

# ILA-LFMU

## Quick Start Guide – Spring 2024

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**Next Exam Date: May 7, 2024**

Please be sure to visit and review all information on the [SOA's LFM Exam page](#), which contains the syllabus and all information related to the current LPM exam sitting.

Be sure to register for the exam with the SOA before the **registration deadline**

- You must [register](#) with the SOA to take the exam
- We recommend registering *as soon as possible* to secure a seat at your desired Prometric site

**Obtain the source readings, which fall into 3 categories:**

1. **SOA study notes.** [Purchase online at SOA.org](#). These readings have a code like LFM-###-YY where ### = a serial number and YY = the year it was added to the syllabus.
2. **Published references (free).** These are the hyperlinked readings on the syllabus. You must download each.
3. **Textbooks.** Purchase at a site like the [Actuarial Bookstore](#).
  - *Statutory Valuation of Individual Life and Annuity Contracts*, Lombardi, et al., 5th ed., 2018, ACTEX
    - Volumes 1 and 2 are both on the 2020 syllabus, so be sure to buy both
    - Volume 2 contains chapters 23 and beyond
    - Ch. 24 in Vol. 2 was completely rewritten in 2020 and is only available in a digital format on Actex's website if you purchased it there. Do NOT use the version of Ch. 24 included in the print version. It is extremely different.
    - Errata: [Volume I](#), [Volume II](#), [Ch. 24 \(revised\)](#)

**Get started:**

1. **Set your study plan in TIA Study.** It is easy to fall behind if you don't keep track of your progress, but TIA Study is designed first and foremost with that in mind. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of the Today feature to stay on schedule.

Alternatively, you can make your own plan in a spreadsheet using the study schedule spreadsheet in the Introduction section.

2. **Review and watch everything in the Introduction section** to ensure you know how to find/use the materials in the online seminar.
3. Go through the section “Understanding the Format of FSA Exams” and review the [Guide to SOA Written Exams](#).
4. Download the detailed study manual and lesson handouts for Section A, and start.

## Overview of materials and resources included in the online course

You’ll find more details on using each item when you download it.

Item	Location
Orientation and how to use the online course	Introduction section
Study schedule	Introduction section
Detailed study manual	Detailed study manual section
Video lessons and handouts	Sections A–E
TIA Study mobile app (video lessons, flashcards, and more)	<a href="#">App Store</a> and <a href="#">Google Play</a>
Drill (practice) problems	Sections A–E
PDF and printable flashcards	Supplementary and Review Material section
Condensed outline	Supplementary and Review Material section
Practice exams and post-2020 SOA CBT exams	Supplementary and Review Material section
Solutions and archives of Pre-2020 SOA exams	Pre-2020 Exam Solutions tab of the course
Discuss (course forum)	Click the icon on any lesson or sidebar icon in Study
Revision History and Scheduled Updates	Introduction section

## How to get help

If you have a technical support question (e.g. video not playing), please contact [customerservice@theinfiniteactuary.com](mailto:customerservice@theinfiniteactuary.com). If you have a question related to the exam or online course, please post your question in the course forum, where I and other TIA staff can respond. Finally, you can see details of any revisions/updates in the Revision History and Scheduled Updates spreadsheet in the Introduction section. This spreadsheet may be updated at any time during the sitting.

Good luck!

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