

OVERALL EXAM – PDPA

Objective-Format Portion	Case-Based Portion	Other Information
60 objective-format questions for an estimated time of 2 ½ hours	One 2-hour integrated case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PDPA exam will be four and a half hours in length. Candidates are responsible for managing the time allocation between the objective-format portion and the case portion as it will not be controlled as part of the examination. The technical knowledge tested is at the same level as the Tax and Assurance CPA PEP electives. Candidates will have access to restricted resource material, i.e., CPA Handbooks, the Income Tax Act, the Excise Tax Act, a tax shield formula and other relevant tax information. The standards and regulations are those in effect as of December 31 of the prior year. (Refer to the latest Technical Update for Examinations.) Candidates must demonstrate depth in the Assurance and Financial Reporting competencies, breadth in Taxation competency, and must demonstrate sufficient competency over all the competencies tested.

PDPA COMPETENCY AREA WEIGHTINGS:

OBJECTIVE-FORMAT PORTION	
CPA Competency	Number of questions
1. Financial Reporting	10
2. Strategy and Governance	5
4. Audit and Assurance	10
5. Finance	5
6. Taxation	30

CASE PORTION
Case will assess competencies in Assurance and Financial Reporting. Approximately 50% of competency assessments will be on the Assurance competencies and approximately 50% of competency assessments will be on the Financial Reporting competencies.