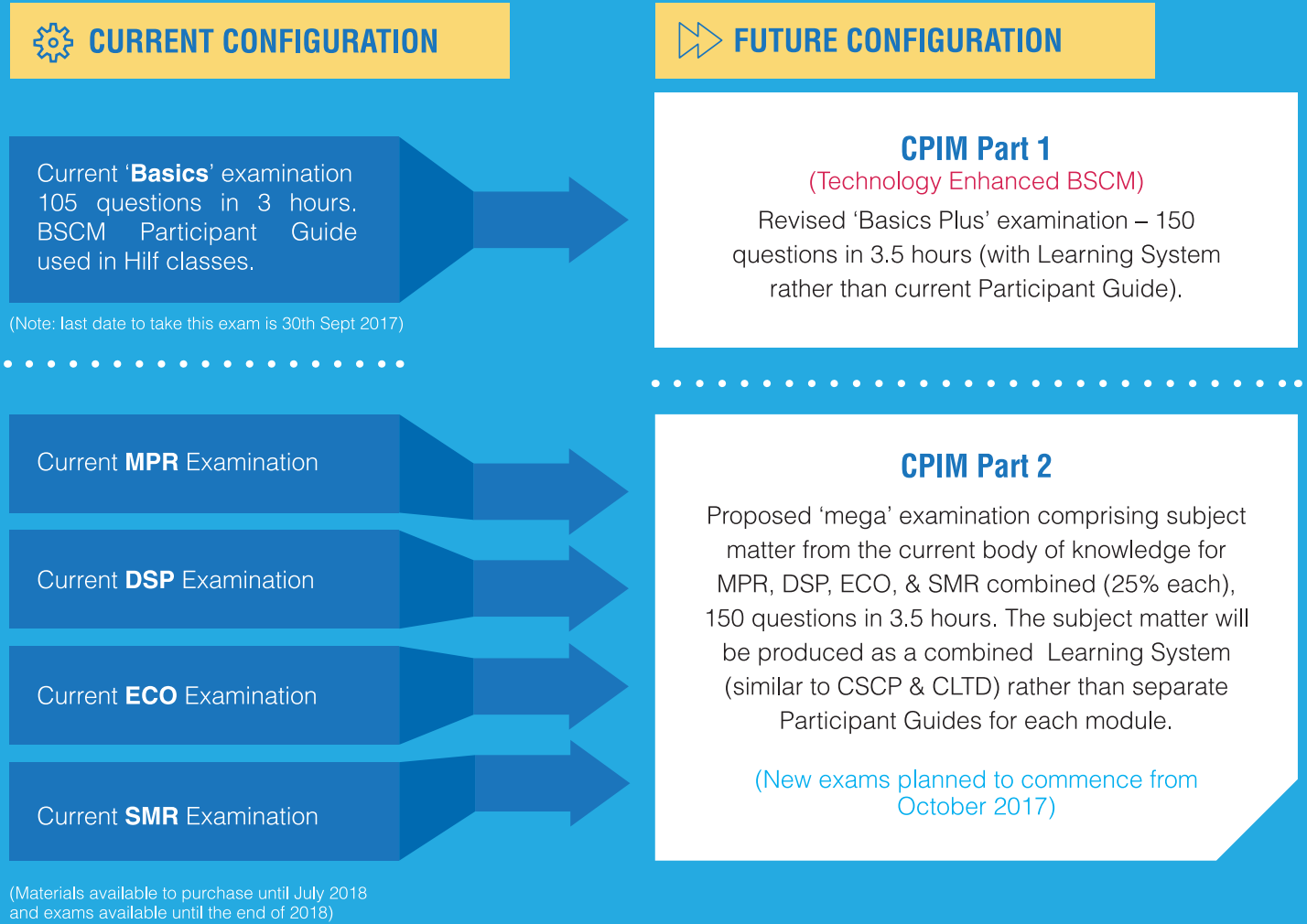# THE UPCOMING RE-CONFIGURATION OF THE CPIM CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME.

As many of you are aware, it has been announced that the current '5 exam' version of the CPIM is due to be replaced with a '2 exam' version – with the 2 exam version anticipated to start cutting in during the final quarter of 2017. The new exams will be 'on demand' throughout the year, rather than the current system of windows. To clarify any rumours our Hilf clients may be hearing, the chart below illustrates the future model being developed by APICS.

CURRENT CONFIGURATION

Current '**Basics**' examination 105 questions in 3 hours. BSCM Participant Guide used in Hilf classes.

(Note: last date to take this exam is 30th Sept 2017)

Current **MPR** Examination

Current **DSP** Examination

Current **ECO** Examination

Current **SMR** Examination

(Materials available to purchase until July 2018 and exams available until the end of 2018)

FUTURE CONFIGURATION

CPIM Part 1
(Technology Enhanced BSCM)

Revised 'Basics Plus' examination – 150 questions in 3.5 hours (with Learning System rather than current Participant Guide).

CPIM Part 2

Proposed 'mega' examination comprising subject matter from the current body of knowledge for MPR, DSP, ECO, & SMR combined (25% each), 150 questions in 3.5 hours. The subject matter will be produced as a combined Learning System (similar to CSCP & CLTD) rather than separate Participant Guides for each module.

(New exams planned to commence from October 2017)

As the current configuration will continue until mid 2018, with this long overlap there is no need to panic, whatever stage you are at. In fact, we suggest consider 2017 to be 'business as usual' with these type of announcements being for information to be put on the back burner. Over time APICS will release further official statements, and our Hilf website will also publish updates (in the password protected customer area). Hilf pricing information will become available mid 2017.

QUESTION

If I have passed (or plan to pass during 2017) the current version of BSCM, can it be used for part 1 of the revised two exam CPIM?

ANSWER

Yes. Despite the revised BSCM planned to be extended content, APICS will accept the existing BSCM as part 1 towards the two part CPIM Configuration.

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