

# Quick Start Guide – Spring 2024

Next Exam Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Please be sure to visit and review all information on the <u>SOA's LPM Exam page</u>, 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 by the deadline with the SOA to take the fall 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 LPM-###-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 <u>Actuarial Bookstore</u>.
  - *Life, Health and Annuity Reinsurance*, Tiller, Tiller, and Fagerberg, 4th ed., 2015, ACTEX

## Get started:

- 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 course.
- 3. Go through the section "Understanding the Format of FSA Exams" and review the <u>Guide to SOA Written Exams</u>.
- 4. Download the detailed study manual and lesson handouts for Section A, and start.

# Overview of materials and resources included in the online course

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, handouts, and Excel files	Sections A–D
TIA Study mobile app (video lessons, flashcards, and more)	App Store and Google Play
Drill (practice) problems	Sections A–D
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

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

If you have a technical support question (e.g. video not playing), please contact <u>customerservice@theinfiniteactuary.com</u>. If you have a question related to the exam or online course materials, the best place to ask your question is in the course forum (Discuss), where I and other TIA staff can respond. You can also email me at <u>eddie@theinfiniteactuary.com</u>, and I will usually be able to respond within 2 business days. 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! J. Eddie Smith, IV, FSA