

FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT TRANSITION FROM CASB TO CPA PEP

Questions about Transition

1. I do not want to finish the CASB program. Can I transition to the new CPA PEP program?

You may switch to the new CPA program immediately; however, if you do so prior to the timelines listed below, you must start the new CPA PEP program at Core 1.

CASB has added several offerings of modules to ensure students have the opportunity to finish the CASB program and there are offerings of the UFE in both 2014 and 2015. Students in the CASB program will be able to transition to the new CPA program when there are no longer module offerings available for them in the CASB program. This means that, if you have successfully completed:

- Module 2, you will be eligible to transition to the CPA program in the fall session of 2014
- Module 3, you will be eligible to transition in the winter session of 2015
- Module 4 or 5, you will be eligible to transition in the spring session of 2015
- UFE Prep or UFE, you will be eligible to transition in the summer session of 2015, and would be on target to write the CFE in 2016

2. If I fail the UFE once or twice in CASB, and then transition to the CPA program, how many attempts will I have at the CFE?

Prior attempts at the UFE are not carried over to the new CPA program, so anyone who is eligible to write the new CFE will have a full allotment of three attempts after completing Capstones 1 and 2. To be eligible to transition to write the new CFE, you must still have one attempt at the UFE available, and you must be within CASB timelines for UFE writing (you have three attempts at the UFE over four consecutive years). Students who have been cancelled from the CASB program due to failing the UFE three times will be required to start the CPA program at Core 1.

3. If I have just one attempt left at the UFE, can I wait to transition to the CPA program rather than risk being cancelled from the CASB program for failing three times?

Please make arrangements to speak with Sukaina Rashid, Director Learning Centre Operations via Sukaina.rashid@casb.com, to discuss your personal options.

4. If I fail a module, or the UFE three times, do I transition into the CPA program based on the last successfully-completed module, or start at Core 1?

Students who fail a module, or the UFE three times, in the CASB program will need to start the CPA program at Core 1. This is the same as in the CASB program, wherein anyone who failed a module, or the UFE three times, was required to recommence the CASB program at Module 1. If you feel you have extenuating circumstances regarding any of your failed attempts, please see Question 6 below.

5. Can students who are inactive in the CASB program apply to the CPA program and expect to receive advanced standing based on the last module they have successfully completed in CASB?

The transitioning plan is in place for current, active CASB students and for any inactive students who would otherwise be eligible to be reinstated into CASB at an advanced module. To determine whether they are eligible to transition based on their individual circumstances, inactive students should contact CASB at generalregistrations@casb.com.

6. Who do I talk to about waiving a previous attempt of a module, or about removing a UFE attempt from my record?

If you feel you have extenuating circumstances that prevented you from writing a module or exam to the best of your ability, please contact Sukaina Rashid, Director Learning Centre Operations, at sukaina.rashid@casb.com. You can arrange a time to discuss your questions on waiving a prior attempt and if you would qualify for submitting this type of request.

7. If I fail the 2015 UFE, am I eligible to write the 2015 CFE in September?

Students who fail the June 2015 UFE will have missed the majority of Capstone 1. As such, these students would enroll in the 2016 offerings of Capstones 1 and 2, and the CFE.

8. I am not sure where I fit in on the transitioning plan. Who can I talk to?

CASB is providing one-on-one counselling for students who are unsure of where they will be transitioning. Please contact Sukaina Rashid, Director Learning Centre Operations at sukaina.rashid@casb.com, to arrange a time to discuss your situation.

9. If I have voluntarily transferred to the CPA program prior to the transition plan being released, will I now have an option to get advanced standing?

No. Any students who voluntarily transitioned to the CPA program prior to the transition plan were told that they must start the program at Core 1, and continue from that point.

Questions about Module Zero

10. If I am being placed with advanced standing into the CPA program when I transition, do I need to take Module Zero?

Yes. All students transferring from the CASB program to the new CPA program will be required to take Module Zero, as there is likely to be material that will not have been covered by the CASB prerequisites. Each candidate will be required to review and select the required topics from Module Zero, based on his/her prior education. Module Zero is a free, flexible, and self-directed module that candidates will be required to sign off on, indicating their completion. More information on Module Zero is available at <http://www.cpasb.ca/BecomeaCPA/CPAModuleZero.aspx>.

11. How do I know which Module Zero topics to take?

Each candidate will have different requirements for Module Zero topics, based on their education prior to commencing the CASB program and on the number of CASB modules completed. Candidates will be required to review the Module Zero material and to self-select those topics they have not previously covered.

Questions about Registration

12. Do I need to submit new university transcripts when I transition to the CPA program?

If CASB has already received your official degree transcripts from your post-secondary institution, which show the completion of your CASB prerequisites, no additional transcripts will be required.

13. What fees do I need to pay when I transfer to the CPA program?

If you have already paid CASB dues for the current year, no additional payment will be required and CASB will transfer the appropriate amount of funds from the legacy program to the new CPA program. If dues for the current year are outstanding, they will be paid to the new CPA program, but there will be no need to pay for either the one-time registration fee, or for a transcript assessment fee. Once transition to the CPA program is complete, modules in the CPA program must be paid for individually.

14. Will I receive a new transcript assessment when I transition to the CPA program, and will I have a problem if my prerequisites are outside the 10-year time limit?

No. Unless they have an outstanding requirement at the time of transition, transitioning students from the CASB program will not require a new transcript assessment. Anyone who was in good standing in the CASB program will receive a similar status in the CPA program, and the 10-year time limit for prerequisites will not apply at the time of transition.

15. How do I transition to the CPA program? Will I have to submit a new admission application?

If you would like to transition from the CASB program to the CPA program, please send an email to cpaapplication@casb.com when you are eligible outlining your desire to transition. We will then work with you individually to ensure the transition to the CPA PEP program occurs as smoothly as possible in our new online "My CPA" portal and all the fees and any advanced standing is accounted for.