IAPP Certification Exams

CIPP/C, CIPP/E, CIPP/US and CIPM Exam Updates Effective September 1, 2020

To stay current with changes in the privacy landscape, the IAPP annually updates our certification exams. These updates include previously untested questions that cover the same content in different ways, but can also include new topics, laws and regulations our Exam Development Boards identify as important. While updates that include new content account for only 10% of the exam, candidates testing after September 1 should prepare for questions on the topics listed under each designation below.

New versions of the BoKs and Exam Blueprints will go into effect September 1 and can be found here under "Certification - Free Resources."

CIPP/E Updates
This year’s changes resulted in minimal additions to the CIPP/E Body of Knowledge (BoK). Exam Blueprint changes were made to reflect the BoK updates for the CIPP/E. The number of exam questions did not change.

The following represents updated content:
• Auditing of privacy programs.
• Biometric data and facial recognition.
• Artificial intelligence and data protection.
• The third countries concept.
• Convention 108.
• EDPB Guidelines on the territorial scope of the GDPR.
• Processing of personal data through video devices.
• Roles of the lead supervisory authority.
• Right to be forgotten in search engine cases.
• Data security issues and Article 32.

CIPP/US Updates
This year’s changes resulted in new topics added to the CIPP/US BoK. Exam Blueprint changes were made to reflect the BoK updates for CIPP/US. The number of exam questions did not change.

The following represents updated content:
• Data subject rights.
• Privacy issues in artificial intelligence.
• The Existing Business Relationship exception.
• Federal preemption.
• CCPA private right of action.
• Data broker laws.
• Restrictions on background checks.
• Biometrics law.

CIPM Updates
While there are no changes to the content in the CIPM BoK, it has been completely reorganized to break two larger domains into six smaller domains. Exam Blueprint changes were made to reflect the BoK updates for the CIPM exam. The number of exam questions did not change.

CIPP/C Updates
We have slightly increased the number of questions on the CIPP/C exam from 85 to 90; however, there are no changes to the CIPP/C BoK.

If you have questions about these updates or other exam related questions, don't hesitate to contact us.