

PART III TEMPORARY EXAM CENTRE FORM

If the city you wish to sit the examination in does not appear in the Actuaries Institute's listing of exam centres, a temporary exam centre will need to be set up. It is the candidate's responsibility to find a suitable supervisor. The temporary exam centre supervisor should ideally be a Fellow. Please fill in your proposed supervisor's details below. If you have trouble finding a suitable supervisor, please contact the Actuaries Institute office as they may be able to assist.

A candidate should make the formal request for approval and should supply details of who will serve in the capacity of examination centre supervisor. Approval for the establishment of a centre will be given where:

- a. Written agreement to comply with the minimum standards has been returned by the prospective supervisor. (Where an aspect of the requirements cannot be met in full, the Institute office has discretion to permit the establishment of a centre where there are compelling reasons to do so).
- b. Adequate notice has been given to enable arrangements to be made for candidates to apply for/be allocated to the centre within the normal time-scale. In practice this means a lead-time of two months to five months prior to the commencement of the examinations.

Member ID **Name of Candidate**

Course **Semester**

Email

Name of Proposed Supervisor

Position

Qualifications

Supervisor's Mailing Address (no PO Boxes, please)

Direct Phone **Fax**

Email **Date**

Physical Address of Temporary Exam Centre (if different from above)

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Standards for Actuaries Institute Examination Centres

The Actuaries Institute works with the profession to provide examination centres in local areas where the candidate is unable to travel to an official examination centre. Requests to establish a local centre are normally received from candidates and/or employers. The establishment of a temporary centre is encouraged where there is no existing local examination centre and where a local Actuarial Society or employer can identify the venue and personnel necessary. A temporary centre may be established where assurance is given that systems and resources are in place to ensure the minimum standards are satisfied.

Although some centres are restricted to candidates employed by a particular company, permission for examination centre status is normally given where it is the intention to accommodate all candidates (subject to capacity) for a particular subject within a particular examination session.

Where a venue is hired, consideration should be given to the use of a penalty clause, to be applied where standards (particularly with regard to the avoidance of noise) have not been met. The Actuaries Institute reserves the right to withdraw approved centre status where, in its judgment, the minimum standards are not being met.

In the case of a temporary exam centre being needed for a computer based exam, the following will be needed:

Part III Examinations: Computers and Material

The exam centre must provide one computer per candidate. Mobile phones and personal computers must be turned off and stored with personal belongings in a separate room and or with supervisor.

Programs required on candidate computer: Microsoft Office including Word, Excel and Acrobat.

Internet access must be disabled for the Longer Answer Component of the examination, and student access to a printer may be requested for certain periods during the Longer Answer Component. The Longer Answer Component of Part III exams is *open book* and candidates are allowed to bring hard copies of their course material. Candidates may **not** bring any digital materials on a CD, DVD, USB, or portable hard drive. Standard digital materials will be provided on each candidate's computer. Candidates should be seated at a desk which allows for space to put resources etc. without disrupting other candidates.

A separate document "Instructions to Examination Supervisors" gives detailed instructions and general guidance for the conduct of examinations by which the centre supervisor must abide. This document will be sent to supervisors approximately one month before the exam.

Course 10 Commercial Actuarial Practice Case Study Examination

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Internet & Email access must be disabled.

The exam is open book and candidates are permitted to bring in material. Candidates should be seated at a desk which allows for space to put resources etc.

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The Standards: Environmental considerations

Supervision

Each centre will designate someone to be responsible for the supervision of all aspects of the administration and conduct of examinations. Candidates must be supervised at all times when under examination conditions. The supervisor may use his/her discretion to allow candidates to leave the room to use the facilities.

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Venue

Subject to the minimum standards laid out in this document, there are no restrictions on the type of venue that may be used for examinations. Examinations may, for example, be held in an office, whether or not a candidate's normal place of work, or in a building available for public hire. The centre supervisor should notify the Actuaries Institute office of the centre location no later than two months before the commencement of the examination session.

Time

Examinations must take place on the specified date and at the specified (local) time. Exclusive access to the venue used for the examination must be available to the supervisor and those s/he authorises for the duration of the examination, including time for set-up and set-down.

Room layout and candidate property

A suitable desk, chair, and computer must be provided for each candidate. Secure arrangements are required for the storage of bags during the examination although an area in the examination room, away from the candidates, would be adequate. All candidates should have sight of a clock.

Access

Where one or more candidates are not familiar with the building, adequate signage must be provided. Measures to facilitate access by candidates with restricted mobility should be given consideration.

Avoidance of distractions

The room must be conducive to the maintenance of uninterrupted concentration and should be isolated, as far as possible, from sources of noise. Unacceptable distractions might include voices, music, the operation of office equipment including telephones, and heavy traffic. Supervisors must satisfy themselves that lighting and temperature levels are comfortable for candidates.

Security

Arrangements must be in place for the secure storage of all examination related materials including examination papers and digital files. Examination papers must not be removed from their secure envelopes prior to the examination, and digital examination files must remain secure at all times before the examination.

No candidate may have access to the examination room until the supervisor formally permits entry. Candidates must only have approved items with them at their desk and the room must have been cleared of any unauthorised materials or devices that could be of assistance.

Administration

The supervisor must be available to liaise with the Actuaries Institute office on all aspects of arrangements in connection with the centre. In particular s/he must check all materials on receipt from the Actuaries Institute office and notify any error or omission without delay. On completion of each examination, arrangements must be in place for the return of all scripts, attendance lists, incident reports and examination materials as instructed by the Actuaries Institute office.

Special Consideration

Reasonable steps will be taken to accommodate the special needs of a candidate, e.g. for isolation from other candidates, whether notified in advance or arising at short notice.

Complaints Procedure

Candidates must be given the opportunity, by means of a feedback form returnable to the Actuaries Institute office, to report any aspect of examination conduct they believe had a negative effect on their performance.

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