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First at-home CIMA exams will help students progress towards earning the CGMA designation and provide skilled talent to aid COVID-19 economic recovery

12 May 2020, Hong Kong – The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) has delivered its first-ever at-home exams to students across the world, including Hong Kong. This comes as the coronavirus outbreak forced test centres to close back in February, halting the studies of CIMA students and their progression towards earning the Chartered Global Management Accountant® (CGMA) designation.

With many schools, universities and professional accounting bodies postponing or cancelling exams because of the pandemic, CIMA looked at the best options to keep students engaged. This is why in late March the Institute took the decision to move CIMA exams to at-home testing, giving its students an alternative path towards gaining their professional qualification. CIMA members and students have a great and invaluable skillset to offer businesses, and will play an essential role in devising new business strategies to drive recovery.

Paulus Chau, Associate Director, Hong Kong and Emerging Markets at the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants, said: “The road ahead will of course be difficult but management accountants can really put their skills to use to help their organisations, and showcase how much value they bring to businesses. We are proud of the great resilience our students are showing to keep their careers moving, and steadily grow the pool of finance professionals able to help organisations navigate even the most uncertain and complex times.”

He continued: “Our colleagues, partners worked hard to come up with and deliver an at-home testing solution for our students in a very short amount of time. This change in our approach has so far enabled students from over 71 countries to progress their studies, book their CIMA exams and get them closer to earning the CGMA designation.”

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Note to Editors :

About the CIMA Professional Qualification

The 2019 Professional Qualification continues to bridge the skills gap of newly qualified finance professionals worldwide, meeting the employability needs of both business and people.

In an increasingly digital world it is imperative that finance professionals not only possess sound technical accounting and finance skills, but can also understand how digitalisation and rapid changes in technology are creating challenges, and opportunities, for organisations.

The updated syllabus includes how the digital world affects finance; this can be seen through the introduction of digital costing and digital strategy. Topics such as cybersecurity and business models have been incorporated. Existing areas, such as integrated reporting, have been expanded to reflect their growing prominence.

About CIMA at-home testing and exam dates

- Students are able to book their exams the online through [My CIMA](#). This applies to students for the CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting and CIMA Professional Qualification.
- The format of the exams has not changed.
- Exams are delivered remotely established testing software.
- CIMA continues to maintain the high levels of security, reliability and fairness of its exams by using an online invigilator.
- For further information, check out the [FAQs](#)

<p>CIMA Professional Qualification – Case Study exams</p> <p><i>Exam window remains the same as initially scheduled</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operational Case Study: 13, 14 and 15 May 2020• Management Case Study: 20, 21 and 22 May 2020
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic Case Study: 27, 28 and 29 May 2020
Certificate in Business Accounting and CIMA Professional Qualification – Objective Test exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remote testing started on 4 May 2020

About The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), founded in 1919, is the world's leading and largest professional body of management accountants. As part of The Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (the Association) its members and students operate in 179 countries, working at the heart of business. CIMA members and students work in industry, commerce, the public sector and not-for-profit organizations. CIMA works closely with employers and sponsors leading-edge research, constantly updating its qualification, professional experience requirements and continuing professional development to ensure it remains the employers' choice when recruiting financially-trained business leaders.

About the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants

The [Association of International Certified Professional Accountants](#) (the Association) is the most influential body of professional accountants, combining the strengths of the American Institute of CPAs ([AICPA](#)) and The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants ([CIMA](#)) to power opportunity, trust and prosperity for people, businesses and economies worldwide. It represents 650,000 members and students in public and management accounting and advocates for the public interest and business sustainability on current and emerging issues. With broad reach, rigor and resources, the Association advances the reputation, employability and quality of CPAs, CGMAs and accounting and finance professionals globally.