

## Score Release & Exam Expiration Information

Consistent with exam launches in the past, there will be a delay in the release of scores following the close of the initial testing window (second quarter of 2017). Scores will be released once, approximately 10 weeks after the close of the testing window. For the third and fourth quarters of 2017, scores for all candidates will be released once, approximately 10 days after the close of each testing window.

The delay in score releases for the Q2, Q3 and Q4 testing windows provides sufficient time to statistically validate candidate performance on the next Exam. In the first quarter of 2018, it is expected that the existing average 20-day rolling score release timeline will resume.

Test Window	AICPA / Board of Examiners Review Exam Performance Data / Standard Setting	Approximate Release Date of Candidate Scores
2017 Q2 April 1 - May 31, 2017	10 weeks	August 14
2017 Q3 July 1 - September 10, 2017	10 days	September 22
2017 Q4 October 1 - December 10, 2017	10 days	December 22

Candidates testing in Q2, 2017 will be significantly impacted by the 10 weeks delay in score reporting. As an example, a candidate who has passed 3 parts and has credit expiring August 1, 2017 (or anytime in Q3) tests in Q2 2017 and fails. The candidate will not receive their score until August 14, 2017, and it is unlikely they will be able to prepare to retest or schedule to test in Q3 and will need to be granted an extension to the August 1, 2017 (or actual) expiration date.

Candidates with existing conditional credit that is expiring within Q3 should be identified and consideration given to ensuring conditional credit is extended. It is recommended that all boards consider extending conditional credit of those candidates impacted by the delays in score reporting in Q2, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Candidates testing in Q3 & Q4 will receive scores on September 22, 2017 and December 22, 2017, respectively, and may have ample opportunity to test in the next testing window. However, conditional credit for these candidates should be considered and handled on a case-by-case basis.

**The National Candidate Database is designed to prohibit expiration of conditional credit until an advisory score is received if the candidate attended the examination by the date of the score expiration. This will allow NASBA time to identify any impacted candidates and update credit expiration dates. NASBA will provide reports to boards identifying all candidates who test in Q2 2017 who have credit expiring and could be impacted by the delay in score reporting.**