

Frequently Asked Questions About the ECBA Exam Updates

1. Why is IIBA updating the ECBA exam?

IIBA conducts regular reviews on the certification exams as a key component of the certification program in alignment with [IIBA's Standards and Best Practices](#). These updates focus on the areas that are most needed by business analysis professionals in their first year on the job.

2. What is the last day to take the current version of the exam?

The last day to take the current version is **February 28, 2021, 11:59 PM EST**.

3. What is the first day to take the new version of the exam?

The new version of the exam will begin on **March 1, 2021, 12:00 AM EST**.

4. What is the main difference between the current version of the exam and the version that starts on March 1, 2021?

The main difference is a slight modification to the ECBA Exam Blueprint. Below is the current blueprint compared to the updated blueprint. **The highlighted areas represent the changes.**

BABOK Guide Knowledge Areas	Current	New
Business Analysis Planning and Monitoring	5%	5%
Elicitation and Collaboration	20%	20%
Requirements Life Cycle Management	20%	20%
Strategy Analysis	5%	0%
Requirements Analysis and Design Definition	24%	25%
Solution Evaluation	1%	0%
Total	75%	70%
BABOK Guide Business Analysis Knowledge	Current	New
Business Analysis and the BA Professional	2.5%	2.5%
Underlying Competencies	5%	5%
Business Analysis Key Concepts	5%	5%
Techniques	12.5%	17.5%
Total	25%	30%

5. Why is the ECBA Exam Blueprint being updated?

Currently, there is only minor coverage in the Strategy Analysis and Solution Evaluation knowledge areas and although these are important, they are not areas of focus for new business analysis professionals. Corporate members have confirmed that Techniques are an important area of focus in the first year on the job. Therefore, the blueprint and exam are being updated to align accordingly.

6. Is there a new edition of the BABOK Guide?

No, [BABOK® Guide v3](#) is the current version and the exam is still aligned to this version of the guide.

7. Has the application process or eligibility requirements changed?

The [online application](#) form and [eligibility requirements](#) for ECBA have **not changed** with this exam update.

8. Should I take the exam now or after the updates?

With only slight modifications to the ECBA Exam Blueprint, exam candidates should be comfortable taking the exam at any time.

9. I already have my ECBA exam booked for after March 1, 2021, do I need to change anything?

No, nothing changes with your exam booking. You can proceed with your exam as scheduled.

10. Will I get exam results immediately with the exam that starts on March 1, 2021?

No. The updated exam will go through a passing standard study in order to define the pass score criteria and candidates will get their results by May 1, 2021.

Questions? Contact IIBA's Certification Team at info@iiba.org.