How the CRPO exam is scored

Only what CRPO publishes: the weights, how points add up, how you pass, what the score sheet shows, what CRPO does not publish, and CRPO's own tips for selecting.

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1 The format, in brief

- **Ten simulations** in a strict 3 hours; the total raw score is based on the nine scored ones (Resource Manual p. 18).
- One simulation is **unscored**, pretested for future exams; CRPO does not say which.
- About **five to eight sections** each: Information Gathering always SELECT AS MANY; Decision Making SELECT AS MANY or CHOOSE ONLY ONE (p. 9).

2 The weights (Table 1, p. 16)

Weight	CRPO's description
+3	Of central importance for good client care; omission would result in serious damage to the client.
+2	Strongly facilitative of good client care.
+1	Mildly facilitative of good client care.
0	Does not contribute to client care but does not cause the client any harm.
-1	Mildly detrimental to client care.
-2	Seriously detrimental to client care.
-3	Gravely damaging to client care and very costly to the client's welfare.

3 How points add up (pp. 32 to 34)

- Every option you select counts, and negatives offset positives: three options at -2 **cancels** three at +2, for 0 points.
- Selecting almost nothing leaves **too few points**: if a section needs 6 and you choose one +3, you are 3 short.
- There is **no set number** of positive or negative options in a section, so choosing by how many options there are does not help.

4 How you pass (pp. 18, 34)

- Each section has a **minimum pass level**, for Information Gathering and for Decision Making.
- Your total raw scores in **both**, over the nine scored simulations, decide pass or fail.
- Below the pass score in one section, you can still pass by being far enough above it in **another section**.

5 What CRPO does not publish

- The pass mark as a number or a percentage: CRPO says it is "not a specific percentage across all test items". Any exact figure is not CRPO's.
- Which simulation is unscored, how many points any competency carries, or the unit the blueprint's shares are counted in: **not published**.
- A predicted score: CRPO offers none, and neither does any practice exam.

6 Your score sheet

- Your Information Gathering and Decision Making results, the pass rate required for each, and the **highest scores** in your administration; no item-by-item results (p. 35).
- By email, typically **six to eight weeks** after the exam: a one-page PDF from COMPASS and a results notice from CRPO (exam page).

7 CRPO's own tips for selecting (pp. 19, 20)

- **Select the positive options** and avoid the negative ones (tip 7).
- **Start with what you absolutely know** is essential to good client care, set aside what you absolutely know contravenes the profile, then weigh the rest against the context given (tip 9).
- Second-guessing is a warning sign: the **initial response** is most often the best (tip 10).

Every click counts, both ways; the pass mark is not published; read the context, select deliberately.

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