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CPIM NAME CHANGE FAQs

Q. WHAT IS BEING CHANGED WITH THE CHANGE TO CPIM'S NAME?

A. Effective February 25, 2021, ASCM's flagship certification, the APICS CPIM, is changing its name from Certified in Production and Inventory Management to Certified in Planning and Inventory Management. The name is being updated to better represent the program's subject matter and content. This will not impact the status, maintenance timeline, or original certification date of any pre-existing certifications. Additionally, the program acronym will remain "CPIM." The name change will be represented on any future digital certificates requested on the Certificate Request Form beginning in Q1 2021.

Q. WHY IS CPIM'S NAME BEING CHANGED?

A. The CPIM program has always included planning as a large component of the program. With the new update for CPIM Part 1 & CPIM Part 2, it continues to follow the planning hierarchy and focus heavily on planning. As ASCM continues to expand into the end-to-end supply chain, and we bring more service and non-manufacturing businesses into our membership, it makes sense to change our emphasis from Production to Planning for the CPIM certification product.

Q. HOW DOES THE CPIM NAME CHANGE AFFECT ME?

A. For active credential-holders:

This will not impact the status, maintenance timeline, or original certification date of any pre-existing certifications. Additionally, the program acronym will remain "CPIM." The name change will be represented on any future digital certificates requested on the Certificate Request Form beginning in Q1 2021.

For any candidates currently studying for a CPIM exam:

The name change does not impact the exam content. If you purchased version 6.0 Certified in Production and Inventory Management exam, you can still test on 6.0 exam content through April 1, 2022. You still need to pass the CPIM Part 1 and CPIM Part 2 exams* in order to obtain your CPIM certification. Any exam credits/ATTs will still apply to the appropriate exams.

For any individuals interested in pursuing their CPIM:

Please reference the CPIM exam content manual, learning system, and other available learning and informational materials per usual.

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Q. WILL I BE GETTING A NEW CERTIFICATE WITH THE UPDATED NAME?

A. A new version of your CPIM certificate, with the updated Certified in Planning and Inventory Management title, will be available beginning February 25, 2021 as a free e-download on the APICS Certificate Request Form. It will not automatically be delivered; credential-holders will need to request a new certificate via the Certificate Request Form. Printed certificates are no longer offered by ASCM.

Q. WHEN WILL THE CPIM NAME CHANGE?

A. The Certified in Planning and Inventory Management (CPIM) name change will take effect on February 25, 2021.

Q. WILL CANDIDATES TAKING THE EXAM SEE THE OLD NAME OR THE NEW NAME WHEN SCHEDULING THEIR EXAM AND TAKING THEIR EXAM?

A. For Version 6.0 Test-Takers:

CPIM version 6.0 test-takers may see a mix of the old “Production” program name and the new “Planning” program name when scheduling and taking their exam on Pearson VUE’s website/ in Pearson VUE test centers.

For Version 7.0 Test-Takers:

All CPIM version 7.0 test-takers will see the new “Planning” program name when scheduling and taking their exam on Pearson VUE’s website/in Pearson VUE test centers.