

THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL VALUERS

Scottish Agricultural Arbiters' & Valuers' Association

PRACTICAL TUTORIAL
Wednesday 24th September 2025

At

Mains of Thornton
Laurencekirk
Kincardineshire
AB30 1EB

By kind permission of
Thornton Estates & Willie Officer

Important Notes:

1. Candidates are expected to be on time and to be properly prepared as if for the exam.
2. All candidates should have read the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers publication '*Examinations for Fellowship of the CAAV – Guidelines for the Practical and Written Examinations and the Oral Interview*' and be aware of the syllabus
3. No smoking is allowed during the tutorial
4. No mobile phones may be taken to the Tutorial. There will be a fine of £20 made payable to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund for any person who's mobile telephone interrupts the proceedings of the Tutorial
5. As in any valuation situation candidates are responsible for their own Health and Safety whilst on the farm and should make themselves aware of the hazards and take appropriate precautions
6. To be eligible to sit the CAAV exam for admission to Fellowship, candidates are required to attend at least four 6-hour tutorials within the three years prior to 31st August in the year of taking the exam.
7. In preparation for the next exam in Scotland to be run in November 2025 a tutorial will be run at Mains of Thornton, **commencing at 10.00 am and ending at 4pm**. The cost will be £35 per head.

The tutorial will cover: -

- Use of the CAAV field notebook.
- Approach to valuation/recording/costings for: -

- Livestock
- Commodities
- Growing crops
- Machinery
- Dilapidations
- Tenant right

It is intended that this will serve as an introduction to the practical exam format for those interested in admission to Fellowship of CAAV but will be structured so as to provide suitable training for those already embarking on the exam. It will also provide useful training in respect of RICS APC in agriculture, land management etc.

Those attending should bring appropriate footwear/clothing for a farm visit in adverse weather conditions. They will be expected to have familiarised themselves with the syllabus as set out in <http://www.caav.org.uk/Docs/Exam-Guidelines-2010.pdf>. Disinfection of footwear will be required. Clipboards, pencils etc should be taken. CAAV field notebook will be available to collect on the day. If you need to purchase one, please can you confirm this with your booking and add an additional £5 to your booking fee. Candidates should bring a packed lunch.

Further details will be sent out to those participating.

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I would like to attend the Tutorial to be held at Thornton on Wednesday 24th September 2025

I have/do not have any disabilities.

(Please give details of any disabilities or health issues that we need to be aware of)

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I would like to purchase a new CAAV notebook at an additional cost of £5.00 Yes/ No

I have paid £35.00/ £40.00 as follows (delete as applicable):-

- **Sort code 83-23-18 / Account 00110096 / Account Name SAAVA). Quote your name on the payment reference.**

Name

Address

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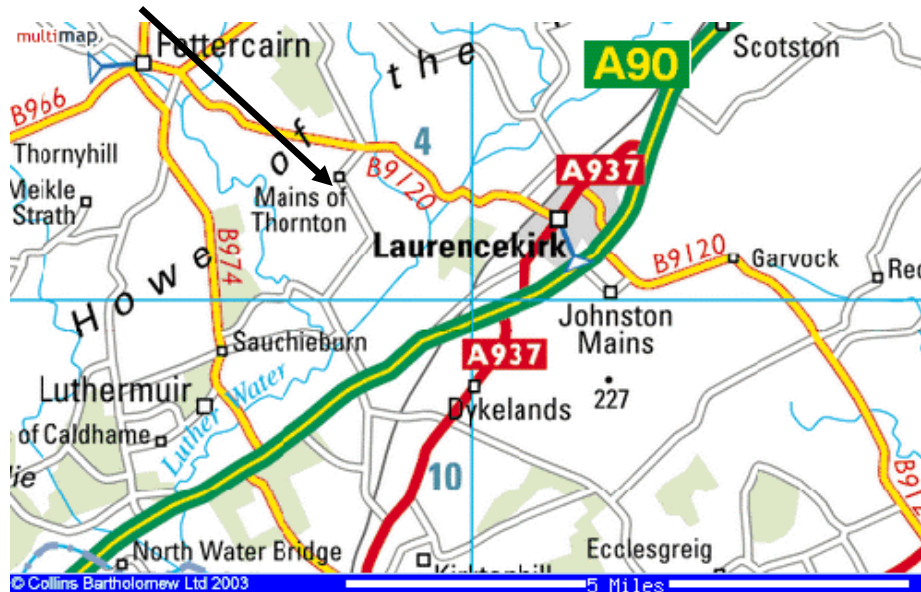
Contact Telephone Number

Email address

Signed Date2025

**Please return to: Mags Clark c/o FBR Seed, Rose Lane, Kelso, TD5 7AP
before the Monday 22nd September. E-mail secretary@saava.org.uk**

Location



From the South – About 4.5 miles north of Stracathro Services turn left (signposted Thornton). After 1 mile fork right by wood. Follow road to bottom of hill. Mains of Thornton is on the LHS.

From the North – Take the N entrance of the A937 into Laurencekirk. Go along the High Street and take the B9120 to Fettercairn. After about 1.5 miles (shortly after a narrow bridge) turn left at the crossroads. Follow the road through two right angled bends. Mains of Thornton is on the RHS.

From the Cairn-na-Mounth B974 – About 1.5 miles beyond the Clatterin Brig turn sharp left. At the T junction turn right along the B966 and first left (signposted Thornton) At the B9120 crossroads go straight across. Follow the road through two right angled bends. Mains of Thornton is on the RHS.

Introduction

The tutorial will be based on the practical exam format.

Candidates will be split into groups according to ability and rotate round various stands. Tutors will be assigned to each stand.

As in the examination, no information will be provided other than that given in the questions. Candidates may use the CAAV costings.

The more experienced groups will be expected to treat the tutorial as a mock exam. After an initial attempt at answering the question, guidance will be provided by tutors and candidates are encouraged to ask relevant questions. Tutor input will be tailored to the ability of the group.

Candidates will be expected to answer all questions during the morning session in the Notebooks provided having received guidance on approaches to Notebook layout. If candidates wish, the notebooks will be collected by the tutors and at the end constructive comments given to individuals on the content.

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10.00am prompt	Meet at Mains of Thornton	Tea and coffee will be available
10.15am	Introduction by Tutorial Organisers incl Health and Safety briefing	
10.15 – 10.30am	Presentation on the Examination – what to expect, the syllabus, exam technique, timing and format, what to wear and how to behave! Advice on exam preparation.	
10.30 – 10.50am	Use of Field notebook	
10.50am	Question papers and valuation books will be handed out and Candidates will be divided into syndicates.	
11.00 – 1.00pm	Inspection of items included in the tutorial papers, including deadstock, produce, commodities, houses, buildings, etc. Candidates will be accompanied to the site of the various questions around the farm buildings and fields. Timings for each question will be controlled by the tutor.	
1.00 – 2.00pm	Lunch Time to finish writing up and handing in Notebooks if desired. [Tutors will be available for questioning]	
2.00 – 4.00pm	Afternoon session in syndicate groups	
4.00 – 4.30pm	Finish. Issue of tutorial certificates. [Tutors will be available for questioning]	Tea and coffee will be available