



Which prep course is right for me?

New Exams for October 2021

In August of 2020, the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) announced new examinations for both the Certified Public Procurement Officer® (CPPO®) and Certified Professional Public Buyer® (CPPB®) beginning with the October 18 - 30, 2021, examination window.

This change to the examinations is the result of an extensive [Job Analysis](#) conducted by UPPCC to ensure the new exams accurately reflect and describe the critical knowledge, skills, and abilities required of leading public procurement professionals. To support these new exams, UPPCC also announced six new domain areas and associated weightings for each examination for an updated Body of Knowledge & Competency (BoK-C).

For detailed information on the new exams and BoK-C, please visit [UPPCC's website](#).

What does this mean for Procurement U Prep Courses and Study Materials?

Procurement U has always offered CPPB and CPPO Certification Exam Prep courses designed to help you prepare to take these exams, and we will continue to do so. Registration is currently open for our [Spring prep courses](#), which will run from March 1 – April 30, 2021, and is specifically designed to help you prepare for the current examinations built on the current [2013 Body of Knowledge](#) on which the spring exams are based.

To align with the new BoK-C and the new exams for October 2021, our Fall prep courses (dates TBD) will be updated and aligned to support your preparation for the new exams based on guidance from UPPCC around study materials and the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for each exam.

What does this mean for my preparation?

If you are planning to take your exam to become certified during the Spring 2021 testing window (May 3-15, 2021), our [Spring 2021 prep course](#) is perfect for you.

If you plan to take the new examination (described above) in the Fall of 2021, we recommend you wait and take our Fall 2021 Exam Prep course, which will be updated to better prepare you for the new exam and scheduled to align with the Fall testing schedule.

What if I take the Spring 2021 prep course and don't take my exam until Fall of 2021?

If you take our Spring 2021 CPPB or CPPO Exam prep course and fail or are unable to test until Fall of 2021, we will give you the opportunity to participate in elements of the Fall prep course which will align with the new exam, in addition to your participation in the Spring prep course. You will have access to the new resources and new exam practice questions, as well as recordings of the new group discussions. However, you will not be able to participate in the live, instructor-led sessions based on capacity.

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