

Notice to ABSA Examination Candidates

Regarding precautions due to COVID 19 (Corona Virus)

As of March 6, 2020, Alberta's Chief Medical Officer has stated that the risk to Albertans from exposure to the Corona Virus is low. Despite this low risk, ABSA is implementing some precautionary actions to further reduce the risk to our clients and our staff involved in the examination process.

If you have an examination scheduled or planned for an ABSA sitting please consider the following:

- If you have symptoms* that are consistent with the Corona Virus infection, do not attend an examination sitting.
- If you have recently been exposed to "areas" or individuals with elevated corona virus risk, do not attend. Examples of areas at this time include China, Iran, Italy and cruise ships. The individuals would be people who have been to these areas in the previous fourteen days.
- If you are uncomfortable with your possibility of potential exposure to the virus at your scheduled sitting, do not attend.
- Stay aware of the current situation in Alberta by referring to frequently updated information on the provincial government web site at the following link.
<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>
- The situation may change quickly in the near future and ABSA may implement additional precautions with very short notice.

If you decide not to attend a scheduled examination due to Corona Virus concerns there is no penalty and no loss of examination fees. Just send an email to exams@absa.ca prior to the examination confirming your absence and we will record your fee credit.

When the corona virus situation stabilizes or improves ABSA will relax these precautions accordingly and provide notification of the changes.

**The World Health Organization has this to say about symptoms: Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death. Standard recommendations to prevent infection spread include regular hand washing, covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, thoroughly cooking meat and eggs. Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing.*