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## Global Learning Providers Conference 2017

### Strategic Business Leader Q & A

This document summarises the Question and Answer discussion which took place in the examiner's workshop at the Global Learning Providers' Conference on 26-27 April 2017.

- Can you suggest the number of hours of study that will be required for Strategic Business Leader?

Approximately one and half times what it currently takes to study either P1 or P3.

- Is there any value in using past P1 / P3 exam questions?

Past P1 and P3 questions may be used for technical knowledge purposes only and particularly questions covering SBL named models and methods. However, we should emphasise that the professional Skills are key to this and therefore candidates should be encouraged to practice using the bespoke materials produced by the Approved Content Providers. Their question banks are likely to include past questions, but adapted for the new learning outcomes and to integrate the professional skills.

- Is there a possibility of individual feedback for students?

We are aware of the demand for this, and we will continue to look at ways this might be possible to achieve.

- Can the appendix be at the beginning rather than at the end of an answer?

The position of the appendix is not important but clear labeling is, as this is part of professionalism.

- Is there a site for SBL tutor support?

The microsite [future.accaglobal.com](http://future.accaglobal.com) includes an education provider section with information about all of the changes to the Strategic Professional exams. The support resources already published can be found at: <http://future.accaglobal.com/changes-to-the-qualification/the-qualification-journey/strategic-professional/strategic-business-leader>

- Is the key difference between P1 / P3 and SBL the fact that SBL does not ask for a particular model?

Models will not ordinarily be named in task requirements, but that is not the only difference. SBL is more practical in being task focused rather than looking for demonstration of the knowledge of the syllabus. This is evidenced in the learning outcomes in the syllabus for SBL, available on the microsite.

- Should SBL be taken after or before other option exams?

It depends and ACCA is flexible on this, recognising that different routes will be appropriate to the circumstances of different students. ACCA strongly recommends that the new Ethics and Professional Skills Module should be completed before taking SBL.

- How does Strategic Business Leader develop leadership skills?

The role of the candidate in this exam is always expected to be at leadership level, regardless of the actual role and the context of the requirement. This should be evident from the structure and main content of the syllabus but is also demonstrated in the two Specimen exams we have already published.