

## **MAS-I and MAS-II Fall 2023 Practice Exams and Experiential Practice Exams FAQs**

### **What is the difference between the Practice Exams and the Experiential Practice Exams?**

The current MAS Practice Exams are a slightly modified version of the practice exams that launched in October of 2023, which were developed through a partnership program between the CAS and vendors who already serve our candidate community with exam preparatory services; The Infinite Actuary, ACTEX, and Coaching Actuaries. Several of the questions were reviewed and adjusted for clarity based on candidate feedback in early 2024.

Candidates will have 45 questions where they can familiarize themselves with the new item types such as multiple-selection, point and click, fill in the blank, and matching. The practice exam questions were mapped to the MAS Content Outlines and reviewed by a separate task force to ensure quality and representation of exam material.

The Experiential Practice exam was delivered prior to the launch of the current practice exams in October of 2023.

### **How do I access a MAS-I or MAS-II practice exam or experiential practice exam?**

Once you have purchased a practice exam, you may login to your Pearson VUE account within the next 30 days to take the exam at your convenience. The practice exams are un-proctored, so you may test on any day or time without needing to schedule in advance.

Please note that while the practice exam is not proctored, the testing experience will be exactly the same as the experience at a Pearson VUE test center.

### **Are there restrictions on who may take the practice exams?**

No, anyone may take the practice exams.

### **How many questions are on the practice exams?**

Each practice exam is 45 questions in length.

## **How long will I have to take the practice exams?**

You will have 4 hours (240 minutes) to take the practice exams and review your post-exam feedback. The 240 minutes will begin when the first question appears on the screen.

## **Is there a fee to take the Practice Exams or Experiential Practice Exams?**

Yes, the fee for each Practice Exam is \$99. The fee for each Experiential Practice Exam is \$45 USD. You may buy the practice exams multiple times, but one purchase is equal to taking that exam one time.

## **May I take the practice exams or experiential practice exams more than once?**

You may buy the practice exam multiple times, but one purchase is equal to taking that exam one time. Please note, if you repurchase a Practice Exam or Experiential Practice Exam you have already taken, it will be the same exam.

## **If I pass the Practice Exam, will I pass the real exam?**

Your score on the practice exams is not a predictor of whether you will pass or fail the real exams. The practice exams provide the look and feel of the actual MAS-I and MAS-II exams.

## **I exited the test and when I got back, it ended. Can I receive a new exam?**

The clock for each practice exam starts when you begin the exam and continues uninterrupted for 4 hours. After the clock runs out, the exam is no longer accessible. This product is designed to provide a look and feel of the real exam, and as such, cannot be paused or halted.

## **How long will I be able to access my exams?**

Each exam form is available for one-time use within 30 days from the date of purchase. When you start your exam, the clock begins, and the exam will run continually for 4 hours. After the clock runs out, the exam form is no longer accessible to make changes. At the end of the four exam hours, candidates will have up to 24 hours to review the correct answers of their exam. Each exam form can only be started once.

## **Can I get more than 24-hour access to the Partnership Practice Exam?**

Pearson VUE's software is set up to have review access for 24 hours only. We acknowledge that candidates will find the information helpful during the review period and can print and/or take notes during the 24-hour review period.

## **If I feel like the practice exams did not help me prepare for the MAS exams, can I get a refund?**

The MAS practice exams are non-refundable. The practice exams provide the look and feel of the actual MAS exams but should not be used as the only means to study for your examination or to determine your preparedness or readiness to test.

## **How is the practice exam scored?**

Immediately upon completing the exam, you will receive a score report that provides the number of questions you answered correctly in each section of the exam. The report will also provide guidance on item topics where additional study is recommended.

## **What system requirements are needed for the practice exam?**

Please review the system requirements at the following site:  
<https://home.pearsonvue.com/op/OnVUE-technical-requirements>. Since the MAS practice exams will be using the Pearson VUE OnVUE platform, even though they will be un-proctored, you will still need to have the minimum technical/system requirements to launch and run the practice exam.

## **What should I do if I experience technical issues?**

If you experience technical issues during the administration of your practice exam, please contact Pearson VUE at [pearsonvue.com/contact](https://www.pearsonvue.com/contact).

## **What happens if technical issues beyond my control cannot be resolved in time for me to complete my practice exam?**

Please contact the CAS at [acs@casact.org](mailto:acs@casact.org) or **703-276-3100** and we will coordinate with Pearson VUE to provide a code for a free practice test retake.