

EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2013 ENROLLMENT EXAMINATIONS

- EA-2 (Segment B) will be renamed EA-2 (Segment L) [meaning “Law”]; and
- EA-2 (Segment A) will be renamed EA-2 (Segment F) [meaning “Funding”]

Through the 2012 exam sittings, the assumed normal sequence of taking examinations was:

EA-1 → EA-2 (Segment A) → EA-2 (Segment B)

That is, EA-2 (Segment A) *presupposed* knowledge of the topics covered in the EA-1 examination and EA-2 (Segment B) *presupposed* knowledge of the topics covered in the EA-1 examination and in the EA-2 (Segment A) examination.

Under the 2013 revision, the legal aspects of pensions will be tested before the applications of the law (for example, funding and tax deduction) are tested, which means that **starting in 2013, the assumed normal sequence of taking examinations will be:**

EA-1 → EA-2 (Segment L) → EA-2 (Segment F)

In addition, starting with the 2013 exam sittings, **EA-2 (Segment L) will *presuppose* knowledge of the topics covered in the EA-1 examination and EA-2 (Segment F) will *presuppose* knowledge of the topics covered in the EA-1 examination and in the EA-2 (Segment L) examination.**

The exam dates will not change: EA-1 and EA-2 (Segment L) will be given in May each year; EA-2 (Segment F) will be given in November each year.

While, in general, the topics covered in each of the segments will be unchanged, there will be changes to the suggested reading list to reflect that the legal aspects of pensions will be emphasized in EA-2 (Segment L) and that the funding and tax deduction aspects of pensions will be emphasized in EA-2 (Segment F).

A candidate may take the examinations in any sequence desired, but it is important for a candidate to recognize that material from EA-1 is assumed for EA-2 (Segment L) and that material from both EA-1 and EA-2 (Segment L) is assumed for EA-2 (Segment F). The “assumed information” between exams could affect the order in which a candidate chooses to sit for these examinations.