

# Wiley CPA

## Summary of July 2021 Content Updates



July 2021

Dear Future CPAs:

What an amazing and (dare we say it?) unprecedented year this has been! While the challenges of the last year have been many, the bright side is that for many candidates, a quieter year means more time to focus on CPA studies. The AICPA has reported higher pass rates this year as those who stayed the course came one step closer to realizing their dream of becoming a CPA! But whether this year was quiet or hectic, we look forward to working with you as you prepare to take this monumental career and life step.

In 2019, the AICPA conducted a Practice Analysis to reevaluate, in cooperation with industry leaders such as accounting firms and universities, what newly licensed CPAs need to know in their first years on the job. The analysis reflected that CPAs now require more business acumen, understanding business processes from inception to completion. In addition, data and technology continue to usher in an evolution in the industry. To best prepare you for today's role of CPA, the updated AICPA blueprints reflect the real-world skills you will need to succeed as a newly licensed CPA.

Major changes include:

- Increased emphasis on understanding business processes, digital and data-driven mindset, and SOC in both AUD and BEC.
- Removal of IFRS in FAR.
- Removal of estate taxation in REG.

At Wiley, we have you covered. The newest release of Wiley CPA has integrated all the blueprint changes eligible for testing on July 1, 2021. In addition, we have added new content such as multiple-choice questions, task-based simulations, and flashcards, so that you're prepared on test day. If you will be sitting for the exam on July 1 or after, be sure to update your Sit Date in the Exam Planner to receive this new material appropriate for your exam.

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# AUD | Auditing and Attestation

## Changes and Improvements

### AICPA Blueprint Changes

- Increased emphasis on understanding business processes, digital and data driven mindset (including data analytics), and SOC.
- Increased focus on sources and testing of evidence.
- Continued and increased emphasis on analytical skills and problem solving.
- Content Weighting:
  - Increased Area II (Risk Assessment and Planning) from 20%-30% to 25%-35%
  - Decreased Area IV (Reporting) from 15%-25% to 10%-20%
- Skill Weighting:
  - Decreased Remembering and Understanding from 30%-40% to 25%-35%
  - Increased Analysis from 15%-25% to 20%-30%
- Full current AUD blueprints are available here: [AICPA July 2021 Blueprints](#).

### Pronouncement Changes

- No pronouncement changes for July 1, 2021.

### Other Changes

- The following lesson is updated with new study and video:
  - AUD > I. Ethics, Professional Responsibilities, and General Principles > Requirements of SEC and PCAOB > Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
  - AUD>IV. Forming Conclusions & Reporting> Other Professional Services>PCAOB on Reporting on I/C in an Integrated Audit

### Additional Improvements

- New task-based simulations.

# BEC | Business Environment and Concepts

## Changes and Improvements

### AICPA Blueprint Changes

- Increased emphasis on understanding business processes, digital and data driven mindset (including data analytics), and SOC.
- Continued and increased emphasis on analytical skills and problem solving.
- Content Weighting:
  - Increase Area I (Corporate Governance) from 17%-27% to 20%-30%
  - Decrease Area II (Economics) from 17%-27% to 15%-25%
  - Decrease Area III (Financial Management) from 11%-21% to 10%-20%
- Full current BEC blueprints are available here: [AICPA July 2021 Blueprints](#).

### Pronouncement Changes

No pronouncement changes for July 2021.

### Other Changes

- The following all-new lesson was added:
  - BEC > IV. Information Technology > Role of Information Technology in Business > Software, Data Warehouses, and Decision Support
- The following lesson has updated:
  - BEC > IV. Information Technology > Roles of Information Technology in Business > System Types by Activity
- The following lesson has renamed:
  - **Previous Name:** BEC > IV. Information Technology > Roles of Information Technology in Business > Data Structures, Software, and Databases
  - **New Name:** BEC > IV. Information Technology > Roles of Information Technology in Business > Databases and Data Structure
- The following lessons have been removed and appropriate content reallocated to other lessons:
  - BEC > IV. Information Technology > Roles of Information Technology in Business > System Types by Activity
  - BEC > IV. Information Technology > Roles of Information Technology in Business > System Types by Data Structure
- The lessons in the following sections have been updated and re-recorded by Northern Illinois University Instructor Liz Grant:
  - BEC > II. Economic Concepts and Analysis > Macroeconomics
  - BEC > III. Financial Management

### Additional Improvements

- New task-based simulations.

# FAR | Financial Accounting and Reporting

## Summary of Changes

### AICPA Blueprint Changes

- Removal of IFRS.
- Continued and increased emphasis on analytical skills and problem solving.
- Full current FAR blueprints are available here: [AICPA July 2021 Blueprints](#).

### Pronouncement Changes

- GASB Statement No. 95: Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance
  - Statement No. 87, Leases, eligible for testing 21Q3
  - Statement No. 92, Omnibus 2020 (par 6,7,8,9,10, & 12), eligible for testing 21Q3
  - Statement No. 93, Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates (par 13 & 14), eligible for testing 21Q3

### Other Changes

- The following all-new lesson was added:
  - FAR > Conceptual Framework, Standard-Setting and Financial Reporting > Financial Statements of Employee Benefit Plans > Pension Plan Reporting
- The following lessons have been removed:
  - FAR > I. Conceptual Framework, Standard-Setting and Financial Reporting > International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) > IASB Accounting Standards
  - FAR > I. Conceptual Framework, Standard-Setting and Financial Reporting > International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) > IASB Framework
  - FAR > I. Conceptual Framework, Standard-Setting and Financial Reporting > International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) > IFRS for SMEs
  - FAR > I. Conceptual Framework, Standard-Setting and Financial Reporting > International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) > IFRS – General Purpose Financial Statements
  - FAR > I. Conceptual Framework, Standard-Setting and Financial Reporting > Consolidated Financial Statements > IFRS—Consolidations
  - FAR > I. Conceptual Framework, Standard-Setting and Financial Reporting > Public Company Reporting Topics (SEC, EPS, Interim, and Segment) > Earnings Per Share > Earnings per Share and IFRS
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Inventory > Inventory and IFRS
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Property, Plant and Equipment > Impairment and IFRS
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Property, Plant and Equipment > PPE and IFRS
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Nonmonetary Exchange > Nonmonetary Exchanges and IFRS
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Investments > IFRS—Investments in Equity and Debt Securities
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Intangible Assets—Goodwill and Other > Intangibles and IFRS
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Payables and Accrued Liabilities > IFRS Contingencies
  - FAR > II. Select Transactions > Employee/Retiree Benefit Plans > Pension Principles, Reporting
  - FAR > II. Select Transactions > Employee/Retiree Benefit Plans > Pension Expense Basics
  - FAR > II. Select Transactions > Employee/Retiree Benefit Plans > Pension Expense Delayed Recognition
  - FAR > II. Select Transactions > Employee/Retiree Benefit Plans > Pension Plan Reporting, Internationa

- FAR > II. Select Transactions > Employee/Retiree Benefit Plans > Postretirement Benefits
- FAR > II. Select Transactions > Business Combinations > Acquisition Method of Accounting > IFRS—Business Combinations
- FAR > II. Select Transactions > Financial Instruments > IFRS—Financial Instruments
- FAR > II. Select Transactions > Financial Instruments > IFRS—Hedging
- The following all-new lesson has been added:
  - FAR > I. Conceptual Framework and Financial Reporting > Consolidated Financial Statements > Financial Statements of Employee Benefit Plans > Pension Plan Reporting
- The following lessons have updated video and/or study text:
  - FAR > I. Conceptual Framework and Financial Reporting > General-Purpose Financial Statements > Notes to Financial Statements > Risks and Uncertainties
  - FAR > I. Conceptual Framework and Financial Reporting > General-Purpose Financial Statements > Notes to Financial Statements > Risks and Uncertainties
  - FAR > I. Conceptual Framework and Financial Reporting > General-Purpose Financial Statements > Exit or Disposal Activities and Discontinued Operations
  - FAR > I. Conceptual Framework and Financial Reporting > Public Company Reporting Topics (SEC, EPS, Interim, and Segment) > U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) > SEC Reporting Requirements
  - FAR > I. Conceptual Framework and Financial Reporting > Public Company Reporting Topics (SEC, EPS, Interim, and Segment) > Segment Reporting
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Cash and Cash Equivalents > Cash
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Cash and Cash Equivalents > Bank Reconciliations
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Receivables > Accounts Receivable—Accounting and Reporting
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Receivables > Allowance for Uncollectible
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Receivables > Criteria for Sale of Receivables
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Receivables > Notes Receivable—Impairment
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Investments > Investor Stock Dividends, Splits, and Rights
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Financial Liabilities and Long-Term Debt > Notes Payable
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Financial Liabilities and Long-Term Debt > Modification and Debt Retirement > Refinancing Short-Term Obligations
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Financial Liabilities and Long-Term Debt > Modification and Debt Retirement > Debt Retirement
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Financial Liabilities and Long-Term Debt > Troubled Debt
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Financial Liabilities and Long-Term Debt > Debt Covenant Compliance
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Financial Liabilities and Long-Term Debt > Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Equity > Owners' Equity Basics
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Equity > Preferred Stock
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Equity > Dividends
  - FAR > III. Select Transactions > Revenue Recognition > Five Steps of Revenue Recognition
  - FAR > III. Select Transactions > Share-Based Payments > Stock Options
  - FAR > III. Select Transactions > Accounting Changes and Error Corrections > Accounting Errors—Restatement
  - FAR > III. Select Transactions > Financial Instruments > Derivatives and Hedging > Hedging Introduction

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- The following lessons have been renamed:
  - FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Financial Liabilities and Long-Term Debt > Bonds Payable > Bond Fair Value Option
    - **Previous Name:** FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Financial Liabilities and Long-Term Debt > Bonds Payable > Bond Fair Value Option, International
    - **New Name:** FAR > II. Select Financial Statement Accounts > Financial Liabilities and Long-Term Debt > Bonds Payable > Bond Fair Value Option
  - FAR > III. Select Transactions > Foreign Currency Denominated Transactions > Conversion of Foreign Financial Statements > Remeasurement and Translation
    - **Previous Name:** FAR > III. Select Transactions > Foreign Currency Denominated Transactions > Conversion of Foreign Financial Statements > Remeasurement, Translation, and IFRS
    - **New Name:** FAR > III. Select Transactions > Foreign Currency Denominated Transactions > Conversion of Foreign Financial Statements > Remeasurement and Translation

### Additional Improvements

- New task-based simulations, including document review simulations.
- Updated practice exams.

# REG | Regulation

## Summary of Changes

### AICPA Blueprint Changes

- Removal of estate taxation.
- Continued and increased emphasis on analytical skills and problem solving.
- Full current REG blueprints are available here: [AICPA July 2021 Blueprints](#).

### Pronouncement Changes

- No pronouncement changes.

### Other Changes

- The following lessons have been removed:
  - REG > Business Law > Contracts > Government Regulation of Business > Federal Securities Regulation > Defining a Security
  - REG > Business Law > Contracts > Government Regulation of Business > Federal Securities Regulation > The Registration Process
  - REG > Business Law > Contracts > Government Regulation of Business > Federal Securities Regulation > Exempt Transactions and Securities
  - REG > Federal Taxation of Individuals > Estate and Gift Taxation > Federal Estate Tax
  - REG > Federal Taxation of Entities > S Corporation Taxation > Income Taxation of Fiduciaries
- The following lessons have updated study guides and/or videos:
  - REG > II. Business Law > Government Regulation of Business > Federal Securities Regulation > Liability Provisions: 1933 Act
  - REG > II. Business Law > Government Regulation of Business > Federal Securities Regulation > Purposes, Requirements and Provisions of the 1934 Act
  - REG > II. Business Law > Government Regulation of Business > Other Federal Laws and Regulation > Employment Tax
  - REG > II. Business Law > Government Regulation of Business > Other Federal Laws and Regulation > Affordable Care Act
- The following lessons have been renamed:
  - REG > IV. Federal Taxation of Individuals > Individual Tax Issues > Alternative Minimum Tax and Other Taxes
    - **Previous Name:** REG > IV. Federal Taxation of Individuals > Individual Tax Issues > Alternative Minimum Tax and Other Taxes
    - **New Name:** REG > IV. Federal Taxation of Individuals > Individual Tax Issues > Alternative Minimum Tax and Other Taxes
  - IV. Federal Taxation of Individuals > Estate and Gift Taxation > Federal Gift Tax and Trusts
    - **Previous Name:** REG > IV. Federal Taxation of Individuals > Estate and Gift Taxation > Federal Gift Tax
    - **New Name:** REG > IV. Federal Taxation of Individuals > Estate and Gift Taxation > Federal Gift Tax and Trusts

### Additional Improvements

- New task-based simulations.
- Updated tax returns used throughout relevant lessons.