benefits that would be of assistance.

Yes! We offer international distribution options.

Everyone needs to purchase their own materials--licenses are distributed on an individual basis and cannot be shared.

Please see our pricing and ordering page for more details:  
<http://learn.apics.org/cpim/pricing-ordering/>

Chapters can begin holding classes as soon as their instructors are prepared. We have heard from other Chapters that they will start classes as soon as September.

Please see the course provider listing for more details on classes in your area or to take an online class through Fox Valley Technical College:  
<http://learn.apics.org/course-providers/>

Please see our pricing and ordering page for more details:  
<http://learn.apics.org/cpim/pricing-ordering/>

At least 75 hours of preparation or more, but it depends on your experience, reading rate, learning style, method of study and other factors.

No, you do not need to use the Learning System to pass the exam. However, the Learning System is a proven method for studying and has shown success in helping students prepare for the exam.

Yes! The books include reading materials and some progress check questions at the end of each section. The online tools include flashcards, quizzes, activities, videos and many other supporting tools that are NOT in the books. You should use the books together.

### Question

### Answer



Is the Smart Study tool part of the CPIM course or should it be purchased separately? If I already have book 1 and the exam simulator, will I have access to the Smart Study tool?

Does the Self-Study Kit come with access to the Learning System?

I previously had to take the course through Fox Valley am I able to take the course direct now? I am in Canada.

I passed 4 modules and working on my SMR is there any material available for me to use?

I want to sign up for instructor-led classes in my chapter. Should I still purchase the Learning Systems until a class date shows up in the events calendar?

When do the materials become available? How much do they cost?

How long is each book for Part 1 and Part 2?

I am interested in taking the CPIM Part 1 exam. Are there any complimentary practice tests and study material?

Having already purchased the previous material and then being made aware of the new exams, the material was returned for refund - asked for waiver of restocking fee. What can you do to mitigate the shipping expense that I would not have incurred if was made aware of this exam?

Does the E-reader allow for notes in margins?

Does the CPIM ECM contain practice questions/exercises with answers?

Where can I find APICS Partners across the world where I can take instructor-led courses and purchase materials?

I purchased the CPIM Self-Study kit, Version 1.1 earlier this year with the books and online exam simulator. Will I be able to access the new simulator, or will a new purchase be needed?

Is CPIM more geared toward larger companies? What portion of membership is smaller than \$15M sales and 200 employees? Just rough idea?

No, the SmartStudy Tool is only available with the Learning System.

If you have the APICS CPIM Self-Study Kit, you do not get access to the new Learning System. You do have access to the ECM and the Exam Simulator for the module that is associated with that Self-Study Kit.

Please see the course provider listing for more details on classes in your area: <http://learn.apics.org/course-providers/>

You may purchase the SMR Self-Study Kit and exam credit, which will be available through June 2018.

Partner-led courses typically include the materials--check with your local chapter before ordering.

Please see our pricing and ordering page for more details: <http://learn.apics.org/cpim/pricing-ordering/>

Part 1 is roughly 500 pages, and Part 2 is roughly 1,000 pages.

The CPIM Part 1 Learning System is the preferred method for CPIM Part 1 exam preparation.

The first notices about the change to CPIM went out in October, 2016. We have offered several webinars to the public since then and made other announcements. We certainly understand that not everyone has heard the message yet. Since we are allowing candidates to complete their CPIM study and exams through the end of 2018, our standard return policy applies to anyone who has the legacy materials.

There are no note-taking capabilities in the e-reader, however you can bookmark. You can take notes in your printed materials or the PDF download.

There is a small selection of sample questions in the ECM, however the Learning System has over 2,000 questions for Part 1 and Part 2!

Please see the course provider listing for more details on classes in your area: <http://learn.apics.org/course-providers/>

The exam simulator that came with your Self-Study Kit has been transferred to the new Learning System. You already have what you need to prepare for the legacy exam.

As with all APICS programs, there are some elements of best practice that apply across the entire supply chain, so some topics may be similar, however the focus on those topics will be from the perspective of a production and inventory management professional.

**Question**

**Answer**



Is there similarity to this program and CSCP? Will anything from CSCP relate to this material? I do not currently work in supply chain. Will this certification allow me to move into the field?

CPIM focuses on the operations within the four walls of the company. CSCP focuses on the operations outside of the four walls of a company. Having the CPIM will show potential employers that you have mastered the body of knowledge covered by the CPIM exam and that you are dedicated to the supply chain profession and to self-improvement. This has worked for others trying to move into the supply Chain profession.

What career resources does APICS provide? I have my CPIM but am having trouble finding work/interviews.

APICS has a very robust Career Center with many helpful resources for supply chain professionals. Go to: <http://www.apics.org/apics-for-individuals/careers-resources>.

What caused this switch from the old system?

APICS CPIM certification has been a career enhancer for supply chain professionals for decades now, but as times have changed, the amount of time professionals have to prepare for certifications and other educational opportunities has been reduced by busy work and family schedules. APICS spent considerable time reviewing trends in the market, the profession and in Learning and Performance, and consulted with many of our stakeholders before making the decision that it is in the best interest of our candidates, their companies and the profession, to streamline the CPIM program to make it quicker to attain - not easier, but quicker.

What are benefits of CPIM certification for Procurement Professional?

CPIM will give the procurement professional a broader view of how the sourcing and procurement activities that he or she engages in affects the rest of the business, and how business planning and execution affects the sourcing and procurement activities that he or she undertakes. The procurement professional with a CPIM can make better decisions and help their company save money and serve the customer better. At least 75 hours of preparation or more, but it depends on your experience, reading rate, learning style, method of study and other factors.

What's the average amount of time it takes for people to complete the whole CPIM certification (studying to passing to receiving the certification)?

For people, outside North America, is the cost lower?

The cost is the same internationally.

Is there a payment plan?

Payment plan options are available if you choose the PayPal option at checkout. Please see the store for more details.

Is there a cost to extend beyond the 12 months?

Extensions are available if you have purchased an ATT. These are handled on an individual basis, so please reach out if you need to extend.

Will you offer Canadian Dollar prices?

Unfortunately, APICS charges only in US dollar.

Is the pre-sale order price only available online or will it be available via study partners as well?

The price is only available online or by calling in the order.

Is there a discount for group/corporate classes? Who should I contact to schedule one?

For group/corporate discounts contact [corporatedevelopment@apics.org](mailto:corporatedevelopment@apics.org) or call +1.773.867.1778.

What does membership cost?

Membership prices varies depending on the type of membership you choose. You can view the options at: <https://www.apics.org/apics-for-individuals/membership/categories>

**Question**

**Answer**



Will there be a similar webinar for CSCP?

There was a CSCP webinar earlier this year. You can view it online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7SBwjKyBCK>

Will there be a webinar for students who are already into the legacy system and already cleared 2/3 modules?

No. There will not be a webinar on the current legacy CPIM program. There was one earlier this year. You can view it online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaG5gsh7AxA>

What is the advantage to become an APICS member? After I take the exam, will I have to continue to pay membership dues each year?

As an APICS member you receive additional benefits and certification discounts. Information of the membership benefits is located at: <https://www.apics.org/apics-for-individuals/membership/categories>. Yes. There is an annual fee for membership.

What is the difference between an APICS PLUS and CORE Membership? How long does membership last?

Explanations for each of the APICS memberships is located at: <https://www.apics.org/apics-for-individuals/membership/categories>. Yes. There is an annual fee for membership. As an APICS PLUS member you will receive discounts on the courseware, exam and maintenance of your APICS credential.

Will CPIM add value even I already have my CSCP?

Yes, both credentials would be of value since they have different areas of focus. CSCP focuses on the end-to-end supply chain where CPIM focuses on the internal operations of a company.

Does this webinar count as maintenance points for CSCP?

No. this webinar does not qualify for maintenance. Other webinars may qualify for 1 maintenance point per instructional hour.

What discounts/freebies do you get for CPIM when you become an APICS member?

As an APICS PLUS member you will receive discounts on the courseware, exam and maintenance of your APICS credential.

What is the timeframe of the new CPIM to complete the program?

You must successfully pass both exams within 3 years. APICS has eliminated exam windows for all our exams so you can take them at any time.

Is Learn It App available both on Android and Apple Phones?

Yes. The APP is available for both Android and Apple phones. You can view information on the APICS APPs at:

<http://www.apics.org/credentials-education/credentials/credential-supporting-docs/exam-content-manuals-test/Action/Preview>.