

Updating of the content of the Special Enrollment Examination:

To ensure that the Special Enrollment Examination (SEE) accurately reflects the skills and knowledge necessary to be an enrolled agent, the IRS commissioned a job analysis to obtain descriptive information about the tasks performed as an enrolled agent and the knowledge needed to adequately perform those tasks. The job analysis involved the surveying of thousands of enrolled agents and analysis of the responses by professional testing experts. The job analysis was conducted according to professional testing standards and guidelines.

As a result of the job analysis, there have been changes made to the SEE Test Specifications. These changes will be in effect for test candidates taking the examination beginning May 1, 2021.

Below is a comparison chart of the new domain weightings for each part of the test.

<b>SEE Part 1 Domains</b>	<b>New % of exam</b>	<b>Old % of exam</b>
1. Preliminary Work and Taxpayer Data	16%	20%
2. Income and Assets	20%	25%
3. Deductions and Credits	20%	25%
4. Taxation*	18%	16%
5. Advising the Individual Taxpayer*	13%	0%
5. Specialized Returns for Individuals	13%	14%

\*The old Domain named “Taxation and Advice” was split into two separate domains called ‘Taxation’ and ‘Advising the Individual Taxpayer’.

<b>SEE Part 2 Domains</b>	<b>New % of exam</b>	<b>Old % of exam</b>
1. Business Entities and Considerations*	35%	33%
2. Business Tax Preparation*	44%	46%
3. Specialized Returns and Taxpayers	21%	21%

\*These Domains have been renamed.

<b>SEE Part 3 Domains</b>	<b>New % of exam</b>	<b>Old % of exam</b>
1. Practices and Procedures	31%	30%
2. Representation before the IRS	29%	28%
3. Specific Areas of Representation*	24%	22%
4. Filing Process*	16%	20%

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Enrolled agents from the private sector and subject matter experts from the IRS participated in updating the test content.