

Important Dates

The following deadlines have been established to support 'existing advisers' in meeting the new qualification standards, and in obtaining a Statement of Professional Standing, before the 31st December 2012 deadline.

1 June 2012: Last date for receipt of new enrolments for written examination;

31 August 2012: First examination must be taken before this date;

2 November 2012: Last date by which an examination resit must be taken.*

* We can only guarantee that a result is issued before 31 December 2012 if the examination is taken by this date.

The Existing Adviser route will no longer be open to new registrations from June 2012. Our experience recommends a minimum study and revision period of 3 months prior to the examination. As results are issued 6 weeks from the examination date, this timeframe should allow advisers to achieve a pass and to receive their result prior to the December deadline.

However, the Diploma in Investment Planning Route [currently known as *New Adviser* route] will continue to be offered. Any 'existing adviser' following this option and working towards the December 2012 deadline should also ensure they have adequate time to receive results and, if required, sit and receive results for any resits.