

# THE UPCOMING RE-CONFIGURATION OF THE CPIM CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME.

As many of you are aware, it has been announced that the current '5 exam' version of the CPIM is due to be replaced with a '2 exam' version – with the 2 exam version anticipated to start cutting in during the final quarter of 2017. The new exams will be 'on demand' throughout the year, rather than the current system of windows. To clarify any rumours our Hilf clients may be hearing, the chart below illustrates the future model being developed by APICS.



## CURRENT CONFIGURATION

Current 'Basics' examination  
105 questions in 3 hours.  
BSCM Participant Guide used  
in Hilf classes.

(Note: last date to take this exam is  
30th September 2017)

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Current MPR Examination

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Current DSP Examination

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Current ECO Examination

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Current SMR Examination

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(Materials available to purchase until July 2018  
and exams available until the end of 2018)



## FUTURE CONFIGURATION

### CPIM Part 1

(Technology Enhanced BSCM)

Revised 'Basics Plus' examination – 150  
questions in 3.5 hours (with Learning System  
rather than current Participant Guide).

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### CPIM Part 2

Proposed 'mega' examination comprising  
subject matter from the current body of  
knowledge for MPR, DSP, ECO, & SMR  
combined (25% each), 150 questions in 3.5  
hours. The subject matter will be produced  
as a combined Learning System (similar to  
CSCP & CLTD) rather than separate  
Participant Guides for each module.

(New exams planned to commence from October 2017)

As the current configuration will continue until mid 2018, with this long overlap there is no need to panic, whatever stage you are at. In fact, we suggest consider 2017 to be 'business as usual' with these type of announcements being for information to be put on the back burner. Over time APICS will release further official statements, and our Hilf website will also publish updates (in the password protected customer area). Hilf pricing information will become available mid 2017.



**Q** If I have passed (or plan to pass during 2017) the current version of BSCM, can it be used for part 1 of the revised two exam CPIM?

Yes. Despite the revised BSCM planned to be extended content, APICS will accept the existing BSCM as part 1 towards the two part CPIM Configuration.

