

April 7, 2020

Good afternoon, Advisers!

MOS CERTIFICATION EXAMS

Students are encouraged to compete in MOS Excel 2016 & 2019 and/or Word 2016 & 2019. Advisers, please register your students for these exams in Blue Panda. Students may take the exam(s) up to our Submission Deadline of 5 p.m. on April 24. There is a new process with Certiport that students must follow if they are going to take their tests by the April 24 deadline. Please visit www.certiport.com/examsfromhome for information about the new process. You may also contact Kathy Schmidt with questions at 360.957.3220 or Katherine.schmit@usmie.com.

- Students may be registered for either Word 2016 or 2019 and/or Excel 2016 or 2019
- The MOS events do NOT count toward the total 4-event limit for competitors
- MOS testing for these events must take place during the testing period that closes at 5 p.m. on April 24
- MOS testing must be completed according to the new process from Certiport
- Competitors can attempt the exam as many times as they are allowed by the retake policy
- The highest score in the fastest time will be the winning score

COMPETITIVE EVENT INFORMATION

Our Virtual SBLC Registration Packet linked [here](#) and on our SBLC Events page of our Web site lists how all events will be handled during our Virtual SBLC. Check it out for the competitive event information as well as all general conference information. In addition, the following may help with competitive event questions. Please let us know if you have any questions about the conference.

- Role Play events are not being re-opened for the virtual SBLC – the objective test scores will be used to determine winners.
- All events that required submitted materials by the original registration deadline of March 6 are not open for additional registrations for our virtual SBLC – submitted materials will be used to determine winners.
- All competitors may compete in up to 6 events with a max of 3 presentation events. Role play events no longer count as a presentation event since there will be no presentation component; however, they will count toward the total 6 events.
- Spell It! for middle level and Real World Branding – WA Bankers Association will not be offered this year.
- Real World Branding – Apple Industry will be offered at our Virtual SBLC. Upload designs by 5 p.m. on April 24.



STATE OFFICER Q&A SESSIONS ON FACEBOOK LIVE

The state officers are hosting two events for both advisers and students to attend on Facebook Live. Please share this information with your students so they can join our state officers and get all of their questions answered.

- Monday, April 13, @ 4 p.m. – this session will be a general Q&A about the virtual SBLC conference
- Thursday, April 16, @ 4 p.m. – this session will be a virtual conference site overview