Dear API Client

Starting in March 2014 API will change the examination delivery method from paper-and-pencil to computer-based-testing (CBT). We are certain that this change will provide for a better and more consistent testing experience for our clients.

Major changes to your testing experience will include:

1. Tests will be offered over a 10-day testing window. This means each applicant will have a choice of when or where they want to test within a given window. The schedule for 2014 exams has been published. Tests will be available at any Prometric computer testing center around the world. Currently Prometric features about 650 computer testing centers. Please note that all computer testing centers have a limited capacity, anywhere between 5 and 40 seats.
2. Once API reviews and approves your application submitted in the online portal, you will receive an exam authorization letter, containing your exam eligibility ID. (Please note: we will not be accepting any paper applications in 2014, please click here for more details).
3. As soon as you receive your eligibility ID, you will have to log in to the Prometric website and schedule yourself to take the exam at the time and location of your choice. API staff will no longer schedule your exam for you. You can preview the available testing locations by going to www.prometric.com/apiexams and click on "locate a test center".
4. **Very important:** scheduling at Prometric locations is on a first come-first serve basis; and you will be competing for your test spot with other API applicants as well as with other organizations' applicants. To ensure that you obtain an exam seat of your preference, please schedule your exam **immediately** upon receiving your eligibility ID. Additional information and new policies regarding rescheduling the test at the Prometric computer center will be published soon.
5. Every API program will now be featuring examinations 3 times a year, at equal intervals. Please note that API 510 and 570 will no longer be administered on the same day.
6. You will not need to bring anything to any examination, other than your government issued picture ID and admission letter. When codebooks are necessary for an exam, those will be displayed on your monitors. You will also have access to a calculator and scrap paper for calculations.
7. Before the start of any exam a brief tutorial will be presented on how to take a computer based test.
8. All Prometric testing centers feature superb security procedures. Preview an exam at a Prometric computer center by viewing their youtube video.

What will remain the same?

1. Qualification requirements
2. Exam structure
3. Ability to challenge questions
4. Deadlines for the applications
5. Time period between the exam and the results' notification
6. Our dedication to serve you in the best way we can.