

# COC News Flash



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Dear Colleagues,

Things have been moving fast in the last few days and COC has some important news about Online Exams. Before we get to them, we want to let you know our Chair of COC, Christine Chevalier, was seriously ill and is now recovering. Therefore, Sabine Blumenstein is currently acting as COC deputy Chair until Christine is back. All the best for her convalescence!

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## Online Exams

COC has been discussing the details of offering Online Exams with PTSC and ITAA in the last months. The cancellation of Sète and Rösrath as exam venues has coincided with the final agreement of COC, with PTSC and with ITAA to do the first run of online CTA exams to accommodate these extreme situations. The collaboration with ITAA/ IBOC and their support in this matter has been outstanding and I would like to express our gratitude. It will be a great learning experience.

We will start with 10 exams in January, as Online Exams are more complex and those responsible will need the next two months to prepare the process. This first run is only in one language - for the protection of all parties - learning to examine in a new system.

We are very grateful that the German Local Exam Supervisor Nicole Kabisch is willing to trial this process with a first round of exams. Thank you! Candidates and examiners as well as all parties involved will receive another email shortly.



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## Help us with more Online Exams early in 2021!

COC would like to enable at least two more Online Exam dates – **international** and possibly **multi-language** – early in 2021 to ensure any candidates who had their exams cancelled in 2020 will be able to take their exams promptly.

**If you are an experienced Exam Supervisor and would be interested in collaborating to make these online exams happen, we would be very grateful to hear from you as soon as possible.**

We count on your support!

Additionally, there are several exam venues planned for onsite exams in 2021.

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## Exam Site Financial Support

With the departure of our colleague Barbara Clarkson to her new role as an EATA Vice-President, Beren Aldridge will now be the COC point of contact for EATA financial support for local exams. National Organizations who are hosting exams can submit budgets and financial claims for authorization by COC to Beren at [beren@porchlightpractice.co.uk](mailto:beren@porchlightpractice.co.uk).