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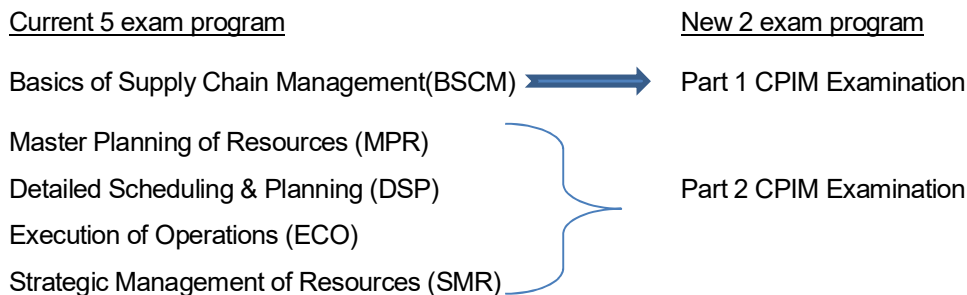
To APICS Certification in Production & Inventory Management (CPIM) Candidates

## APICS CPIM Reconfiguration

I know many of you have only started or you are thinking about your CPIM journey and this memo is to apprise you of some important APICS announcements concerning the upcoming changes in the CPIM program that may affect your planning.

Currently, there are five separate examinations that an individual must pass to earn the APICS certification, CPIM. However, APICS is reconfiguring the CPIM certification from five examinations to two examinations, but **still covering the same content**. This reconfiguration will become effective in 2018. A specific timeline is presented below.

The reconfiguration basically is expanding the current *Basics of Supply Chain Management* examination from 105 questions to a CPIM Part 1 examination to include 150 questions and consolidating the remaining four examinations, currently with 75 questions in each exam to one examination of 150 questions, as follows:



## CPIM Reconfiguration Timeline:

9/25/16	6/1/17	11/1/17	1/7/18	1/8/18	7/1/18	12/31/18
Announced Reconfiguration @ conference	ECM available to purchase	Part 1 & Part 2 New exams are available to purchase	Last day to purchase current BSCM exam	New Part 1 & Part 2 exams can be taken	Last day to purchase MPR, DSP, ECO, & SMR exams	Last day to take MPR, DSP, ECO, & SMR exams

I have confirmed with APICS that if a person takes and passes the current BSCM examination in 2017 and then passes the Part 2 new examination next year they will have satisfied the requirements for the CPIM certification.

**Your Options:**

1. Start and finish your CPIM on the current existing configuration of 5 examinations during 2017. While the five existing examinations will still be available to take through 12/31 2018, I strongly encourage you to complete them in 2017.
2. Finish your CPIM with the existing BSCM exam (Must be taken by January 7, 2018). and Part 2 of the new Exams. Remember, Part 2 exams will not be available to take until January 8, 2018!
3. Start and finish your CPIM on the new program with Part 1 and Part 2 exams in 2018.

There is plenty of time to do option 1, but you must start soon. Referring to the time line above if you start in 2017, you should be able to finish either in 2017 or early 2018.

Let's next look at the examination costs, totally managed by APICS. (You buy your examination Authorization-to-Test directly from APICS.)The following table compares just the examination costs for the three options above:

	Option 1: Five Existing Exams	Option 2: Current BSCM + CPIM Part 2	Option 3: New CPIM Program
If not an APICS Member or if a CORE Member	5 @ \$290 = <b>\$1,450</b>	BSCM @ \$290 Part 2 @ \$645 Total = <b>\$935</b>	CPIM Part 1 @ \$645 CPIM Part 2 @ \$645 Total = <b>\$1,290</b>
If APICS PLUS member	5 @ \$190 = <b>\$950</b>	BSCM @ \$190 Part 2 @ \$495 Total = <b>\$685</b>	CPIM Part 1 @ \$495 CPIM Part 2 @ \$495 Total = <b>\$990</b>

**Current QMS Review Courses:**

Currently, QMS has a blended On-line FastTrak CPIM (FTCPIM) program consisting of three courses:

1. BSCM @ \$995
2. Consolidated MPR-DSP-ECO @ \$2,500
3. SMR @ \$995

The QMS material for the BSCM course consist of:

1. Arnold, J.R. Tony, S.N. Chapman, and L.M. Clive. **Introduction to Materials Management**, CPIM edition, Prentice Hall, 2012
2. Dennis, Pascal, **Lean Production Simplified**, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Productivity Press, 2016.
3. An electronic file of all of the class slides

The QMS material for the Consolidated MPR-DSP-ECO course consist of:

1. Jacobs, F. Robert, William L Berry, D. Clay Whybark, Thomas E. Vollmann, ***Manufacturing Planning & Control For Supply Chain Management***, CPIM edition, Mcgraw-Hill Irwin, 2010.
2. An electronic file of all of the class slides

The QMS material for the SMR course consist of:

1. ***APICS Strategic Management of Resources References Sourcebook***, Pearson Custom Publishing, 2009
2. An electronic file of all of the class slides

Please call me at 727 725-7674 if you would like more information as to how a blended on-line class works. You do have a live instructor for ½ the time.

If you wish to start the FTCPIM program, I am going to **conduct one last cycle in 2017**. It will begin with the BSCM course in June, the Consolidated MPR-DSP-ECO course in August/September and the SMR course in November, 2017. These courses will require a minimum of six (6) attendees. Once I have a commitment from at least six folks, I will firm the schedule with specific dates. Let me know ASAP as to your intent of attending these courses.

For those that have already started and passed BSCM, I will be offering the Consolidated MPR-DSP-ECO course in June/July and the SMR course in August/September. Again, a minimum of six attendees is requires and I will firm the dates once that many have registered. Let me know your intent now, so I can firm the schedule soon.

Continue to visit my web-site, [www.qmsincus.com](http://www.qmsincus.com) for an up-to-date schedule.

And, one last note: I will be developing both asynchronous and blended synchronous versions of the 2 new CPIM courses during 2017, so that those courses can begin late 2017.

Best Regards,

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