

# BPP Actuarial Education

## Employer Update – April 2024

### Online ASET

ActEd Solutions with Exam Technique (ASET) contains recent IFoA exam papers along with ActEd's comprehensive solutions, which include techniques and other tips for tackling exam questions. In recent months we have been trialling a new product, provisionally called 'Online ASET', in Subjects CM1, CM2, CS1 and SA2. Students who purchased our normal ASET for the April 2024 exams have been given complementary access to Online ASET through *The Hub*, our online learning environment.

The additional benefits provided by this online version of ASET include:

- the opportunity to easily practise exam questions by topic, enabling students to focus their revision on those topics they find difficult, or which are frequently tested in the exam
- the ability to view the solutions published in the IFoA's Examiners' Reports as well as ActEd's solutions and exam technique tips
- access to questions and solutions for the 2019 exams, as well as the 2020–2023 exams.

Anecdotal feedback from students has been very positive. However, we are keen to obtain a comprehensive range of views and so, earlier in April, we asked the relevant students to complete a short survey. Please encourage your students to complete the survey, as the results will be used to inform some important decisions about how we develop the product further.

### eBook materials

Our eBook materials continue to be very popular with students. Since September, collectively, our students have amassed over 14 million page views.

We are currently working on improving the information provided on using our eBook materials, particularly the use of the dedicated VitalSource App, which provides offline access to the eBooks and a lot more functionality than the online browser.

### Level 7 Actuary Apprenticeship – your opportunity to shape the programme

The Actuary apprenticeship programme has been running since 2018 and is still growing in numbers of employers and learners.

The apprenticeship standard (<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/actuary-v1-0>) is due to be revised and there are some positive developments in apprenticeship rules that may allow the apprenticeship requirements to be even more closely aligned to those of Associateship. This would be to the benefit of apprentices and employers.

The work to review apprenticeship standards is undertaken by a 'Trailblazer' group (TBG) of employers. The Actuarial TBG is being led by Chris Dunford at Aon, working with BPP ActEd as training provider and IfATE.

If you are interested in shaping the future of the Standard please contact [chris.dunford@aon.com](mailto:chris.dunford@aon.com) or [simonjames@bpp.com](mailto:simonjames@bpp.com). We do not envisage a great deal of work will be involved, but would like as much input as possible from a wide range of actuarial employers to ensure the standard is fit for purpose and supported by the industry.

The review is expected to take place over the next few months, with a view to publishing a new version in early 2025.

If you have any other queries about the programme, please contact Simon James (Director of Actuarial Apprenticeships, [simonjames@bpp.com](mailto:simonjames@bpp.com)).



## Company reports

For the September 2024 exam session, we are planning to publish company reports on:

- Wednesday 3 July 2024
- Wednesday 7 August 2024
- Wednesday 4 September 2024
- Wednesday 2 October 2024.

The reports provide a summary of the assignment grades and tutorial attendance for your students to help you monitor their progress. The information is provided through an online portal. If you have any questions about company reports, please email us at [ActEd@bpp.com](mailto:ActEd@bpp.com).

## 2025 prices

We are finalising our prices for the session leading to the 2025 exams (for purchases from September 2024), which you may wish to be aware of for budgetary purposes. The prices of most products and services will probably increase by around 5%.

## Have we got your correct details?

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