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CSCP 5.0 FAQs

HIGH-LEVEL TIMELINE

- 9/1/2021** Release of the new CSCP 5.0 Exam Content Manual (ECM)
- 11/15/2021** Last day to purchase CSCP 4.0 Learning System
- 11/16/2021** Launch of CSCP 5.0 Learning System
- 3/30/2022** Last day to take the CSCP 4.0 exam
- 3/31/2022** Launch of CSCP 5.0 exam

Q. WHY IS THE CSCP CONTENT BEING UPDATED?

A. APICS certifications follow an industry best practice standard for high-stakes certification programs to evaluate the job roles of supply chain and operations management practitioners and to identify how the functions, skills, and knowledge needed in the role evolve over time. A Job Task Analysis (JTA) evaluation is conducted for CSCP every 3-5 years through an extensive international research project. Qualitative and quantitative results are reviewed by a panel of industry subject matter experts who change CSCP content as outlined in the Exam Content Manual (ECM) based on the research data.

- To ensure the content represents current practices and knowledge in the industry
- To capture any emerging trends or changes in the industry since the previous content update

Q. WHAT IS BEING CHANGED WITH THE CSCP CONTENT AND EXAMS?

A. The current version of the CSCP content (version 4.0) will be updated (version 5.0). The CSCP content and exams have been updated to reflect a greater emphasis on purchasing and current trends in supply chain technology, and less emphasis on design of the supply chain network. The CSCP 5.0 content has been expanded to eight different content areas, compared to the three content areas in CSCP 4.0 content.

All exam content aligns with the test outline included in the CSCP Exam Content Manual (ECM). The CSCP ECM is free for ASCM members. Non-members can download a preview of the [CSCP Exam Content Manual](#), or purchase the full [CSCP Exam Content Manual](#).

Q. HOW DOES THE CSCP EXAM CONTENT UPDATE AFFECT ME?

A. If you have already begun your CSCP journey, we strongly encourage you to become familiar with your exam timeframe. We also strongly encourage you to consider different impacts to your testing timeframe, including the time you have available to prepare for your exam, the possibility of needing to retake an exam, and other factors, prior to committing to a particular version or study/test-taking timeframe.

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The last day to sit for the CSCP version 4.0 exam is March 30, 2022. On March 31, 2022, the new version 5.0 exam will be live for all candidates. At no time will both exams be live and available to select between. The exam taken will depend solely on the date you schedule to take your exam.

If you have not begun your journey to earn your CSCP, we strongly encourage you to consider the timelines when evaluating which version of the program to pursue.

Q. WHEN WILL THE NEW EXAM BE AVAILABLE?

A. The new CSCP version 5.0 exam will be available for testing on March 31, 2022. The last day to take the previous exam version (4.0) is March 30, 2022. If your authorization to test (ATT) has an expiration date after March 30, 2022, you will want to schedule your exam according to the version of the exam you wish to take.

Any CSCP test-takers with exams scheduled on or before March 30, 2022 will be administered the version 4.0 exam. Any CSCP test-takers with exams scheduled on or after March 31, 2022 will be administered the version 5.0 exam.

ASCM strongly encourages any CSCP 4.0 test-takers to consider scheduling well in advance of the final test date of March 30, 2022 to avoid any test center/exam administration issues or in case the test needs to be retaken.

Q. CAN CANDIDATES REQUEST AN EXCEPTION TO TAKE THE CSCP VERSION 4.0 EXAM AFTER MARCH 30, 2022?

A. While ASCM understands that technical, health, or weather-related issues – including COVID-19 – can impact a candidate's scheduled exam, no exceptions can be made to take the CSCP version 4.0 exam after March 30, 2022. The reopening of test centers in most areas combined with the option of online testing allows candidates who have prepared for the CSCP 4.0 exam the ability to test well before this transition. CSCP 4.0 test-takers are advised to be aware of their testing timeframe and to prepare for their exam accordingly.

Q. CAN I USE THE VERSION 4.0 STUDY MATERIAL TO SIT FOR THE VERSION 5.0 EXAM?

A. We recommend using the CSCP 5.0 Learning System to study for the CSCP 5.0 exam. For those candidates who already have the CSCP 4.0 Learning System, a bridging document detailing the high-level differences between the content for each version of the exam will be available in Q4 2021.

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Q. WILL BOTH VERSIONS OF THE EXAMS BE AVAILABLE CONCURRENTLY?

A. No. The last day to sit for the version 4.0 exam is March 30, 2022. On March 31, 2022, the new version 5.0 exam will be available for testing.

Only one version of the CSCP exam will be available on any given date. The version of the exam that will be available to the candidate will solely depend on what date CSCP test-takers schedule to take their exam.

ASCM is providing all candidates ample time to prepare for the new exam. As mentioned above, a bridging document detailing the high-level differences between the content for each version of the exam will be available in Q4 2021. Candidates can use that document to assist in their decision for which version of the exam to study and sit for.

Q. WHAT DO I DO IF I FAIL THE VERSION 4.0 EXAM AND DON'T HAVE TIME TO RETAKE IT BEFORE THE VERSION 5.0 EXAM IS RELEASED?

A. The CSCP version 4.0 exam will no longer be available as of March 31, 2022. Therefore, it is important that candidates are aware of the timeline and plan accordingly. Any candidate that fails the CSCP version 4.0 exam will be eligible for discounted retake pricing for the CSCP version 5.0 exam.

Q. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE BUNDLE?

A. The CSCP bundle includes the CSCP Learning System, an exam credit (valid for 6 months) and a 2nd Chance Exam (conditions apply).

Q. I HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED A LEARNING SYSTEM SEPARATELY; CAN I EXCHANGE IT FOR A BUNDLE?

A. No. We are not able to exchange your purchase. Please note, bundles are non-transferable and non-refundable as per the APICS Exam and Testing Policies Handbook.

Q. I HAVE PURCHASED THE CSCP EXAM AND LEARNING SYSTEM SEPARATELY, DO I QUALIFY FOR A 2ND CHANCE EXAM?

A. No, the CSCP 2nd Chance exam is only given to candidates who purchase a bundle directly or receive a bundle from an ASCM Partner and meet to conditions for the 2nd Chance Exam, which are outlined in the APICS Exam and Testing Policies Handbook.

Q. HOW LONG IS MY CSCP LEARNING SYSTEM VALID FOR?

A. Your access to the online learning resources for one year from the date of purchase.

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Q. HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO TEST IF I PURCHASE A CSCP BUNDLE?

A. Upon purchasing a bundle, you will receive an exam credit that must be redeemed within six months. Once your credit has been redeemed, you have six months to sit for your CSCP exam.

Q. IF I REDEEM MY EXAM CREDIT EARLY, CAN I REQUEST AN EXTENSION?

A. Once an exam credit has been redeemed, you have six months to schedule and take your exam. Extensions are not provided. Therefore, ASCM recommends that candidates only redeem their exam credit when they are ready to test, but prior to their exam credit expiration date.

Q. IF MY EXAM CREDIT EXPIRES, CAN I STILL USE IT OR REQUEST TO HAVE IT EXTENDED?

A. Once an exam credit expires, all fees are forfeited and cannot be extended. ASCM makes every reasonable effort to send courtesy reminders to candidates reminding them to redeem their exam credit. However, candidates are responsible for claiming their exam credit before it expires.

Q. IF I REGISTER FOR A CSCP CLASS, DOES MY REGISTRATION INCLUDE A 2ND CHANCE EXAM?

A. If you signed up for a class through an ASCM Authorized Training Partner, we encourage you to reach out to the partner directly.