

CASB's POSITION

Student Time Off For Modules 1-5

Lately, CASB has heard some CATOs express concerns over the amount of time off students are requesting to prepare for evaluations.

CASB does not endorse students taking off multiple days to prepare for a core module evaluation. The program was designed to benefit both students and the firms for which they work. As such, we created a program that, under normal circumstances and with students working a normal workload, minimize the amount of working days a student needs to be away from their employment. While we recognize that each employer has its own system for determining how many days off a student receives, CASB only requires the typical student to be away from their employment for Face-to-Face Interactive Sessions and on evaluation day.

CASB module material emulates situations students face in the workplace, and the exams are designed to be an extension of the student's workplace experience. If students have prepared assignments as expected and retained a reasonable amount of the competencies from the module, they can achieve success on the exam.

Just as preparing the tasks require students' time in the evenings and on weekends, so does evaluation review. We expect that students will plan on spending a few evenings and/or weekends reviewing the tasks and readings from the module and writing practice cases.

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