



## TIA's LFMU Online Course Quick Start Guide

Next Exam Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Please be sure to visit the [SOA's LFM Exam page](#), which contains all information related to the current LFM exam sitting. Especially pay attention to the following:

- [The current LFMU syllabus](#)
- [Rules and Regulations](#)
- [Details about CBT exams](#)
- [Demo video of Prometric test environment](#)
- [SOA COVID-19 education updates](#)
- **Registration Deadline: Monday, March 29, 2021**
  - You must [register](#) by this date with the SOA to take the fall exam
  - We recommend registering quickly to secure a seat at Prometric

Obtain the source readings, which fall into 3 categories:

1. **SOA study notes.** [Purchase online at SOA.org](#). These readings have a code like LFM-###-YY where ### = a serial number and YY = the year it was added to the syllabus.
2. **Published references (free).** These are the hyperlinked readings on the syllabus. You must download each.
3. **Textbooks.** Purchase at a site like the [Actuarial Bookstore](#).
  - *Statutory Valuation of Individual Life and Annuity Contracts*, Lombardi, et al., 5th ed., 2018, ACTEX
    - Volumes 1 and 2 are both on the 2020 syllabus, so be sure to buy both
    - Volume 2 contains chapters 23 and beyond
    - Ch. 24 in Vol. 2 was completely rewritten in 2020 and is only available in a digital format on Actex's website if you purchased it there.
    - Errata: [Volume I](#), [Volume II](#), [Ch. 24 \(revised\)](#)
  - *US GAAP for Life Insurers*, Herget, 2nd ed., 2006, SOA ([errata](#))

Get started:

1. **Make a schedule and study plan.** It is easy to fall behind if you don't keep track of your progress. Please watch the video included with the study schedule for more information.
2. **Review and watch everything in the Introduction section** to ensure you know how to find/use the materials in the online seminar.
3. Go through the section "Understanding the Format of FSA Exams" and review the [Guide to SOA Written Exams](#)

4. Download the detailed study manual and lesson handouts for Section A, and start.

### Overview of materials and resources included in the online seminar

You'll find more details on using each item when you download it.

Item	Location
Orientation and how to use the online seminar	Introduction section
Study schedule	Introduction section
Detailed study manual	Detailed study manual section
Video lessons and handouts	Sections A–E
TIA Learn app (watch videos offline and more)	<a href="#">App Store</a> and <a href="#">Google Play</a>
Drill (practice) problems	Sections A–E
PDF and printable flashcards	Supplementary and Review Material section
TIA Flashcards app	<a href="#">App Store</a> , <a href="#">Google Play</a> , and Flashcards tab
Condensed outline	Supplementary and Review Material section
Practice exam questions	Supplementary and Review Material section
Solutions to past SOA exams	SOA Exams tab of the online seminar
Course forum	Click the forum bubble icon on any lesson or <a href="#">visit here</a>
Course blog	Blog tab of the online seminar
Revision History and Scheduled Updates	Introduction section

### How to get help

If you have a technical support question (e.g. video not playing), please contact [customerservice@theinfiniteactuary.com](mailto:customerservice@theinfiniteactuary.com). If you have a question related to the exam or online seminar materials, the best place to ask your question is in the course forum, where I and other TIA staff can respond. You can also email me at [eddie@theinfiniteactuary.com](mailto:eddie@theinfiniteactuary.com), and I will usually be able to respond within 2 business days. Finally, you can see details of any revisions/updates in the Revision History and Scheduled Updates spreadsheet in the Introduction section. This spreadsheet may be updated at any time during the sitting.

Good luck!  
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