

ILA-LFMC

Quick Start Guide – Spring 2024

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 LFM 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 LFV-###-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](#).
 - *Canadian Insurance Taxation*, Swales, et. al., PwC, 4th ed., 2015, LexisNexis

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 |
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| 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) | App Store and Google Play |
| 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. If you have a question related to the exam or online course, please post your question in the course forum, where we 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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