



## 2026 RAC Exam Content Revision

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Why are the exams changing?

The exams are being updated to maintain the integrity and relevance of RAC certifications. The regulatory landscape is constantly evolving, so the exam content must keep pace to ensure certified professionals have a foundational understanding of the current knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for success in the field.

#### What is changing?

The two Regulatory Affairs Certification (RAC) exams are being updated to ensure their content remains current and relevant. This is part of a planned, comprehensive review that occurs every 5-7 years.

#### When do the changes take effect?

The new versions of the exams will launch in the Spring 2026 window.

#### Will the exam format change?

The way you take the test will not change; it will remain a multiple-choice exam. However, we are making some adjustments:

- the number of questions will change from 100 to 120
- the time limit will be extended from 2 to 2 ½ hours

#### Is the new exam going to be easier?

No, the new exam will not be easier. The goal of this exam update is to ensure the certification content remains up to date and accurately reflects the knowledge and skills needed to practice.

#### How much of the content will change?

Only items impacted by regulatory updates within the past year will change. We estimate that approximately 5% of the exam items will be updated to reflect recent regulatory updates.

What insights can you provide about the exam content changes?

The changes look bigger than they actually are, largely because the domain names (exam categories) are changing. There is a lot of renaming and reorganization of content versus content changes. It is also important to note that the exam weights will be changing.

What should we focus on with respect to the updated content?

Pay close attention to any new regulations that have been released in the past year or two and be sure to refer to the 2026 exam content outlines.

Will cutting-edge topics be on the exam?

No, the exams for RAC-Drugs and RAC-Devices will not include cutting-edge topics. The exams are designed to test on knowledge and practices that are based on existing regulations and established practice.

How should I prepare for the new exams?

You should prepare by studying the updated exam content outline, which can be found at <https://www.raps.org/certifications/rac/preparation#updates>. This document details the specific domains and sub-domains that will be tested.

What if I have already started studying for the old exam?

If you have already started studying, you should cross-reference your study materials with the new exam content outline. While a significant portion of the content will remain relevant, you will need to focus on any new or updated topics. You may also consider taking the current exam during the Autumn 2025 exam window.

What key RAPS resources and support will be available?

- Mid to Late -September 2025: Updated study checklists and a live RAC webinar.
- November 2025: RAC study reference list and the 2026 RAC Candidate Guides.
- March 2026: Updated practice exams and study toolkits.

What are the key exam dates?

- 10 October 2025: Last Day to Register for Current Exams
- Autumn 2026: Last Exam Window for the Updated Exams
- November 2025: Registration Opens for the Updated Exams
- Spring 2026: First Exam Window for the Updated Exams

What are the dates for the 2026 exam windows?

Exam Window	Application Deadline	Exam Window Open Date	Exam Window Close Date	Transfer Deadline (without fee)
Spring 2026	Thu, 19 Feb	Mon, 23 Mar	Fri, 24 Apr	Thu, 19 Feb
Summer 2026	Thu, 18 Jun	Mon, 13 Jul	Fri, 14 Aug	Thu, 18 Jun
Autumn 2026	Thu, 1 Oct	Mon, 2 Nov	Fri, 4 Dec	Thu, 1 Oct

How is the new content developed?

The new exam content is developed primarily from input provided by subject matter experts (SMEs), many of whom are certified professionals. This ensures the exam questions reflect the practical knowledge and skills required by professionals in the field.

Will my current certification still be valid after the update?

Yes, your current RAC certification remains valid and active for its entire three-year certification period. The update only affects new candidates taking the exam. Recertification requirements for current certificate holders will be updated to align with the new professional practice standards, but the certification itself does not expire.

Where can I find more information?

The best place to find the most current information is <https://www.raps.org/certifications/rac/preparation#updates>. All updates will be posted there.