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## Insurance Institute delays exam sessions until June

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The Insurance Institute of Canada is postponing their exam session for several programs due to COVID-19.

Exams for the CIP, GIE and Risk Management programs have been moved from April until June 1-19.

Students will be contacted to schedule new exam times.

The exams were moved to June in hopes that would provide enough time to have things return to normal, so they won't have to be rescheduled again, Peter Hohman, president and CEO at the institute, told *Thompson's*.

"We're trying to provide solutions that will allow our students to successfully complete their courses and their final exams because this isn't a single seminar, these are programs that take three to five years, so we want to provide solutions that allow students to continue the progress, even during these times," he said.

The institute is also running an accelerated spring/summer virtual semester that will begin June 22 and run until July 31 with exams being held Aug. 4-24. Registration is now open for independent study students for the August exams.

All spring/summer CIP courses will be offered in virtual or independent study format only. Students who have already registered for that session will receive a message regarding changes to the schedule.

"Many of our students are very comfortable in a virtual learning environment," Mr. Hohman said.

"We've been doing that for a number of years. We have a number of types of tuition and that's the one that's increasing the most in terms of student registration. The institute community is pretty comfortable learning in that type of a format and the instructors that deliver that type of courses have been doing it for a few years and are really skilled in it."

The institute will provide virtual study skills sessions and online tutorials for students waiting for exams in order to help them keep their knowledge current and will be in regular contact with students.

No changes will be made to the course delivery for the Commercial Insurance and Advanced CIP programs.

Students scheduled to write the risk management exam in either April or July will be contacted about a new exam time.

All licensing exams will be suspended until further notice and all current licensing classes will move to a virtual format.