



INSTITUTE OF BANKERS IN MALAWI

STUDENT UPDATE- MARCH 2020

We are almost to the close of first quarter 2020 and it is our sincerely belief that those that are writing the examinations are fully prepared for it. We announced that due to the increasing plea to continue with the provision of study materials we have adjusted the fees a little so that we cope with the inflation as we have not increased our fees for three years.

We recommend that you read widely to pass the examinations. Do not restrict yourselves to the manuals as these are just guides to your coverage of the syllabus.

MAY EXAMINATIONS

The coronavirus has an impact on IOB and as such a number of people that do attend classes have been affected with the Directive by the Sate President to close schools in order to contain the virus. We therefore announce that we will tentatively have our examinations form **31st May to 5th June 2020**. We will be monitoring the situation and give constant feedback on all that matters to you.

You can call through this line for more information **0881264063** or drop an email to Mr. Simeji Moya on smoya@bankers.mw.

Payment Arrangement

Bank: First Capital Bank, Blantyre Branch

Account name: Institute of Bankers in Malawi

Account number: 0200411009

Please indicate clearly on the deposit slip that this is examination fee for May 2020 and the subjects to be written.

Examination Fee

Certificate per Subject: K30,000

Diploma per Subject: K32,000

Advanced Diploma per subject: K35,000



Please be advised that no one will be allowed to sit for examinations if he or she did not pay for examinations and membership fee. The Institute will start posting list of students who will sit for exams on what's app group and its website and they will be the only people who will write IOB May 2020 examinations

MODULES

We announced early last year that we will not be printing the modules from 2020 due to the high cost of producing a module and this was putting a strain on IOB. However, a number of students have expressed some concerns to say that printing a module as individuals is very costly.

The May 2020 exam fee remain the same but please note that you will be given the soft copy unless you pay for the New exam structure

You might wish to recall that for the past three years, we have not raised examination fees and with the concerns from the students, we believe that raising the fees a bit will help us cater for the printing of modules. It was not our intention to raise the fees but we need to have a listening ear.

With this in mind the **new** structure for the November 2020 examinations will be as follows:

NEW EXAM STRUCTURE

Certificate Level	K35,000 per subject
Diploma Level	K38,000 per subject
Advanced Diploma	K42,000 per subject

CORONAVIRUS



As IOB our first priority is your health, safety and well-being of our stakeholders and students being the key. We encourage you not to visit the office if you want to submit your deposit slip. Scanning should suffice and send it either via email or through the what's up forum. We are closing the situation closely and we will

advise on the examinations sitting in due course. Meanwhile do the following though you have held this time and again:



LIMIT THE SPREAD OF GERMS AND PREVENT INFECTION

The following steps have been recommended to help prevent the spread of germs during this situation:

- Stay home if you can and avoid gatherings of more than ten people.
- Practice social distancing by keeping a distance of about six feet from others if you must go out in public.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after being in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing; throw used tissues in the trash. If a tissue isn't available, cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve, not your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, computers, phones, keyboards, sinks, toilets, faucets and countertops.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them - use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- Wear a facemask if you are sick. You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office.
- Use reliable sources for information i.e. radios, TVs and newspapers. Do not trust the social media entirely.
- Pray unceasingly.

According to the Authorities, COVID-19 symptoms include fever, shortness of breath and a cough. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. Call your doctor for medical advice if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop symptoms.

HOTLINES

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