

UPDATES TO THE LEAN BRONZE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Beginning April 1, 2020, the Lean Bronze Certification program will feature a new exam and new book package to prepare for the exam. These changes were made as part of the Lean Certification Program's commitment to continuous improvement and provide certification candidates the most current and comprehensive information about lean theory and principles.

Please see below for a summary of the changes and Frequently Asked Questions.

	Current	After April 1, 2020	December 1, 2020
Book Package	<p><i>Gemba Kaizen: A Commonsense Approach to a Continuous Improvement Strategy, Second Edition</i></p> <p><i>Lean Production Simplified: Plain-Language Guide to the World's Most Powerful Production System</i></p> <p><i>Lean Thinking: Banish Waste and Create Wealth in Your Corporation</i></p> <p><i>Learning to See: Value Stream Mapping to Create Value and Eliminate MUDA</i></p>	<p><i>Gemba Kaizen: A Commonsense Approach to a Continuous Improvement Strategy, Second Edition</i></p> <p><i>Lean Production Simplified: Plain-Language Guide to the World's Most Powerful Production System</i></p> <p><i>The Toyota Way</i></p>	<p><i>Gemba Kaizen: A Commonsense Approach to a Continuous Improvement Strategy, Second Edition</i></p> <p><i>Lean Production Simplified: Plain-Language Guide to the World's Most Powerful Production System</i></p> <p><i>The Toyota Way</i></p>
Exam	Current exam	New exam. Previous exam available upon request.	New exam only

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: I registered for the exam before April 1 but I am not scheduled to take it until after April 1. Which version of the exam will I be taking?

A: The new exam will be the primary exam beginning April 1, but you may request to take the current exam until December 1 by contacting Lynne Hall at certification@sme.org or 313.425.3092. Beginning December 1, only the new exam will be offered.

Q: I have been preparing for the exam using the current book package but I won't take the exam until after April 1. Do I need to buy the new book package to prepare for the new exam?

A: You may take the current exam until December 1. To request that you are given the current exam, please contact Lynne Hall at certification@sme.org or 313.425.3092.

Q: I will take the exam after April 1. Can I buy the new book package before April 1?

A: Yes, you can purchase the new book package before April 1 by contacting Maria Mukavitz at mmukavitz@sme.org or 313.425.3028.

Q: After April 1, will the two books that are part of the current book package but not part of the new book package still be available for purchase?

A: After April 1, you can still purchase *Learning to See: Value Stream Mapping to Create Value and Eliminate MUDA* from the SME website, sme.org. You can purchase *Lean Thinking: Banish Waste and Create Wealth in Your Corporation* after April 1 on sme.org while supplies last. It is also available on Amazon.

For additional questions, please contact your Tooling U-SME representative or contact the SME Certification team at certification@sme.org.