

GSAE Members,

We wanted to alert those of you who are interested in earning your Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation that the Events Industry Council (EIC) is making some major changes this year. If you are currently in the process of studying to take the CMP exam you have till March 31st to take the existing exam based on the EIC Manual 9th Edition. After March 31st, the current exam will be retired.

The new EIC Manual 10th edition, with the new material on the 3 new domains will be released in June 2025. In the interim you can apply to take the Beta test between April 1- May 31st which will cover the 3 new domains. The new exam for the CMP will be released officially on August 4th.

Please reach out to Sheryl Ehlers if you have any questions or see the additional information below. Please make the decision that is best for you on whether to take the current exam this month, to take the Beta exam, or to take the new exam when it becomes available (note that both the Beta exam and the new exam will include the new material).

A Fall 2025 CMP Study Group is scheduled to begin August 19th; please email me at sheryl.ehlers@atlantamarriottnw.com for more information on the Study Group.

Best of luck!

Here are helpful links for those looking for additional information:

- Link to new International Standards released February 2025: <https://news.eventscouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/CMP-International-Standards-2025.pdf>
- Link to **CMP Today** February 2025 newsletter emailed to CMPs on February 11: https://events-industry-council-eic.read.axioshq.com/p/cmp-today/39fa6643-8b57-4ca6-b48a-c3b2d0654084?utm_source=axioshq_readership&utm_medium=web&utm_location=readership_navbar_edition
- The EIC also provided a link to FAQs which are helpful: <https://news.eventscouncil.org/cmp-is-faq/>