

# THE CANDIDATE BULLETIN

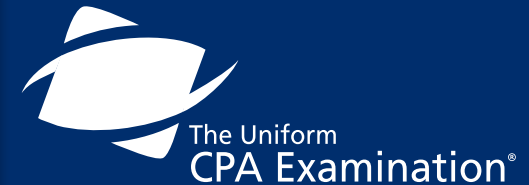
“ROADMAP TO CPA SUCCESS”

**For Candidates Planning to Test After April 1, 2017**



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# PREFACE

This bulletin is intended for individuals who plan to take the Uniform Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Examination. The examination is fully computerized and offered via a network of test centers across the United States and its territories, as well as Japan, Latin America and the Middle East.

Successful completion of the examination is one of the requirements for licensure by the 55 states and territories (jurisdictions) of the United States. In order to take the examination, you must be declared eligible by one of the jurisdictions. Each jurisdiction sets its own requirements for education, examination and experience.

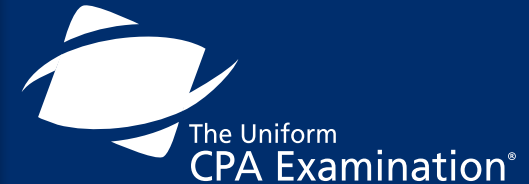
Since 1917, the Uniform CPA Examination has proven to be a highly valid and reliable measure of candidate abilities. This focus on quality has made it possible for all U.S. jurisdictions to rely on the results in determining who is competent to practice public accounting in order to protect the public.



***This brochure contains important information. Do not discard before receiving your examination results.***

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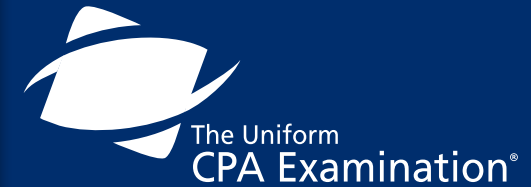


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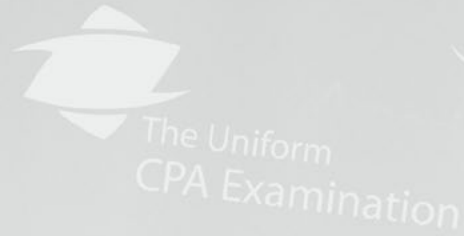
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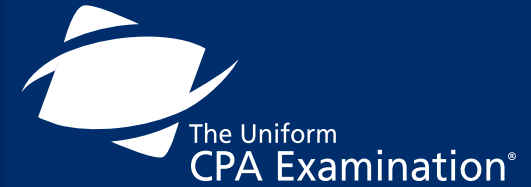
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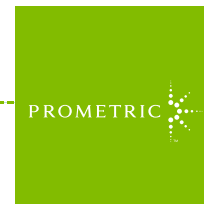
# Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

The CPA credential is a license issued by one of the 55 states or territories of the U.S. that authorizes the holder to practice as a CPA in that jurisdiction. Licensing of CPAs helps to protect the public interest because only those individuals who have met prescribed requirements are permitted to identify themselves to the public as CPAs. One component of the licensing requirement designed to ensure only qualified individuals become licensed as CPAs is the Uniform CPA Examination.

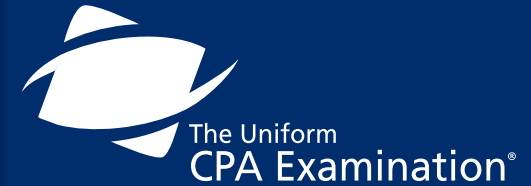


## Examination Partners

The following pages provide a brief description of the examination partners including the 55 Jurisdictions, NASBA, AICPA and Prometric.



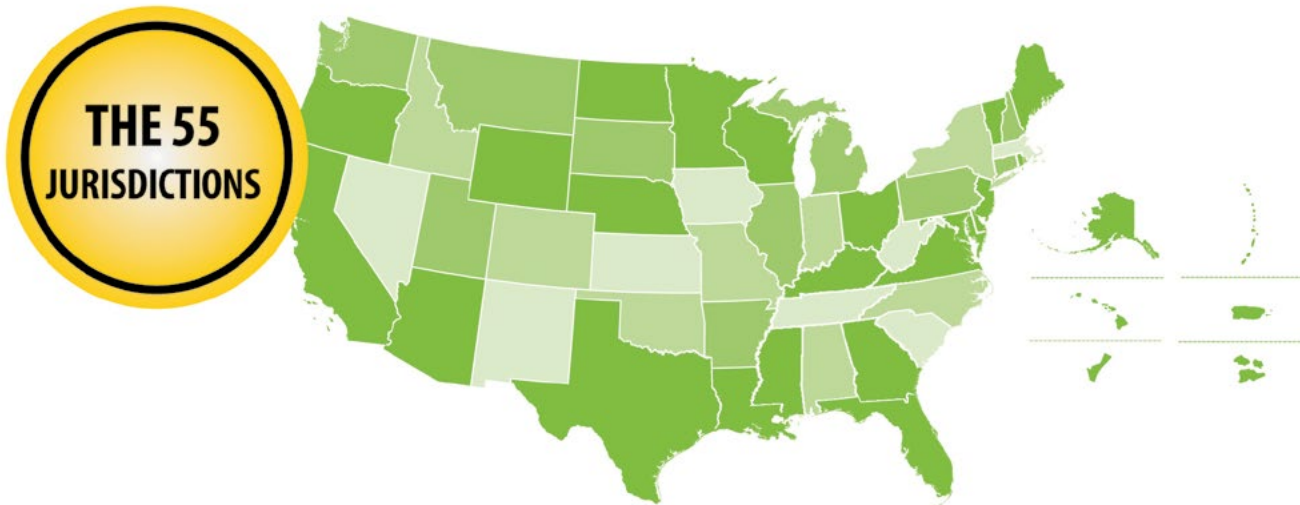
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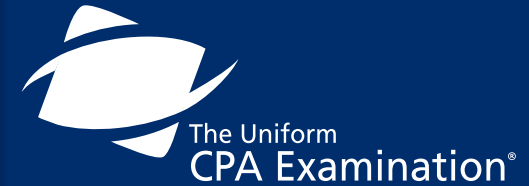
# The 55 Jurisdictions

**The 55 Jurisdictions:** The CPA license is issued at the jurisdiction level. To become a CPA, you must be declared eligible for the examination, and subsequently licensed, by the Board of Accountancy in one of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions. The Constitution of the U.S. grants each state or territory the power to regulate the practice of the professions within that jurisdiction’s borders. In most jurisdictions, these powers are carried out by a “Board of Accountancy.” These Boards of Accountancy are made up of appointed individuals and staff (many of whom are CPAs) who are charged with the responsibility of carrying out the laws promulgated by the legislatures and providing an appropriate examination for licensure. The Board of Accountancy is an administrative agency that handles the day-to-day operations relative to regulating the practice of accountancy including activities involved with entry into the profession. In some cases, the Board of Accountancy contracts out certain examination-related tasks such as the review of applications and collection of examination fees.



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|----------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Alabama              | Georgia   | Maryland      | New Mexico     | South Dakota   |
| Alaska               | Guam      | Massachusetts | New York       | Tennessee      |
| Arizona              | Hawaii    | Michigan      | North Carolina | Texas          |
| Arkansas             | Idaho     | Minnesota     | North Dakota   | Utah           |
| California           | Illinois  | Mississippi   | Ohio           | Vermont        |
| CNMI                 | Indiana   | Missouri      | Oklahoma       | Virgin Islands |
| Colorado             | Iowa      | Montana       | Oregon         | Virginia       |
| Connecticut          | Kansas    | Nebraska      | Pennsylvania   | Washington     |
| Delaware             | Kentucky  | Nevada        | Puerto Rico    | West Virginia  |
| District of Columbia | Louisiana | New Hampshire | Rhode Island   | Wisconsin      |
| Florida              | Maine     | New Jersey    | South Carolina | Wyoming        |

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## AICPA

### **The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA):**

The AICPA is the largest national, professional organization for CPAs. The AICPA provides members with the resources, information and leadership that will enable them to provide valuable services, in the highest professional manner, to benefit the public as well as employers and clients. For the Uniform CPA Examination, the AICPA determines the content of the examination, prepares the examination questions, determines the method of scoring, prepares advisory scores and conducts statistical analyses of examination results.

## NASBA

### **The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA):**

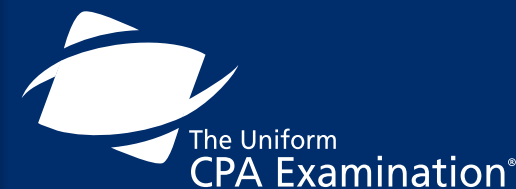
The 55 U.S. and territorial Boards of Accountancy are the members of NASBA. NASBA exists to serve its members by providing numerous services that encourage common understanding and practices to promote uniformity across the country to facilitate interstate practice. NASBA takes on the role of a central clearinghouse where all jurisdictions submit information on eligible candidates and from which all jurisdictions receive advisory scores and other examination data.

## Prometric

**Prometric:** Prometric is the global leader in technology-enabled testing and assessment services for information technology certification, academic admissions and professional licensure and certifications. Prometric operates a network of computer-based test centers around the world. Among its many clients are the professional licensure examinations for physicians, architects and pharmacists, as well as educational examinations such as the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).



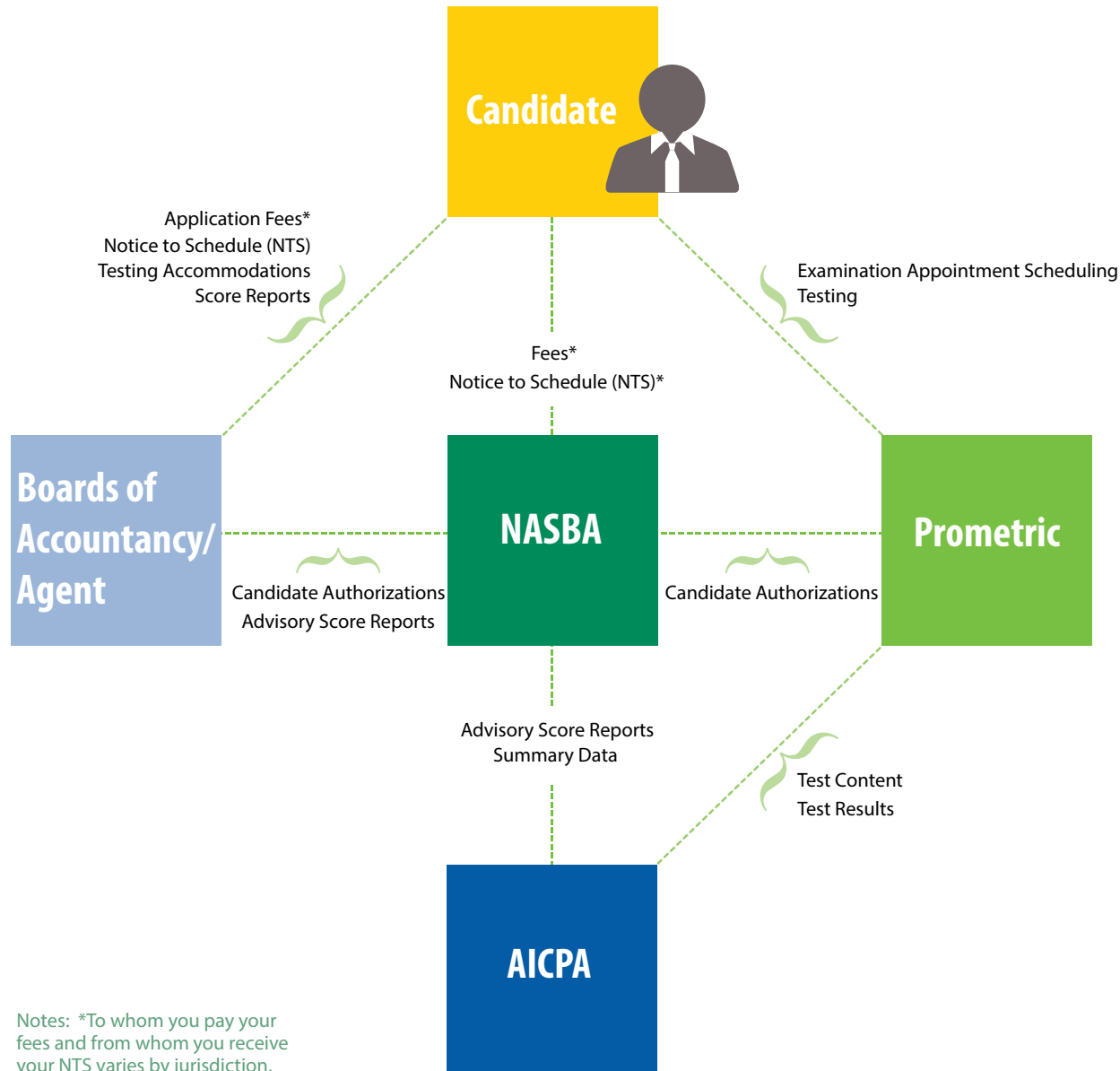
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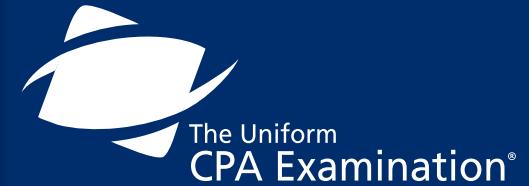
# Relationships: The Candidate and the Examination Partners

Along with you, the candidate, the relationships among the partners in the process may be illustrated as shown below.



Notes: \*To whom you pay your fees and from whom you receive your NTS varies by jurisdiction.

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# Examination Process

Taking the examination involves a series of steps. While each Board of Accountancy has the right to develop its own laws and regulations, and there are variances in this process from state to state, the basic process may be explained as:

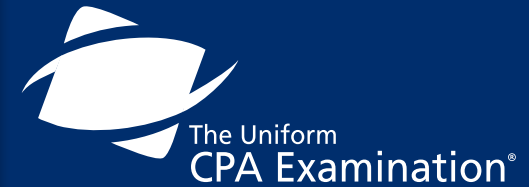
- 1 Apply to Take the Examination**
- 2 Complete Payment of Examination Fees**
- 3 Review the Tutorial and Sample Tests**
- 4 Receive Your Notice to Schedule**
- 5 Schedule Your Examination**
- 6 Take Your Examination(s)**
- 7 Receive Your Score Reports**



You may request, complete and submit an application online in most states at [cpacentral.nasba.org](http://cpacentral.nasba.org).

There are numerous details that make up each step, and these are explained in the remaining sections of this Bulletin. Aside from the basic process, be sure you know your Board of Accountancy's specific requirements for each step in the process. A list of the Boards of Accountancy and their contact information may be found on [NASBA's website](#). Individual Board of Accountancy requirements can be found either on the board's website or on [NASBA's website](#). You will also find important information on the [Uniform CPA Examination website](#). It is strongly recommended that you visit these websites and familiarize yourself thoroughly with the information provided.

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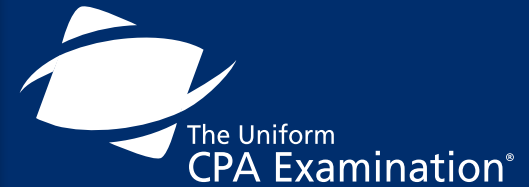
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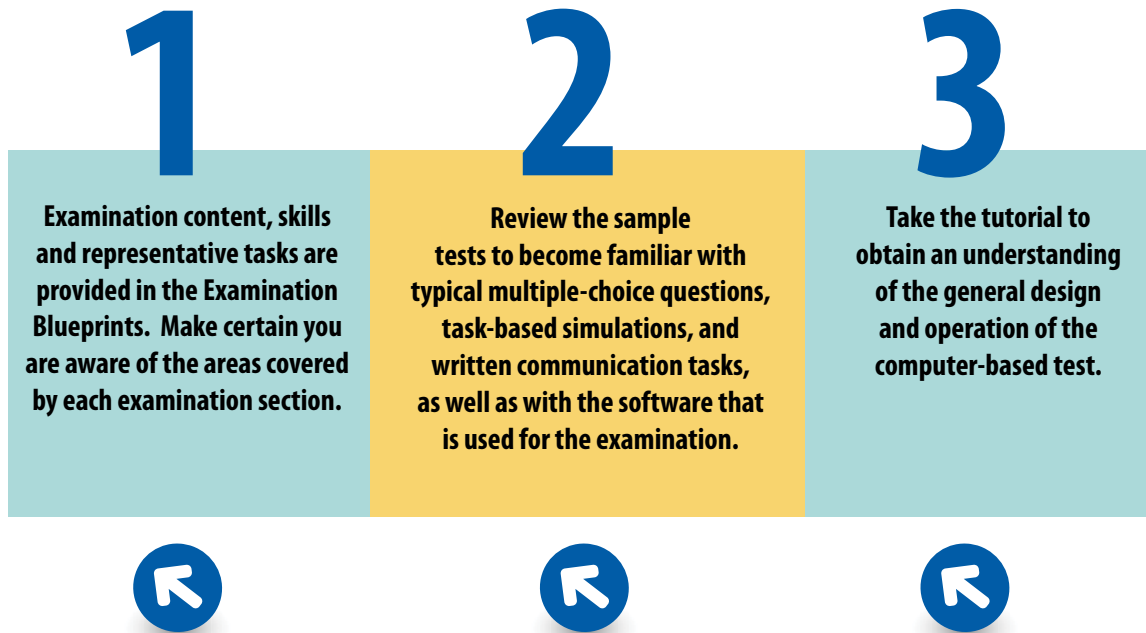


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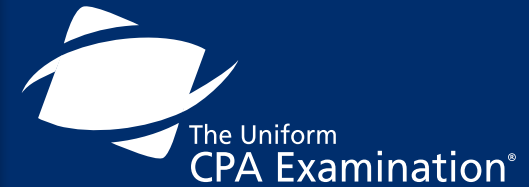
# Preparation for the Examination

The best preparation for the Uniform CPA Examination is a thorough review of the examination content:



Candidates are responsible for reviewing the Uniform CPA Examination tutorial and sample tests. Thorough familiarity with the examination’s functionality, format and instructions is required before candidates report to test centers. Failure to follow the instructions provided in the tutorial and sample tests, including the instructions on how to respond, may adversely affect candidate scores.

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# Examination Length and Formats

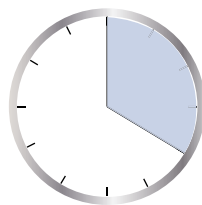
The Uniform CPA Examination is a 16-hour examination comprised of four sections, each four hours long: Auditing and Attestation (AUD), Business Environment and Concepts (BEC), Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR), and Regulation (REG). Each exam section is composed of five “testlets” or groups of test questions.

Section	Item Type	Item Weighting	Testlets
AUD	72 MCQs 9 TBSs	50% 50%	1.) 36 MCQ 2.) 36 MCQ 3.) 2 TBS 4.) 4 TBS
BEC	62 MCQs 5 TBSs 3 Written Responses	50% 35% 15%	1.) 31 MCQ 2.) 31 MCQ 3.) 2 TBS 4.) 3 TBS 5.) 3 Written Responses
FAR	66 MCQs 9 TBSs	50% 50%	1.) 33 MCQ 2.) 53 MCQ 3.) 2 TBS 4.) 4 TBS 5.) 3 TBS
REG	76 MCQs 9 TBSs	50% 50%	1.) 38 MCQ 2.) 38 MCQ 3.) 2 TBS 4.) 4 TBS 5.) 3 TBS

MCQ = Multiple Choice Question  
TBS = Task-Based Simulation

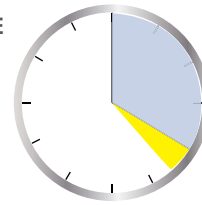
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The appointment time on your confirmation notice will reflect the examination testing time plus 30 minutes. The additional 30 minutes is allocated to the examination login and survey.



### EXAMINATION TESTING TIME

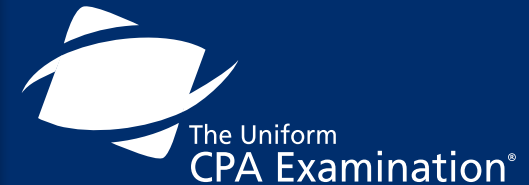
*Amount of time designated to take the Examination section*



### APPOINTMENT TIME

*Examination Testing Time plus 30 minutes allocated to the login and survey*

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### MULTIPLE-CHOICE TEST QUESTIONS

The multiple-choice portions of the examination are administered to you in a series of testlets. Testlets are groups of questions that are constructed to appear together. Each examination section will include two multiple-choice testlets.



### TASK-BASED SIMULATIONS

Task-based simulations are condensed case studies that test accounting knowledge and skills using real life, work-related situations. All task-based simulations are intended to assess knowledge and skills that are appropriate for an entry-level accountant.



### WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TASKS

Only the BEC section contains written communication tasks. For each of three written communication tasks, candidates must read a scenario and then write an appropriate document relating to the scenario. The instructions state what form the document should take (such as a memo or letter) and its focus. The candidate’s response should provide the correct information in writing that is clear, complete, and professional.

## Pretest Items

Pretest items are used to develop future examinations; they are NOT used in computing examination scores. Each testlet, whether it be comprised of multiple-choice questions, task-based simulations, or written communication tasks, may include pretest items.

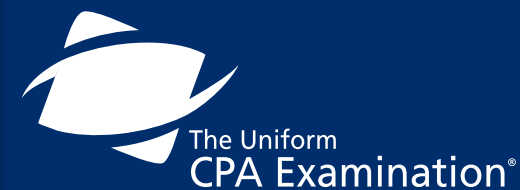
The instructions at the beginning of the examination state: “Some of the multiple-choice questions, task-based simulations, and written communication tasks you will receive, are pretest items. **These items do not count toward your final score.** You will not know which items are scored and which are pretest items.”

## Authoritative Literature

While completing the task-based simulations, you will use financial accounting, auditing, or taxation databases. The financial accounting database will include certain portions of the FASB and AICPA authoritative literature. The auditing database will include certain portions of the professional standards issued by the AICPA and the PCAOB. The taxation database will include certain portions of the Internal Revenue Code, as well as certain portions of the professional standards issued by the AICPA and the PCAOB.

As it relates to the task-based simulations, the databases will be updated periodically, and updates will be communicated to candidates through the AICPA website. In a rare situation, a recent FASB or AICPA pronouncement or a change in the Internal Revenue Code may impact the task-based simulation. In those situations, a candidate should answer the task-based simulation using the database provided.

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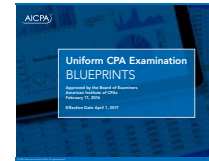

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# Examination Blueprints

Exam Blueprints have been created for each of the Exam’s four sections. The blueprints provide greater clarity in the presentation of content, skills and related representative tasks that may be tested on the Exam. The blueprints contain approximately 600 representative tasks across all four sections, which are aligned with content and related skills required by newly licensed CPAs.



The purpose of the blueprint is to:

- Document the minimum level of knowledge and skills necessary for initial licensure.
- Assist candidates in preparing for the Exam by outlining the knowledge and skills that may be tested.
- Apprise educators about the knowledge and skills candidates will need to function as newly licensed CPAs.
- Guide the development of Exam questions.

## AUDITING AND ATTESTATION (AUD)

- Audits of issuer and nonissuer entities (including governmental entities, not-for-profit entities, employee benefit plans and entities receiving federal grants)
- Attestation engagements for issuer and nonissuer entities (including examinations, reviews and agreed-upon procedures engagements)
- Preparation, compilation and review engagements for nonissuer entities and reviews of interim financial information for issuer entities.
- Review Engagement – as a presumptively mandatory procedure required under Statement for Accounting and Review Services No. 21 (AR-C section 90), or during an
- Audit Engagement – during planning, as a substantive procedure, or near the end of the engagement to assist with forming an overall conclusion on the financial statements.

## BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND CONCEPTS (BEC)

- Audit, attest, accounting and review services
- Financial reporting
- Tax preparation
- Other professional responsibilities in their role as certified public accountants

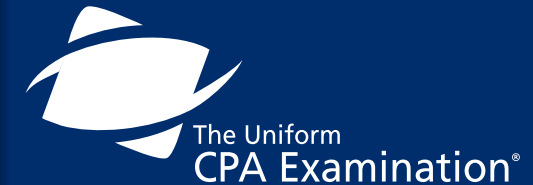
## FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING (FAR)

- Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (U.S. SEC)
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)
- International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)

## REGULATION (REG)

- Federal taxation
- Ethics and professional responsibilities related to tax practice
- Business law

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## Effective Date of Pronouncements

Accounting and auditing pronouncements are eligible to be tested on the Uniform CPA Examination in the later of: (1) the first testing window beginning after the pronouncement's earliest mandatory effective date or (2) the first testing window beginning six (6) months after the pronouncement's issuance date. In either case, there is a simultaneous introduction of content related to the new pronouncement and removal of content related to the previous pronouncement.

Changes in the federal taxation area, the Internal Revenue Code, and federal taxation regulations may be included in the testing window beginning six (6) months after the change's effective date or enactment date, whichever is later.

For all other subjects covered in the Regulation (REG) and Business Environment and Concepts (BEC) sections, materials eligible to be tested include federal laws in the window beginning six (6) months after their effective date, and uniform acts in the window beginning one (1) year after their adoption by a simple majority of the jurisdictions.

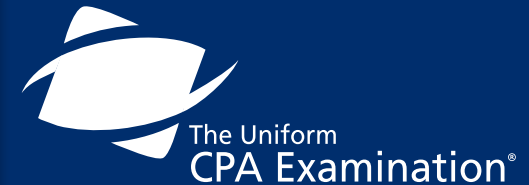
## Sample Question Types

To familiarize yourself with the computer-based examination's format, functions, and question and response types, review the examination [tutorial](#). Sample tests that contain sample multiple-choice questions, a sample task-based simulation for each applicable section, and sample written communication tasks will also be available on the tutorial. Neither the tutorial nor the sample test will be available at the test centers.

**Candidates are responsible for reviewing the tutorial and sample tests. Before the beginning of any examination session, candidates must attest to the fact that they have had the opportunity to review the tutorial and sample tests, as well as the Candidate Bulletin. This requirement is intended to ensure that before candidates report to the test centers, they are knowledgeable about the examination process, and thoroughly familiar with examination functionality, format and instructions. Failure to follow the instructions provided in the tutorial and sample tests, including the instructions on how to respond, may adversely affect candidate scores.**



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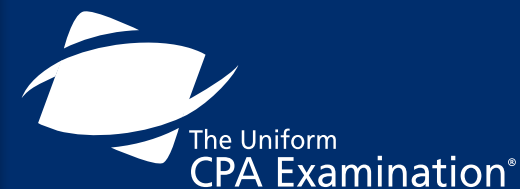
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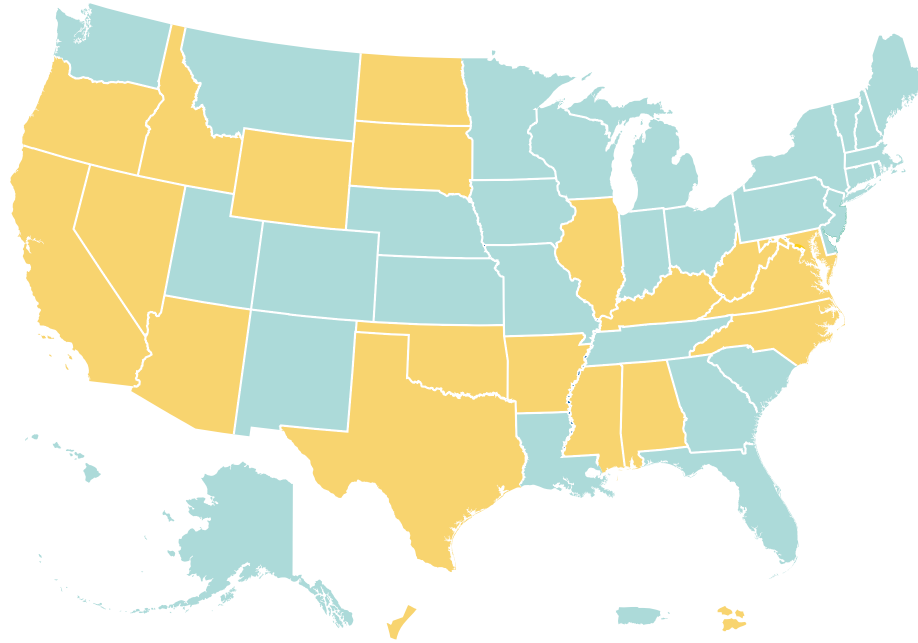
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# STEP 1: APPLY TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION

Apply online through NASBA's [CPA Examination Online Application System](#) if you are applying to one of these jurisdictions.

Contact the [Board of Accountancy](#) directly if applying to one of these jurisdictions.



## CPA EXAMINATION ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM

Alaska	Maine	Ohio
Colorado	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Connecticut	Michigan	Puerto Rico
Delaware	Minnesota	Rhode Island
Florida	Missouri	South Carolina
Georgia	Montana	Tennessee
Hawaii	Nebraska	Utah
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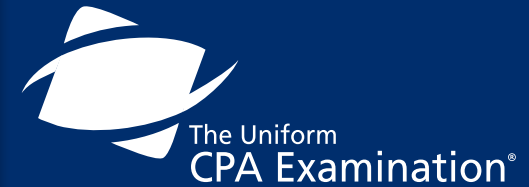
## BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

Alabama	Nevada
Arizona	North Carolina
Arkansas	North Dakota
California	Oklahoma
District of Columbia	Oregon
Guam	South Dakota
Idaho	Texas
Illinois	U.S. Virgin Islands
Kentucky	Virginia
Maryland	West Virginia
Mississippi	Wyoming



*When applying online, please be sure to submit all necessary forms in addition to paying the required fees, as missing documentation can delay the application process.*

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# The Application Process

You must submit an application with any required documents and fees each time you want to take one or more sections of the examination. Once your application has been evaluated, you will be contacted by your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent.

**Important:** The name on your application must appear exactly the same as it appears on the identification you plan to take to the testing center. Note: The middle initial can be substituted for the middle name (e.g., your NTS reads Michael A. Smith, but the name on your driver’s license reads Michael Albert Smith), or vice versa.

When you submit your application, you may also be required to submit some or all of the application and examination fees. Because the rules vary by jurisdiction, follow the information provided to you by your Board of Accountancy, or its designated agent, when paying the fees associated with the examination. Be sure you follow the most recent instructions supplied by your board or its designated agent.

For jurisdiction-specific requirements, be sure that you follow the requirements of your Board of Accountancy. You are ultimately responsible for following the rules and completing all sections of the examination within the timeframe and according to the rules adopted by your Board of Accountancy.

Specific requirements for becoming a CPA, as well as the rights and obligations of a licensed CPA, are set forth in the laws and regulations of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions. A general summary of CPA licensure requirements by jurisdiction may be found on [NASBA’s website](#).

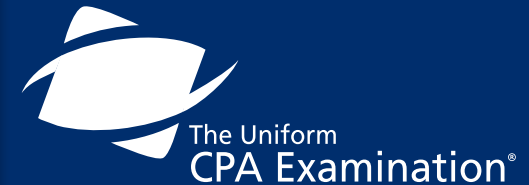
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**Note:** The middle initial can be substituted for the middle name (e.g., your NTS reads Michael A. Smith, but the name on your driver’s license reads Michael Albert Smith), or vice versa.



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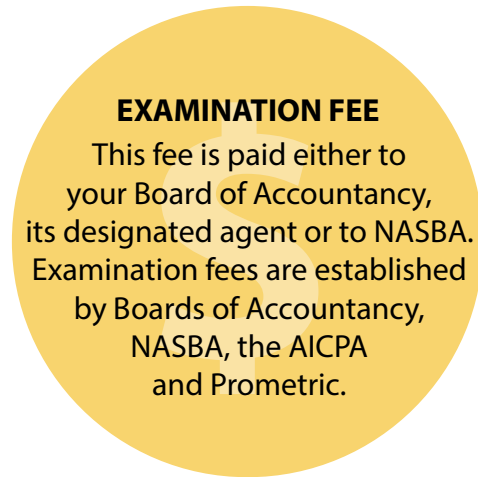
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# Pay Application and Examination Fees

Taking the examination involves two categories of required fees that are to be paid either to your Board of Accountancy, its designee or to NASBA. The required sections are as follows:



**APPLICATION FEE**  
This fee is established by and paid to your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent.

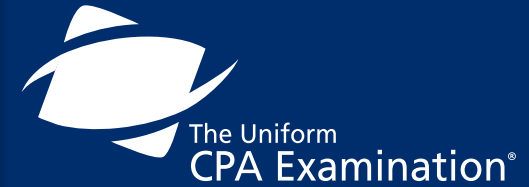


**EXAMINATION FEE**  
This fee is paid either to your Board of Accountancy, its designated agent or to NASBA. Examination fees are established by Boards of Accountancy, NASBA, the AICPA and Prometric.

You must pay additional fees for each examination section you plan to take in Guam or in international locations upon registration, regardless of which Board of Accountancy has declared you eligible for the examination.

When you submit your application, you may be required to submit some or all of the application and examination fees. Because the rules vary by jurisdiction, follow the information provided to you by your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent when paying the fees associated with the examination. Keep in mind, the length of time to complete the application process will vary depending on the jurisdiction to which you are applying.

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# PAYING APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION FEES

## SCENERIO ONE

*In some cases, boards of accountancy will collect the application and examination fees.*

*In this situation:*

You are required to pay your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent all fees associated with the examination at the time that you apply. The fees you pay include an application fee charged by the Board of Accountancy and the examination fees. Each time you apply to take one or more sections of the examination, pay all fees directly to the board of accountancy or its designated agent. Once your application has been received, you may not be able to change the requested sections of the examination and you may be charged an additional fee for any changes.

*You may be required to pay your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent an additional fee for a background check.*

After your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent has accepted your application and fees, it will notify NASBA which sections of the examination you are eligible to take.

Your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent will inform you of the application processing time and when to expect your Notice to Schedule (NTS). You will be asked to identify your preferred method for receipt of the NTS – via the U.S. Postal Service, fax or e-mail. If you do not specify a preferred method, your NTS will be mailed to you.



## SCENERIO TWO

*In other cases, the board of accountancy or its designated agent will collect only the application fee, and you will pay the examination fees separately to NASBA. In this situation:*

You are required to pay your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent only the application fee at the time that you apply. Each time you apply to take one or more sections of the examination, you will pay the application fee to the Board of Accountancy.

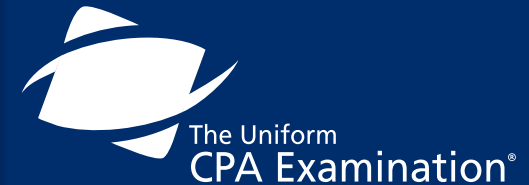
After your Board of Accountancy has accepted your application and fee, it will notify NASBA as to which sections of the examination you are eligible to take. NASBA will then send you the appropriate payment coupon.

*The payment coupon will provide you with instructions on how to pay the examination fees. You may pay by mailing a check to NASBA, by using a credit card via NASBA's website; or, by calling NASBA at 866-MY-NASBA (866-696-2722) and using a credit card.*

You should receive your NTS within three business days of paying your examination fee, if you have selected e-mail or fax as the method of contact. If you selected regular mail as the method of contact, you should receive the NTS within 10 business days. If you do not receive your NTS, call a NASBA candidate service associate at 866-MY-NASBA (866-696-2722). You will not be able to schedule an examination appointment or take the examination without a valid NTS.

*If you require a reprint of your NTS, you may do so through NASBA's website.*

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**Important: If you reschedule an appointment, there may be additional fees (see Rescheduling/Cancellation Fees table in Step 3: Scheduling). Because application and examination fees are generally not refundable, you should not apply to sit for a section of the examination until you are ready to take it (see Refunds in Step 3: Scheduling).**

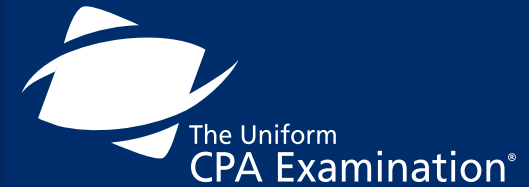
# International Applicants

International administration of the CPA Examination is currently offered in Brazil, Japan, Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon, and the United Arab Emirates. If you live in one of these testing locations, or other select countries, you may be able to take the Examination without traveling to the U.S. The Examination is only offered in English, and is the same computerized test as the one administered in the U.S. You are required to meet the same eligibility requirements and complete the same licensure requirements as your U.S. counterparts.

Applicants from countries other than the U.S. must follow the same basic steps as U.S. applicants. This means you must select the jurisdiction in which you wish to qualify and file an application with the Board of Accountancy (or its designated agent) in that jurisdiction. Any special instructions for candidates who have completed education outside the U.S. are included in the Board of Accountancy requirements. For more information on the international administration of the CPA Examination, visit the [International section](#) of NASBA's website.



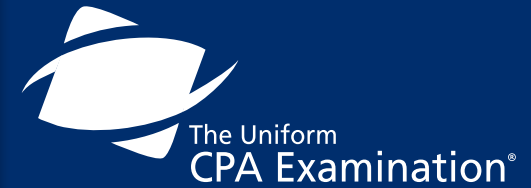
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# STEP 2: RECEIVE YOUR NOTICE TO SCHEDULE

Once your application has been processed, and you have been determined to be eligible to take one or more sections of the Uniform CPA Examination and you have paid all fees, you will receive a Notice to Schedule (NTS) from NASBA. One NTS will be sent to you, listing the section(s) of the examination that you are approved to take, enabling you to contact Prometric to begin the scheduling process.

When you receive the NTS, verify that all information is correct. Be certain the name appearing on the NTS matches EXACTLY the name on the identification documents that you will use during check-in at the testing center. If the information is incorrect, or your ID and NTS do not match, immediately contact your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent to request a correction.



**You must bring your NTS with you to the examination, and will not be allowed to enter the testing center if the name on the identification that you present does not exactly match the name on the NTS.** Be sure to take the correct NTS with you. You will not be admitted into the test center without the correct NTS and you will forfeit all examination fees for that section.

*The middle initial can be substituted for the middle name (e.g., the NTS reads Michael A. Smith, but the name on the candidate's license reads Michael Albert Smith), or vice versa. If you require a reprint of your NTS, you may request a reprint on [NASBA's website](#).*

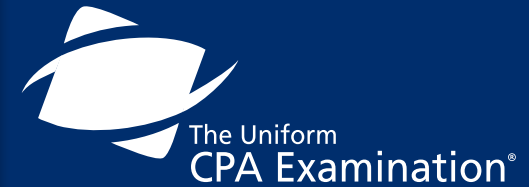


Your NTS includes the examination section identification number for each approved section of the examination. This number is also used as the examination "Launch Code" (Password) for each approved section. You will enter the Launch Code on the computer as a part of the login process.

Boards of Accountancy set the time period for which an NTS is valid (generally six months) during which you must schedule and take the examination section(s), after which it will expire and all fees will be forfeited.

**It is strongly suggested that you not apply for a section of the examination until you are ready to take it.** If you do not take all sections for which you registered before the NTS expires, you will not be able to extend it or receive a refund of any of the fees you have paid. Please be advised that cancelling an Exam appointment does NOT change the expiration date of your NTS.

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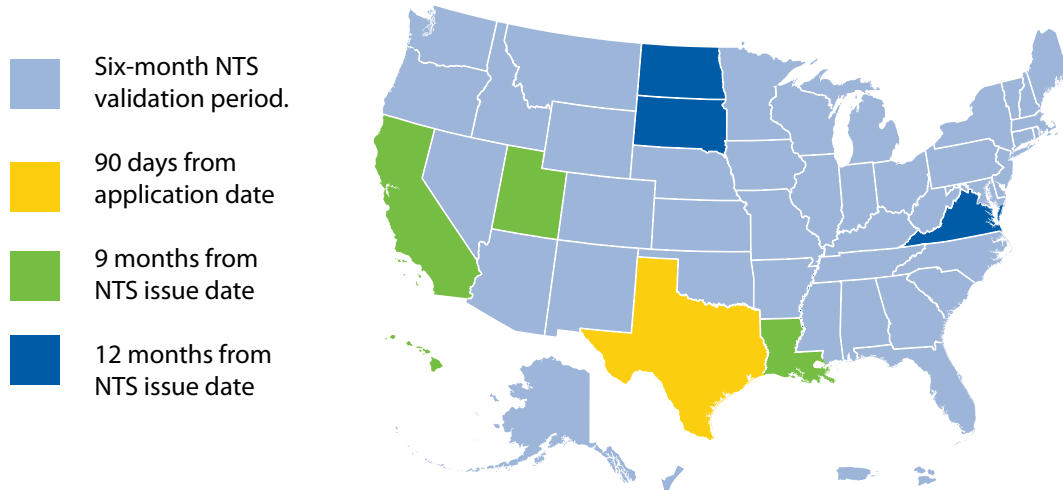


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Once an NTS has expired, you will need to submit a new application, including application and testing fees. Fees submitted for an expired NTS cannot be applied to future examinations. You cannot have more than one open NTS for the same section. You must receive the score or allow the NTS to expire before you can apply for the same section again and receive a new NTS for that section.

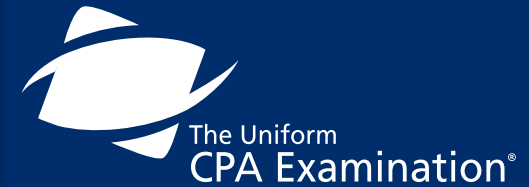
For those states that release scores online: the examination section identification number on your NTS will be required to view your score online. After you sit for the examination, keep your NTS until you have received your score. After you sit for the examination, your NTS cannot be reprinted.

## Validation periods by Jurisdiction



*The Notice to Schedule is valid for one testing event or until the expiration date, whichever is first exhausted for each examination section. This includes non-testing months.*

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# Sample Notice to Schedule



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## Notice To Schedule (NTS)

**YOU MUST TAKE THIS NTS TO THE TEST CENTER. YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TAKE THE EXAM WITHOUT THIS DOCUMENT!**

You have been approved by **Accountancy Board of Ohio** to take the following CPA Examination section(s):

PAUL SMITH  
215 ADAM STREET  
ATLANTA, GA 70724

Exam Section	Section ID	Launch Code (Password)	Earliest You Can Take The Exam	Latest You Can Take The Exam
AUD	611032	611032	12/19/12	12/19/13
BEC	611033	611033	12/19/12	12/19/13
FAR	611034	611034	12/19/12	12/19/13
REG	611035	611035	12/19/12	12/19/13

Passport Name:

**Check the accuracy of your name:** The same version of your name must appear on your application, this Notice to Schedule (NTS), and on the identification (ID) you present at the testing center. If your name on this Notice is not correct, contact your state board of accountancy or its designee at least 10 days before your test appointment.

**Schedule your exam:** We recommend you schedule your exam within **5-7 days** of receipt of this Notice. Use the online scheduler at [www.prometric.com/cpa](http://www.prometric.com/cpa), or call the Customer Service Call Center at 800-580-9648.

**Take the Exam Tutorial and Sample Test** at [www.cpa-exam.org](http://www.cpa-exam.org) to review features unique to this exam. Candidates are encouraged to review the tutorial to become familiar with the functionality of the examination.

### **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS - READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOUR EXAM APPOINTMENT**

- Take this NTS, along with two forms of identification, to the test center. **You will not be allowed to take the exam if you do not have this NTS and acceptable identification (ID) with you!**
- All Uniform CPA Examination candidates are advised to read the Candidate Bulletin available at [www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org)
- Arrive at the test center at least 30 minutes before your scheduled examination. A digital photo will be taken as part of the check-in procedures. Late arrivals may not be able to take the exam.
- Your ID will be scanned and swiped in a magnetic strip and barcode reader and biometrics will be used to capture your finger print to increase security and identity validation.
- Be aware that once you enter your password to start the exam, you have limited time to read and respond to the introductory screens. If that time is exceeded, the exam will automatically terminate and it will not be possible to restart the exam.
- During the exam you may only take a break during scheduled break times (i.e., from the time you end one examination section testlet until you begin the next testlet). The exam clock continues to run during breaks.

**To reschedule or cancel a test appointment:** You may reschedule or cancel at [www.prometric.com/cpa](http://www.prometric.com/cpa) or by contacting the Customer Service Call Center. If you reschedule fewer than 30 business days before your appointment, you will incur a rescheduling fee. No cancellations are allowed 24 hours or less from your appointment time.

**YOU MUST TAKE THIS NTS TO THE TEST CENTER. YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TAKE THE EXAM WITHOUT THIS DOCUMENT!**

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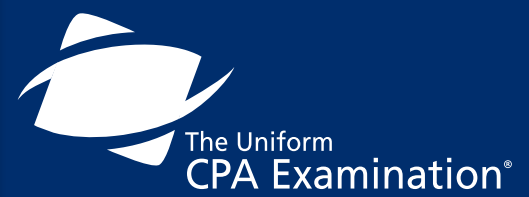
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# STEP 3: SCHEDULE YOUR EXAMINATION

## Testing Windows

The computer-based Uniform CPA Examination is offered each calendar quarter. These months of testing are known as testing windows.

 <b>QUARTER 1</b> January 1 to March 10	 <b>QUARTER 2</b> April 1 to May 31	 <b>QUARTER 3</b> July 1 to September 10	 <b>QUARTER 4</b> October 1 to December 10
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The examination is not given at the end of each calendar quarter to allow for systems and databank maintenance. It is important that you plan accordingly; it is your responsibility to schedule the sections of the examination you have yet to pass so you do not lose credit for previously passed sections.

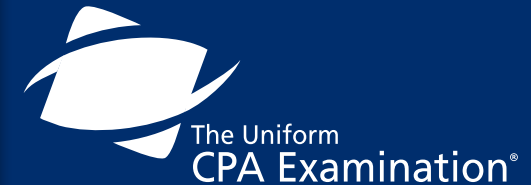
You can take any or all sections of the examination during any testing window and in any order. However, you may not take the same section more than once during any one testing window.

## Schedule Early

You should schedule your examination appointments as soon as possible after you receive your NTS. You must schedule your examination appointment at least five days in advance of the test date. To increase the likelihood that you receive your first choice of date, time and location, you should schedule at least 65 days before the desired test date(s). You must take each examination section within the time period for which an NTS is valid (before it expires). Your Board of Accountancy, NASBA, and Prometric are not responsible if you cannot schedule an appointment before a deadline expires in your jurisdiction.



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# Testing Centers

You will be allowed to take the examination at any one of the authorized Prometric test centers in the U.S., and designated international locations, whether or not the test center is located within the borders of the jurisdiction where you are seeking your initial license. The most current list of test centers may be found on the Prometric website.

*Your Board of Accountancy will inform you if there are any restrictions on the locations where you can take the examination.*

## International Testing Centers

NASBA processes registrations for testing of the Uniform CPA Examination in international locations. This process allows candidates to schedule their examination at an international location.

U.S. citizens and permanent residents living abroad, and citizens and long-term residents of the countries in which the examination is administered may sit for the examination in international locations. For more information on eligibility requirements and testing in international locations, please visit the [NASBA website](#). If you are an International candidate, please check the International Testing Center Eligibility Table located on [Page 34](#) to see where you're eligible to take the Exam before beginning the scheduling process.



When you see this icon, it references information that is important for international candidates.

## Schedule Your Examination Appointments

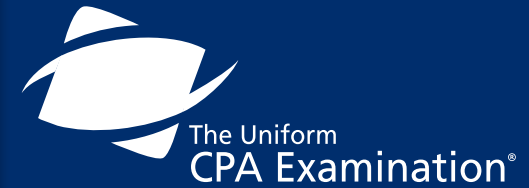
At the point of scheduling your examination, you will be asked to accept the Data Privacy Notice on the following page. Please note that all biometric data for candidates for the CPA examination, wherever generated, and all U.S. generated data, including candidate demographics and test results, is processed and stored in the U.S. All data center facilities for U.S. origin information are located in the U.S. at this time. Any plans to change the physical location of the data outside the U.S. will be made known to the CPA test sponsors before a change is affected.



Because candidates for many tests originating outside of the U.S. may have the demographic data and test result data processed in the U.S., or alternatively in Ireland, applicable data protection laws require Prometric to advise non-U.S. candidates of the possibility that their data will not be processed in their country of origin.

ALL U.S. origin data and all biometric data, regardless of country of origin, is processed and stored in the U.S.

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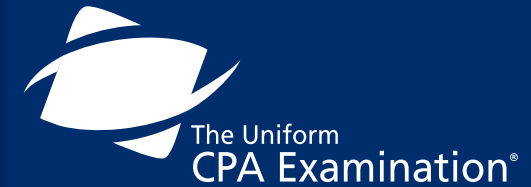
# DATA PRIVACY NOTICE

At Prometric, protection of your personal information, and making sure you understand how and why it is processed, is of paramount importance to us. As a data processor for your test sponsor, Prometric processes your personal information only for the purposes of registering and scheduling you for a test, administering that test, and processing the results. At no time will your personal information be used by Prometric for any other purpose without your permission. Your personal information, including your test results, will be provided to your test sponsor for the purposes of providing scores, certification, or other benefits to you. Prometric may also disclose your personal data to other Prometric entities for the purpose of providing you with testing information, administering the test, or processing your results. These Prometric entities may be located outside the country in which you take the test, and your personal information may be processed or stored there to provide results and information to your test sponsor. Adequate protection of your personal information is ensured at all Prometric entities.

You may access, limit the use of, or change your personal information by contacting your test sponsor during normal business hours. If you test with multiple test sponsors, Prometric may update your personal information for all test sponsors upon receipt of a change to your personal information. The above processing is necessary to administer a test to you, and we cannot register you for a test if you do not agree to personal information processing by Prometric as described above. You will have to contact your test sponsor if you do not agree to this processing.

If you have questions about this notice or wish to discuss the contents further, please contact us at [DataProtectionManager@prometric.com](mailto:DataProtectionManager@prometric.com).

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### CHOICE

- 1 ✓
- 2 ✓
- 3 ✓



Before you begin the scheduling process, have your first, second and third choice of dates and times planned for each section.



Walk-in appointments are not permitted.

No appointments may be made for any section of the examination fewer than five days in advance of the desired test date.

***For example, if you call or go online on Monday to schedule an appointment, the first available date will be Saturday of the same week.***



Candidates with testing accommodations must schedule at least 10 days in advance of the desired test date in the U.S. and territories (See "Testing Accommodations" for additional information).

*Candidates testing in Guam, candidates in designated international locations and candidates requiring Testing Accommodations must follow the specific instructions for taking the examination.*

For most candidates, there are two ways to make an appointment for each section of the examination.

## Option 1: Visit Prometric

You will find that the easiest and quickest way to schedule an examination appointment (as well as reschedule and cancel an appointment, if necessary) is on the Internet. Using the Internet provides you 24-hour access to scheduling and avoids any “on hold” waiting time. Because of this, you have the quickest and most direct access to preferred dates and test center locations. Additionally, you will instantly receive a detailed confirmation of your appointment (on screen and via e-mail).

Before you make your appointments, you must have received your NTS. This applies to International Candidates, as well. Additionally, be ready to identify the dates, times and locations where you want to take each section. It is not necessary to make all appointments at one time. If you prefer, you may make one appointment at a time. If you do schedule more than one section on the same day, please be aware that the online appointment system does not warn you of overlapping appointment times. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have not scheduled overlapping times and have allowed enough time between sections for the check-in process.



Before you begin, you must have your NTS in front of you.

You will be required to provide various pieces of information from the NTS.

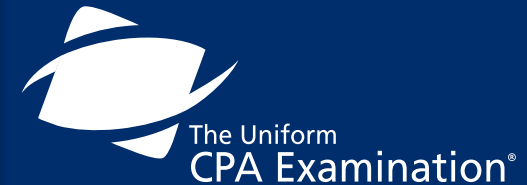


## ONLINE SCHEDULING OCCURS IN SEVERAL EASY STEPS.

1. Go to the [Prometric website](#). Select SCHEDULE MY TEST.
2. Select Country/State.
3. Read all the information on the Information Review screen, and click NEXT.
4. Read the policy information, click I AGREE, and click NEXT to proceed.
5. On the Program Identifier Screen, enter your examination section identification number from your NTS (you have one identification number for each section of the examination—be sure to use the correct examination identification number for the section you are scheduling), as well as the first four letters of your last name, and click NEXT.
6. Confirm proper section and click NEXT.
7. Follow on-screen instructions to select the location, date and time you would like to schedule your section.
8. Select COMPLETE REGISTRATION to complete your scheduling.
9. It is advised that you print the confirmation number for your appointment and keep for your records.



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## Option 2: Call 800-580-9648 (Candidate Services Call Center)

Prometric’s Candidate Services Call Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time. You must schedule a separate appointment for each section of the examination that you are planning to take. If you call to schedule two or more sections, be prepared to identify the dates, times and locations you want to take each section. It is not necessary to make all appointments in one call. If you prefer, you may make one appointment at a time.

**NTS**

Before you call, you must have your NTS in front of you. You will be required to provide the customer service representative with various pieces of information from the NTS.



You will receive an email confirmation of your appointment. If you have not received an email confirmation, please visit the [Prometric website](#) to print a confirmation of your appointment. If you need directions to the test center, ask the customer service representative at the time you make your appointment.

There are multiple test centers in some metropolitan areas, so be sure you are certain of the correct test center location where you are scheduled to take your examinations.

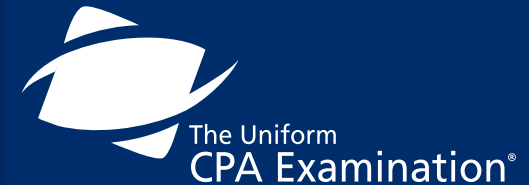


## Schedule Your BEC or REG Sections Beginning March 11, 2017

If you plan to sit for the BEC or REG sections on or after April 1, 2017, the earliest you may schedule your test date is March 11, 2017. This scheduling hold supports the change to the next version of the BEC and REG Exam sections, which increase from three hours to four hours each as of April 1, 2017. Seats will be available for candidates who plan to sit for the BEC and/or REG Exam sections in early April.

**IMPORTANT:** This announcement does not impact AUD or FAR test scheduling for April 1 and beyond. AUD and FAR scheduling may be done now on the [Prometric website](#).

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# Options for Taking the Examination in Guam

Regardless of which Board of Accountancy has declared you eligible for the examination, if you intend to take your examination in Guam, you must pay an **additional surcharge** for each examination section using one of the following options.



## Visit NASBA's website

Candidates testing at the Guam Computer Testing Center must [pay an examination surcharge](#) before scheduling with Prometric. Have your NTS and credit card in front of you. You will be asked to provide information from your NTS and to pay the surcharge using a credit card. Candidates are advised to view the Guam Calendar for available appointment dates and times prior to paying the surcharge. **The surcharge is non-refundable** and you will not receive a refund under any circumstances. Candidates wishing to change appointments to another test center may do so; however, they will forfeit the surcharge. Candidates may change their test center from Guam through Prometric by following the instructions previously described.

*After you pay the additional surcharge for each examination section, you will need to wait at least 24 hours before you schedule your appointment.*



## Visit [www.2testGuam.com](http://www.2testGuam.com)

NASBA operates the Guam Computer Testing Center in cooperation with the Guam Board of Accountancy and Prometric. Before you visit this website, have your NTS and credit card in front of you. When you link to this website, you will be asked to provide information from your NTS and to pay the surcharge using a credit card. It is very important that you determine your site choice before completing this transaction.

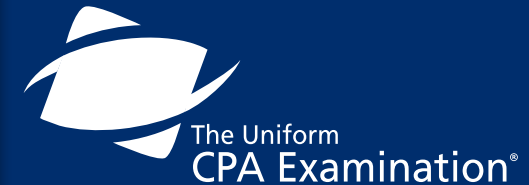
*After you pay the additional surcharge for each examination section, you will need to wait at least 24 hours before you schedule your appointment.*

## Call 671-475-5000 or Visit the Guam Computer Testing Center Location

The Guam Computer Testing Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Guam time. (During portions of the year, the center may be open later.) Have your NTS and credit card in front of you when you call. You will be asked to provide information from the NTS and to pay the surcharge using a credit card. If you are a resident of Guam, you can pay your fee at the Guam Computer Testing Center location. Once you have paid the surcharge for an examination section and, for any reason you must change your site from Guam to another center outside of Guam, you may do so at the [Prometric Scheduling website](#). However, you will not be issued a refund of the Guam Surcharge under any circumstances.

*After you pay the additional surcharge for each examination section, you will need to wait at least 24 hours before you schedule your appointment.*

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# Options to Take the Examination in an International Location



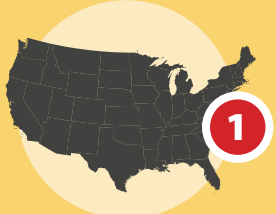
In order to qualify to take the CPA Examination in international locations, you must establish your eligibility through a Board of Accountancy participating in the International CPA Examination Administration program. The list of participating Boards of Accountancy is posted on the [NASBA website](#).

Regardless of which Board of Accountancy has declared you eligible for the examination, if you intend to take your examination internationally, you must pay an **additional surcharge** for each examination section using NASBA's website.

## Visit NASBA's website


Candidates testing at any International Testing Center must pay an examination surcharge before scheduling with Prometric. To do so, please visit NASBA's website. Have your NTS and credit card in front of you. You will be asked to provide information from your NTS and to pay the surcharge using a credit card.

### HOW TO APPLY INTERNATIONALLY



**1**


Apply for the examination through a participating Board of Accountancy. When you submit your application, you may be required to submit some or all of the application and examination fees.



**2**

After receiving your Notice to Schedule (NTS), you may then register to take the examination in an international location and pay the additional fees per examination section.

*These fees are non-refundable.*




**3**

To complete the registration, please choose the jurisdiction in which you wish to apply as a candidate.

**4**

Next, click the Apply to Test Internationally link to pay the international fees and complete your international registration. You will be asked to provide identifying information, as well as information from the NTS. Candidates who complete the registration process can attend the selected examination section(s) in the selected international location only.

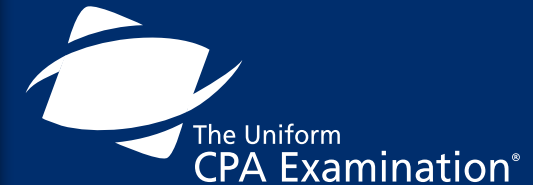


**You will need a valid Passport or National ID card to register.**

When trying to pay the additional international fees, all of your candidate information must match what we already have in the system.

**NOTE:** After the registration process is complete for each examination section, you will need to wait at least 24 hours before you schedule your appointment at the testing center through Prometric.

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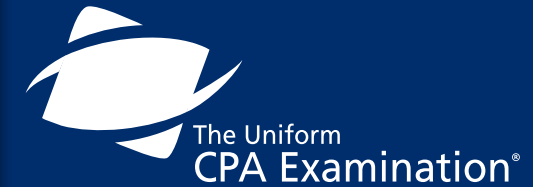
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Please consult the table below to see the international location(s) in which you are eligible to take the Exam:

## International Testing Center Eligibility Table

Status	Can Test in These Countries						
	U.S.	Japan	Brazil	Bahrain	Kuwait	Lebanon	UAE
<i>C = Citizen</i>							
<i>PR = legal status of permanent or long term resident</i>							
U.S. C/PR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Japan C/PR	✓	✓					
Argentina C/PR	✓		✓				
Bolivia C/PR	✓		✓				
Chile C/PR	✓		✓				
Colombia C/PR	✓		✓				
Ecuador C/PR	✓		✓				
French Guiana C/PR	✓		✓				
Guyana C/PR	✓		✓				
Paraguay C/PR	✓		✓				
Peru C/PR	✓		✓				
Suriname C/PR	✓		✓				
Uruguay C/PR	✓		✓				
Venezuela C/PR	✓		✓				
Bahrain C/PR	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Egypt C/PR	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
India C/PR	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Jordan C/PR	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Kuwait C/PR	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Lebanon C/PR	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Oman C/PR	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Qatar C/PR	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Saudi Arabia C/PR	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
UAE C/PR	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Yemen C/PR	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓

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# Testing Accommodations

*These are your options for scheduling the Exam if you have been approved for Testing Accommodations.*

If your Board of Accountancy has approved you for testing accommodations, the information regarding the nature of the accommodation will be sent to NASBA. The type of accommodation will be shown on your NTS and will be sent to Prometric. Most boards also send a separate ADA approval letter confirming your approved Testing Accommodations. Neither you nor the Prometric Testing Accommodations Representative may make any changes to the accommodations that have been approved. When you receive your NTS, if you believe that the accommodations are incorrect, you must contact your Board of Accountancy before proceeding.



For United States & Territories,  
call 1-800-967-1139  
to reach Prometric.



International Locations:  
Japan: 0120-34-7737  
Latin America: 1-443-751-4990  
Middle East: 31-320-239-530

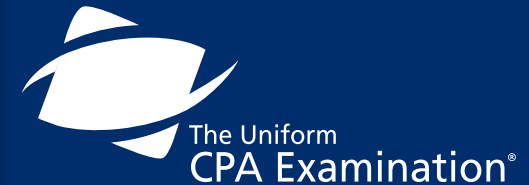


**DO NOT contact Prometric about scheduling until you have been approved for testing accommodations by your Board of Accountancy.**

Testing Accommodations appointments may not be scheduled through Prometric’s website. If you have already scheduled an exam appointment online, you will not receive your approved Testing Accommodations on the day of your exam unless you reschedule with a Prometric Testing Accommodations representative through one of the numbers indicated above.

**IMPORTANT:** Some types of accommodations are only available at a limited number of test centers.

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# Testing Accommodation Steps

## NTS Required To Schedule • 1

You must have already received your NTS and have it available when calling Prometric to schedule. You will be required to provide the customer service representative with various pieces of information from the NTS.

When you call Prometric, be prepared to identify the dates, times, and locations for each section you want to take. It is not necessary to schedule all of your exam appointments in one call. If you prefer, you may make one appointment at a time.

## 2 • Dates Times Locations

## 10 Days Advance Notice • 3

Please be advised that you must call Prometric at least 10 days in advance of the date you intend to test (we highly recommend 30 days in advance for international locations).

### INTERNATIONAL TESTING LOCATIONS

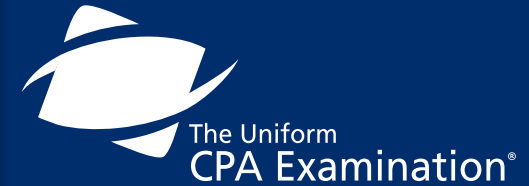
Please be advised: You may receive limited or no accommodations if you choose to test at an international location. The testing accommodations listed on your NTS are applicable for testing in the United States and U.S. territories only. Your approved accommodations for international locations will be detailed in an international testing accommodations email from NASBA.

## 4 • INTERNATIONAL TESTING LOCATIONS

## Verify Information and Plan • 5

Once you have successfully scheduled your examination, a confirmation will be emailed to you by Prometric. It is your responsibility to verify that the information provided in the email confirmation matches the date, time and location you requested. In the event that you do not receive an email or the information in the email is incorrect, contact Prometric. If you need directions to the test center, ask the customer service representative at the time you make your appointment. There are multiple test centers in some metropolitan areas, so be sure you are certain of the correct test center location where you are scheduled to take your examination.

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# Changes to Your Appointments

After you have made an appointment for an examination section, you may find it necessary to change or cancel an appointment. Be aware that you may be required to pay a rescheduling fee or forfeit your examination fees, depending on when you notify Prometric of the change or cancellation.

If you are unable to appear for your appointment, you must cancel using one of the methods below. **If you do not cancel your appointment, or if you arrive for your appointment with the wrong NTS and/or personal ID, you will be marked as a “no-show” and you will forfeit your examination fees. There will be no refunds of examination fees for “no-show” status.**

If you do not cancel your appointment using one of the approved methods, you must wait five (5) business days for NASBA to receive your “no-show” attendance status from Prometric. After the five (5) day wait, you must reapply and pay all applicable fees. You will not be able to reapply until your “no-show” attendance has been processed. Your new NTS for the same section may be effective in the same (current) testing window; however, please be advised that there is no guarantee that you will be able to schedule your appointment within the same window.

If you do not schedule an appointment before the expiration date on your NTS, you must wait 5 business days for NASBA to process your “expired” status. You will not be able to reapply until the expiration has been processed.

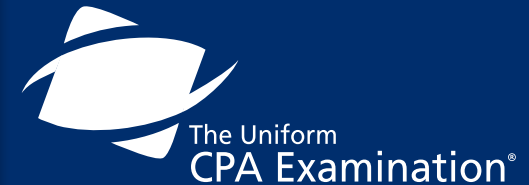


Important: If your examination has already launched at the test site, you will NOT be eligible to reapply and sit in the same window. In that event, the effective dates of your new NTS will begin in the next testing window.

If you are unable to appear for your appointment due to personal hardship or extenuating circumstances, you must contact your Board of Accountancy or its designee for further instructions.

Regardless of whether you need to cancel your appointment or cancel and reschedule, you will be subject to the same fees as listed in the [Rescheduling/Cancellation Fees table](#). If you cancel, but are unsure of when you will be able to reschedule, be advised you must reschedule before the expiration date listed on your NTS or you will forfeit your examination fees.

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# Change or Cancel the Date, Time or Location of an Appointment

You may reschedule an existing appointment by one of two methods:

**1**



Use Prometric's Web scheduling tool located at Prometric's website. The system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You must have your confirmation number available from your original appointment.

**2**



Call the Prometric Candidate Services Call Center. You will receive an email confirmation of your appointment. In addition, please be sure to write down the date, time, location and confirmation number for each of your appointments and verify that the information in your email confirmation is correct. If you have not received an email confirmation, please visit the Prometric website to print a confirmation of your appointment.

For United States and its Territories, call 800-580-9648  
(Days and hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST)

For Latin American locations, please call 443-751-4300.

For the Middle East, call 31-320-239-530  
(Days and hours of operation: Sunday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. GMT+1)

For Japan, call 0120-34-7737  
(Days and hours of operation: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. GMT+9)

If you need to reschedule your appointment, review the Rescheduling/Cancellation Fees table on page 40 to determine deadlines and associated fees.



## But I Rescheduled!

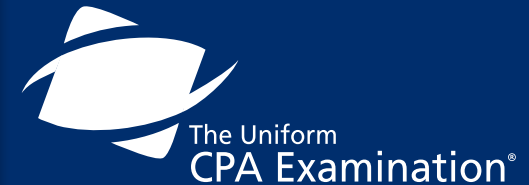
Carla needed to postpone her CPA Exam due to a medical issue. She decided to reschedule her appointment on-line with Prometric. Unfortunately, she ended her session on the verification screen and not the "appointment complete" screen. When she arrived at the test center, Prometric had no record of her attempt to reschedule. Don't jump off-line too early like Carla! Follow the instructions on each screen and check your email for confirmation of your new appointment time and place.

**Rescheduling:** If you reschedule an appointment with Prometric, you must go to the "Reschedule Appointment: Appointment Complete" screen. This follows the "Appointment Verification" screen. Also, make sure that you have received a confirmation email from Prometric verifying the new appointment time and place.

Candidates approved for Testing Accommodations CANNOT reschedule or cancel appointments through the Prometric website and must call the appropriate Contact Center.

Important: If you reschedule your appointment through the Prometric website, you will not be provided testing accommodations on the day of your Exam.

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Candidates approved for Testing Accommodations **CANNOT** reschedule or cancel appointments through the Prometric website and must call the appropriate Contact Center.

**Important: If you reschedule your appointment through the Prometric website, you will not be provided testing accommodations on the day of your Exam.**

It is your responsibility to schedule Exam appointments and test before your NTS expires. Please note that cancelling an Exam appointment does **NOT** change the expiration date of your NTS.

After you have made an appointment for an examination section, you may find it necessary to change or cancel an appointment.

**Be aware that you may be required to pay a Rescheduling fee or forfeit your examination fees, depending on when you notify Prometric of the change or cancellation.**



If you need to cancel your appointment and do not wish to reschedule, you will **NOT** receive a refund of the examination fees you paid.

If you do not appear for your appointment, you will **NOT** receive a refund of the examination fees you paid.

If you are unable to appear for your appointment, you must cancel using one of the approved methods.

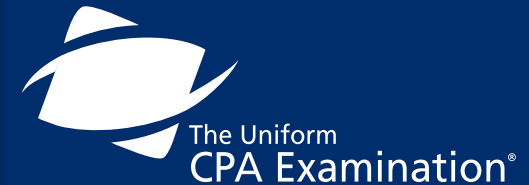
**If you do not cancel your appointment, or if you arrive for your appointment with the wrong NTS/ID, you will be marked as a “no-show” and you will forfeit your examination fees. There will be no refunds of examination fees for “no-show” status.**

If you need to change your testing location from International to Domestic (U.S. and territories), you will **NOT** receive a refund of the International Surcharge.

If you do not cancel your appointment using one of the approved methods, you must wait five (5) business days for NASBA to receive your “no-show” attendance status from Prometric. After the five (5) day wait, you must reapply and pay all applicable fees. Your new NTS for the same section may be effective in the same (current) testing window; however, please be advised that there is no guarantee that you will be able to schedule your appointment within the same window.




If you are unable to appear for your appointment due to personal hardship or extenuating circumstances, you must contact your Board of Accountancy or its designee for further instructions. Regardless of whether you need to cancel your appointment or cancel and reschedule, you will be subject to the same fees as listed in the Rescheduling/Cancellation Fees table. If you cancel, but are unsure of when you will be able to reschedule, be advised you must reschedule before the expiration date listed on your NTS or you will forfeit your examination fees.

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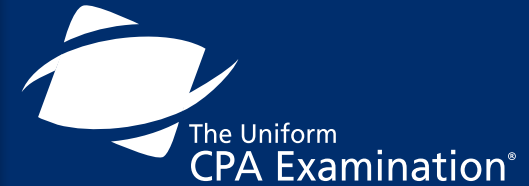


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## Rescheduling/Cancellation Fees

 If you call this many days before your scheduled appointment...	 You will pay this fee to Prometric to make a change to the scheduled appointment.	 Example
30+ days before your scheduled appointment	\$0.00	You have scheduled an appointment to take BEC on August 18 at 8:00 a.m.  On July 16, you realize that you have a conflict on August 18. You contact Prometric to reschedule.  <b>Because you rescheduled 33 days before the scheduled appointment, you will not have to pay a fee to reschedule.</b> <i>You may reschedule to a date before or after August 18; however, it must be before the expiration date of your NTS and you cannot reschedule to a date within five business days of when you do the rescheduling (e.g., July 17, 19, 20, 21 or 22).</i>
6-29 days before your scheduled appointment	\$35.00	You have an appointment to take REG on October 2.  On September 24, you realize that you won't be able to take your examination on October 2 and you contact Prometric to reschedule.  <b>Because you rescheduled within the 30-day window, you will be required to pay \$35.00 to make a change to either the date, time or test center where you will take the REG section.</b> <i>You may reschedule to a date either before or after October 2; however, it must be before the expiration date of your NTS and you cannot reschedule to a date within five business days of when you do the rescheduling.</i>
Five business days and up to 24 hours before the time of the scheduled appointment (based on local time for the testing center). If less than 24 hours, all fees are forfeited, and you must reapply.  <b>NOTE: Candidates with extreme circumstances may request an exception to policy through their board or its designated agent. Additional fees may apply.</b>	\$78.08	You have made an appointment to take FAR on October 18 at 1:00 p.m.  On October 12 at 1:01 p.m., you contact Prometric to change the date of the appointment to October 19, which is before the expiration date of your NTS.  <b>Because you contacted Prometric after 1:00 p.m. five business days before the originally scheduled appointment, you are required to pay \$78.08 to make the scheduled change.</b> <i>You will not be able to reschedule to a date and time earlier than the original appointment time, but you may reschedule to a date and time on or after October 19; however, it must be before the expiration date of your NTS.</i>

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## Refunds

Application and examination fees are generally not refunded, although candidates who are found to be ineligible may receive a partial refund. Remember, your NTS includes an expiration date. If your NTS expires prior to your taking the examination section, or you fail to attend your scheduled testing appointment, you will not be able to reschedule or receive a refund on any of the fees you have paid and you will have to reapply for the examination and pay the appropriate application and examination fees. Consequently, you should not apply for a section of the examination unless you are ready to take it. Check with your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent for the board's specific refund policy.

## Rescinded Eligibility

If your Board of Accountancy informs NASBA that you are no longer eligible to take the Uniform CPA Examination because of changes in education requirements, candidate misconduct, or other reasons determined by the board, your NTS will be canceled. NASBA will contact Prometric to rescind your eligibility. In the event that you are no longer eligible to take the examination, you will NOT receive a refund of any examination fees.

## Test Center Closings

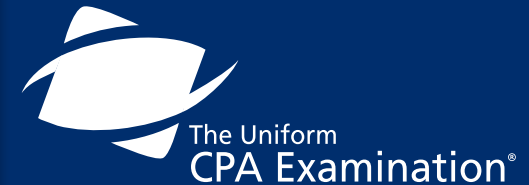
If severe weather or other local emergency requires a test center to be closed, every attempt will be made to contact you. However, if you are unsure if your test center is open on the day of your examination, you may call the local test center directly. If the center is open, it is your responsibility to keep the appointment. If the center is closed, you will be given the opportunity to reschedule without penalty. If you are unable to contact the local test center, check on the [Prometric site status website](#) (U.S. and territories only).

Test centers move, new ones are opened and some close from time to time. The most current list of test centers may be found on the [Prometric website](#).



***Fire Codes require that businesses follow established protocol for unannounced fire drills. Please be aware that all staff members are given specific instructions on what to do during an alarm and disruption will be minimized should such an event occur during a test.***

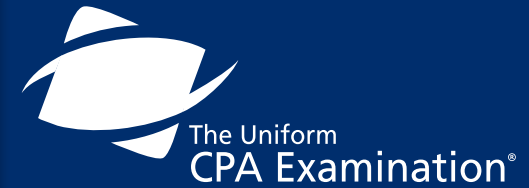
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# TAKING YOUR EXAMINATION

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# STEP 4: TAKE YOUR EXAMINATION

## Arrive Early

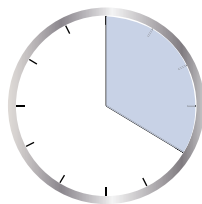
You must arrive at the test center at least 30 minutes before the scheduled appointment time for your examination to avoid forfeiting all fees for the examination section. This allows time to sign in, undergo scanning via hand-held metal detector wand, have your digital photograph and fingerprint taken, review the security and test center policies and be seated at your workstation. Arriving for your scheduled testing appointment anytime after the scheduled start time may result in your being denied permission to test, and you will not receive a refund.



In addition, the appointment time on your confirmation notice will reflect examination testing time plus 30 minutes. The additional 30 minutes is allocated to the examination log-in and survey.

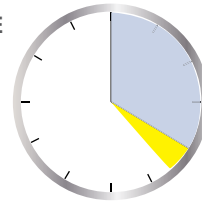
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The appointment time on your confirmation notice will reflect the examination testing time plus 30 minutes. The additional 30 minutes is allocated to the examination login and survey.



**EXAMINATION TESTING TIME**

*Amount of time designated to take the Examination section*



**APPOINTMENT TIME**

*Examination Testing Time plus 30 minutes allocated to the login and survey*

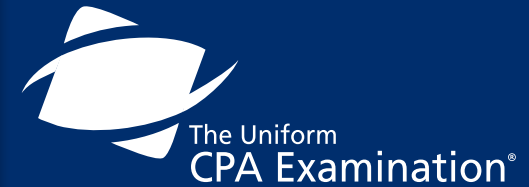


### **YOU MUST TAKE YOUR NOTICE TO SCHEDULE TO THE TESTING CENTER**

*Your NTS includes the Launch Code that you will enter on the computer as a part of the login process. Be sure to take the correct NTS with you. You will not be admitted into the test center without the correct NTS and you will forfeit all examination fees for that section.*

Prometric offers the test takers of select exams the opportunity to take a 30-minute “dry-run” of the test center experience prior to their exam, whenever the test center has available appointments. The program, called Test Drive, allows candidates to walk through, on a practice basis, all check-in and testing procedures that occur at the test center on test day.

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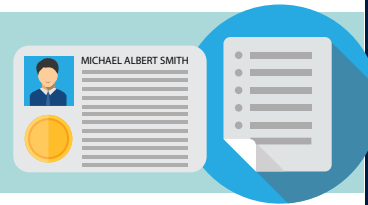
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# Personal Identification

The Uniform CPA Examination employs very strict security measures. One level of security involves your identification. **The same form of your name must appear on your application, NTS and on the identification you present at the test center.** Do not change the spelling and do not change the order of your name on applications or when making appointments. If your name is different from your identifications at check-in, you will not be permitted to test.



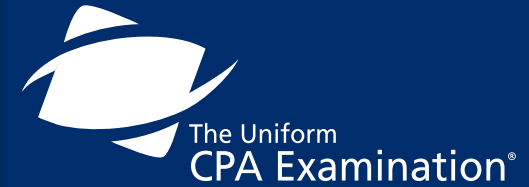
*The middle initial can be substituted for the middle name (e.g., the NTS reads Michael A. Smith, but the name on the candidate's license reads Michael Albert Smith), or vice versa. If you require a reprint of your NTS, you may request a reprint on [NASBA's website](#).*



Truncated (shortened) names are allowable on a candidate's driver's license, as long as the name on the signature ID **exactly** matches the name on the NTS.

You are required to present **two** forms of identification when you arrive to take your examination, one of which must contain a recent photograph. Each form of identification must bear your signature and must not be expired. If you do not present acceptable identification, you will not be allowed to take your examination and you will forfeit all examination fees for that section. If your photograph identification appears to be damaged or altered in any way, you will not be allowed to sit for your examination and you will forfeit all examination fees for that section.

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# You Must Present One of the Following Primary Forms Of Identification:

## TEST CENTERS IN THE U.S. AND ITS TERRITORIES:

### Primary Forms of Identification

- Valid (not expired) driver’s license with photo and signature issued by one of the fifty U.S. states or by a U.S. territory
- Valid (not expired) driver’s license with photo and signature issued by a foreign government authority, that is printed in English to the extent necessary to compare your name with the one on the NTS and confirm that it is a valid driver’s license (examples are driver’s licenses issued by Canadian, Australian, New Zealand and British authorities, and from countries that retain English as an official language)
- Valid (not expired) Passport with photo and signature issued by the U.S. government
- Valid (not expired) government-issued Passport (for non-U.S. citizens) with a photo that has your name exactly matching the Name or Passport Name field that appears on your NTS. If your Passport is not signed, you must provide a secondary identification with a signature. Non-U.S. citizens whose signature is not required on the Passport and/or driver’s license should order a NASBA Candidate Identification Card prior to taking the examination. E-mail [nasbastore@nasba.org](mailto:nasbastore@nasba.org) for instructions on ordering a NASBA Candidate Identification Card.
- Valid state identification card issued by one of the fifty U.S. states or by a U.S. territory. (If you do not drive, you may have an identification card issued by the agency that also issues driver’s licenses)
- Valid U.S. Military identification

### Secondary Forms of Identification

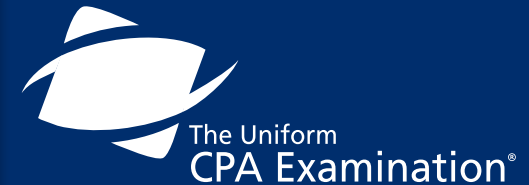
Secondary forms of identification must include candidate’s signature. Acceptable forms of secondary identification include:

- An additional government-issued identification from the above listing
- Accountancy board-issued identification (if provided by board)
- Valid credit card
- Bank automated teller machine (ATM) card
- Bank debit card

### The following are unacceptable forms of identification:

- Draft classification card
- Social Security card
- Student identification card
- U.S. permanent residency card (green card)

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## INTERNATIONAL TEST CENTERS:

### Primary Forms of Identification

To sit for the Uniform CPA Examination in an international location, the candidate's primary form of identification **MUST** be a valid (non-expired) Passport with photo and signature, and must also meet the specific country issuance criteria noted below(\*). If the Passport presented is not signed, the candidate will be required to present a secondary form of identification.

**\*Important:** If you cannot present a valid, Government-issued Passport (non-expired with a picture and signature), you will not be allowed to test. If the Passport is not issued by Argentina, Bahrain, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, French Guiana, Guyana, India, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela or Yemen, you will be required to present a National ID card (Middle East), Alien Registration card (Japan), or a NASBA-provided ID.

### Secondary Forms of Identification

Secondary forms of identification must include candidate's signature. Acceptable forms of secondary identification include:

- Alien registration card
- National ID card
- A valid (not expired) driver's license
- A valid (not expired) U.S. Military ID
- Accountancy board-issued identification (if provided by board)
- Valid credit card
- Bank card
- NASBA Candidate Identification Card (For additional information about the NASBA Candidate Identification Card, please visit [NASBAstore.org](http://NASBAstore.org))

### The following are unacceptable forms of identification:

- Employee card or ID
- Social Security Card (U.S. Citizens)
- A student identification card
- A U.S. permanent residency card (green card)

### NASBA Identification Card

Candidates may request a NASBA Identification Card under these circumstances:

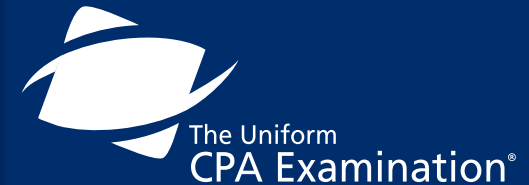
- You possess a valid, UNSIGNED Passport. (i.e., a signature is not required on your Passport by issuing government)
- You do not possess a valid secondary form of identification as required to take the Uniform CPA Examination
- Your State has approved the use of the NASBA Candidate Identification Card

**For additional information about the NASBA Candidate Identification Card, please visit [NASBAstore.org](http://NASBAstore.org).**



If the test center staff has questions about the identification presented, you may be asked for additional proof of identity. You may be refused access to an examination and forfeit the examination fee for that section if the staff believes that you have not proven your identity. Admittance to the test center and examination does not imply that your identification is valid or that your scores will be reported if subsequent investigations reveal impersonation or forgery.

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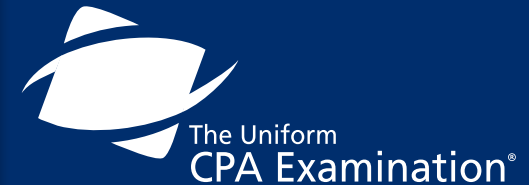
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## At the Test Center

The staff at each test center has been trained in the procedures specific to the Uniform CPA Examination. Center personnel will guide you through the steps that have been developed by the Boards of Accountancy, NASBA and the AICPA.

1. You must arrive at the test center at least 30 minutes before your scheduled appointment. If you arrive after your scheduled appointment time, you may forfeit your appointment and examination fees. Arrive early and be sure to have your correct NTS and required identification. You will not be admitted to the examination without the correct NTS and required identification.
2. Your examination should begin within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time. If circumstances arise, other than candidate error, which delay the start of your session more than 30 minutes you may continue to wait or you may request to reschedule your appointment. This also applies to situations involving a technical error during the exam which is not resolved within 30 minutes.
3. You must place personal belongings, such as a purse or cell phone, in the storage lockers provided by the test center. You will be given the key to your locker which must be returned to the test center staff when you leave. The lockers are very small and are not intended to hold large items. Do not bring anything to the test center unless it is absolutely necessary. Test center personnel will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.
4. You may bring soft, foam earplugs with no strings attached for your use. TCAs will inspect the earplugs.
5. Your ID will be scanned/swiped in the combined magnetic strip and 2D barcode reader. The ID will then be placed on a flatbed scanner which captures an electronic image of the photo ID and uses optical character recognition (OCR) to compare printed and encoded data.
6. You will have a digital photograph taken of your face. A photograph is required to test.
7. All candidates will be scanned via hand-held metal detector wand prior to each entry into the test room, including returns from breaks. Candidates will be required to turn their pockets out, and the scan will be done immediately afterward.
8. PLEASE NOTE: A biometric fingerprint-capturing system will be used and is required to test. You will also be asked to provide a fingerprint before and after breaks. If for physical/medical reasons your fingerprint will not be available, you must contact your Board of Accountancy or their designated agent PRIOR to your appointment.
9. Scratch paper and pencils were replaced with two double-sided, laminated, colored sheets called “noteboards,” as well as a fine-point marker for making notations. You will be directed to write your examination Launch Code (from your NTS) on your noteboards. You will be required to return the noteboards to the test center staff when your examination is complete. If you need additional writing space, you may

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request additional noteboards from the test center staff, but you must first turn in the original noteboards you received in order to get a new supply. You must not bring any paper or pencils to the workstation in the testing room.

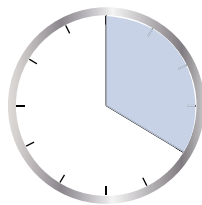
10. You will be escorted to a workstation by test center staff. You must remain in your seat during the examination, except when authorized to get up and leave the testing room.
11. Once you enter your Launch Code, you must proceed through the subsequent introductory examination screens without delay. There is a 10-minute time limit to read and proceed through the introductory screens and, if the 10-minute time limit is exceeded, the test session will automatically terminate and cannot be restarted. In this case, you must leave the test center, forfeit fees, reapply to test in the next test window, and receive a score of 0.
12. If you encounter ANY computer problem, report it immediately to test center staff.
13. When you finish the examination, leave the testing room quietly, turn in your two noteboards, and sign the test center log book. The test center staff will dismiss you after completing all necessary procedures.
14. Keep the Confirmation of Attendance form you receive after the examination as it provides valuable contact information. As directed on this form, report any examination incidents/concerns in writing to the addresses/ Fax numbers provided.

## Time Allotted to Take the Examination

The appointment time on your confirmation notice will reflect examination testing time plus 30 minutes. The additional 30 minutes is allocated to the examination log-in and survey.

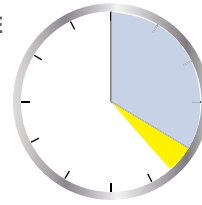
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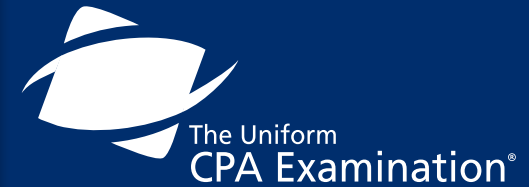
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#### APPOINTMENT TIME

*Examination Testing Time plus 30 minutes allocated to the login and survey*

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# Introductory Examination Screens

You should be aware that once you enter your Launch Code, the subsequent introductory examination screens operate under a 5-minute time limit and you must move through the introductory screens quickly. If the 5-minute time limit is exceeded, the session will automatically terminate and it will not be possible to restart the examination. In this case, you must leave the test center, forfeit fees, reapply to test in the next test window, and receive a score of 0.

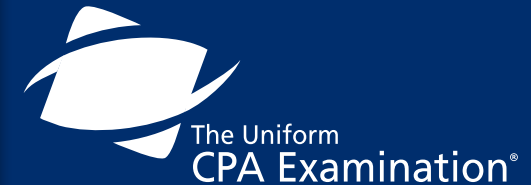


While there is adequate time to review the screens and respond, there is not time for you to take notes, leave the testing room, or do anything other than reading and responding to the screens.

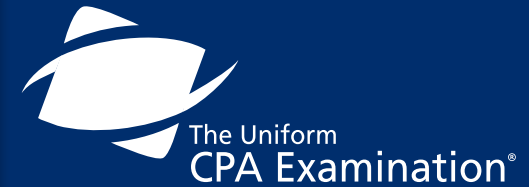
After you enter your Launch Code, proceed through the introductory screens and start the examination, the computer screen will display a countdown timer at the top of the screen which will let you know the time remaining as you work through the examination. Plan your time so that you do not use your time up early in the examination and do not have enough time later in the examination. The Prometric test center appointment time includes examination testing time plus 30 minutes. The additional 30 minutes is allocated to the examination login and the candidate survey at the end of the examination. It is not additional testing time; you will only be given four (4) hours to take the examination.

If you are a Testing Accommodations candidate and have been approved for extra time, please refer to your Board of Accountancy or designee for the actual length of your examination.

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## Test Center Regulations

A standardized environment is necessary to ensure the examination you take is essentially equivalent to the examination all other candidates take. For this reason, all candidates must follow the same regulations:

- Papers, books, food or purses are not allowed in the testing room
- Eating, drinking or use of tobacco is not allowed in the testing room
- Talking or communicating with other candidates is not allowed in the testing room
- Calculators, personal digital assistants or other computer devices are not allowed in the testing room
- Communication devices (e.g., cell phones, pagers, beepers, wireless Internet connections to personal digital assistants) are not allowed in the testing room
- Recording devices (audio and video) are not allowed in the testing room
- You must not leave the testing room without the permission of the test center staff
- Only test candidates with scheduled appointments are permitted into the test center;
- Absolutely no visitors are allowed

A more extensive list of prohibited items can be found on page 54.

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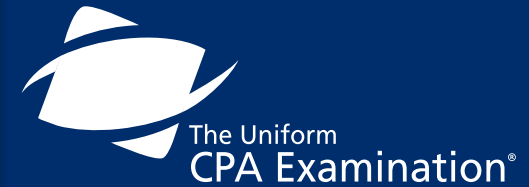
Each examination section contains units known as testlets. Each testlet is comprised of either a group of multiple-choice questions, a group of condensed case studies (known as task-based simulations), or a group of written communication tasks. (See [exam section table](#) for more information.) After indicating that you have completed a testlet, you will be presented with the option to take a break. You will receive this option between testlets. If you choose to take a break, you will be asked to leave the testing room quietly. You will be asked for a fingerprint to verify your identification prior to and upon returning from your break. The test center staff will confirm you have completed the testlet prior to your break. Breaks are considered a part of the testing process, so the testing clock will continue to run during breaks.

You do not have to take a break. **The clock will keep running during the break.** Therefore, it is recommended that you use break time wisely. When you return from a break, you will be required to enter your Launch Code in order to continue the examination. Note that breaks lasting more than ten minutes will be reported to your Board of Accountancy.

In addition to the optional breaks between testlets, which count against your testing time, you will be offered a standardized, 15-minute break approximately midway through the Exam section which may be accepted or declined. This break will not count against your testing time.

**You will not be allowed to take a break at any other time during the examination.** If you leave the testing room at any time, without exiting the testlet and selecting the break option, you will not be allowed to return to the testing room. Information regarding your absence will be reported to your Board of Accountancy.

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# Examination Confidentiality and Break Policy

Before you begin your examination, you will be required to accept the terms of the following confidentiality and break policy statement. If you do not accept the statement, your test will be terminated and your test fees will be forfeited.

## Policy Statement and Agreement Regarding Exam Confidentiality and the Taking of Breaks

I hereby agree that I will maintain the confidentiality of the Uniform CPA Examination. In addition, I agree that I will not:

- Divulge the nature or content of any Uniform CPA Examination question or answer under any circumstance
- Engage in any unauthorized communication during testing
- Refer to unauthorized materials or use unauthorized equipment during testing; or
- Remove or attempt to remove any Uniform CPA Examination materials, notes, or any other items from the examination room

I understand and agree that liability for test administration activities, including but not limited to the adequacy or accuracy of test materials and equipment, and the accuracy of scoring and score reporting, will be limited to score correction or test retake at no additional fee. I waive any and all right to all other claims.

I further agree to report to the AICPA any examination question disclosures, or solicitations for disclosure of which I become aware.

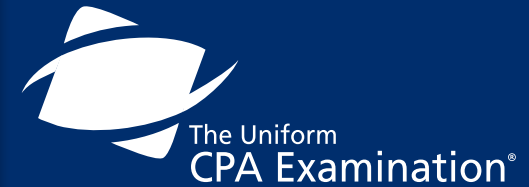
I affirm that I have had the opportunity to read the Candidate Bulletin and I agree to all of its terms and conditions.

I understand that breaks are only allowed between testlets. I understand that I will be asked to complete any open testlet before leaving the testing room for a break.

In addition, I understand that failure to comply with this Policy Statement and Agreement may result in invalidation of my grades, disqualification from future examinations, expulsion from the testing facility and possible civil or criminal penalties.

I ACCEPT       I DECLINE

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# Candidate Misconduct, Cheating, Copyright Infringement







The Boards of Accountancy, NASBA, and the AICPA take candidate misconduct (including cheating on the Uniform CPA Examination) very seriously. If a Board of Accountancy determines that a candidate is culpable of misconduct or has cheated, the candidate will be subject to a variety of penalties including, but not limited to, invalidation of grades, disqualification from subsequent examination administrations, and civil and criminal penalties.

In the event of an investigation into candidate misconduct or cheating, NASBA has the right to use any information obtained from candidates, including confiscated items and photos, as well as previous testing history to complete its investigation.

In cases where candidate misconduct or cheating is discovered after a candidate has obtained a CPA license or certificate, a Board of Accountancy may rescind the license or certificate.



If the test center staff suspects misconduct, a warning will be given to the candidate for any of the following situations:


-  Communicating, orally or otherwise, with another candidate or person
-  Copying from or looking at another candidate's materials or workstation
-  Allowing another candidate to copy from or look at materials or workstation
-  Giving or receiving assistance in answering examination questions or problems
-  Reading examination questions, task-based simulations, or written communication tasks aloud
-  Engaging in conduct that interferes with the administration of the examination or unnecessarily disturbing staff or other candidates

Cheating threatens your hard work and preparation. In the event you notice any other candidates cheating during your test session and wish to report your observations, please help us protect you by contacting us via any of these methods:

Call NASBA's toll free number at **855-228-7778**.

Email NASBA at [examsecurity@nasba.org](mailto:examsecurity@nasba.org).

Email Prometric's Security Department at [prometricsecuritydept@prometric.com](mailto:prometricsecuritydept@prometric.com).

**Grounds for Confiscation of a Prohibited Item,**

**Preparation of a Written Report of Incident**

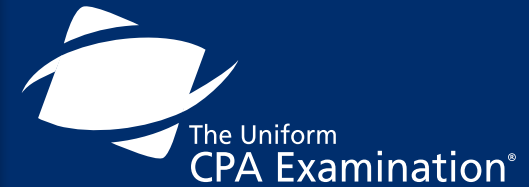
**&**

**Warning the Candidate**

**Include:**

- Possession of any prohibited item (whether or not in use) inside, or while entering or exiting the testing room
- Use of any prohibited item during a break.

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**PROHIBITED ITEMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

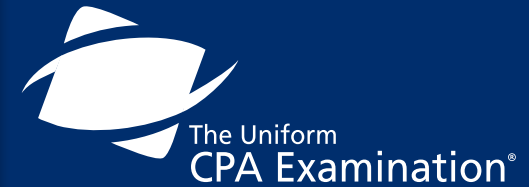
- Books
- Briefcase
- Calculator/Portable Computer
- Calculator Watch
- Camera, Photographic or Scanning Device (still or video)
- Cellular Phone
- Cigarette/Tobacco Product
- Container of any kind
- Dictionary
- Earphone
- Eraser
- Eyeglass Case
- Food or Beverage
- Handbag/Backpack/Hip Pack
- Coats
- Hat or Visor (except head coverings worn for religious reasons)
- Headset or Audio Earmuffs (not provided by Testing Center).\*
- Jewelry – Pendant Necklace or Large Earrings
- Newspaper or Magazine
- Non-Prescription Sunglasses
- Notebook
- Notes in any written form
- Organizer / Day Planner
- Outline
- Pager / Beeper
- Paper (not provided by Test Center)
- Pen / Pencil (not provided by Test Center)
- Pencil Sharpener
- Personal Digital Assistant or Other Electronic Device
- Plastic Bag
- Purse/Wallet
- Radio/Transmitter/Receiver
- Ruler/Slide Ruler
- Study Material
- Tape/Disk Recorder or Player
- Umbrella
- Watch
- Weapon of any kind

*\*You may bring soft, foam earplugs with no strings attached, which TCA's will inspect.*

Candidates will be permitted to take a light sweater or sweatshirt into the testing room.

Candidates will be required to remove their eyeglasses for close visual inspection by the TCA's. Jewelry outside of wedding and engagement rings are prohibited. Hair accessories are subject to inspection. If a candidate is caught with a camera device prior to entering the testing room, it will be confiscated and you will not be able to test. If caught with a camera device while in a testing room, it will be confiscated and the Exam will be terminated.

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The Boards of Accountancy, NASBA, the AICPA and Prometric take a variety of measures to prevent candidate misconduct and cheating on the examination. Test center staff is trained to watch for unusual behavior and incidents during the examination. Please note that all examination sessions are audio/video taped to document the occurrence of any unusual activity and candidate misconduct is reported to Boards of Accountancy on a daily basis.

Prometric provides NASBA with candidate personal information, including biometric data, test results and photos, which may also be used in conducting security investigations of candidate misconduct or cheating.

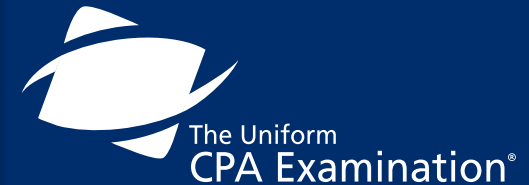
All examination materials are owned and copyrighted by the AICPA. Any reproduction and/or distribution of examination materials, including memorization, without the express written authorization of the AICPA is prohibited. This behavior infringes on the legal rights of the AICPA and, in addition to the penalties listed above, the AICPA will take appropriate legal action when any copyright infringements have occurred.

## Grounds for Dismissal

If you engage in misconduct or do not follow the test center regulations, the test center staff may dismiss you from the examination or you may have your scores canceled by your Board of Accountancy. The following are examples of behavior that will not be tolerated during the examination:

- Repeating acts of misconduct after receiving prior warning(s)
- Attempting to remove or removing examination questions from the testing room by any means
- Copying, writing or summarizing examination questions on any material other than the noteboards issued to you
- Tampering with computer software or hardware, or attempting to use a computer for any reason other than completing the examination session
- Intentional refusal or failure to comply with instructions of the test center staff
- Attempting to have an impersonator gain admission to the testing room or to substitute for you after a break
- Conduct that may threaten bodily harm or damage to property

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## Reporting Examination Concerns

During your examination session, report equipment/functionality issues or environmental disruptions/distractions to test center staff without delay.

After completing your examination, if you feel that the circumstances surrounding your test administration prevented you from performing at a level consistent with your knowledge and skills; or, if you have a question or concern about the test, you must notify NASBA at [candidatecare@nasba.org](mailto:candidatecare@nasba.org) **no later than five business days from the date of your examination to document your concern. Reporting the issue to the testing site staff (TCAs) and/or leaving a comment in the survey at the end of the examination does not take the place of filing a formal complaint with Candidate Care at NASBA. Do not wait to receive your scores before notifying NASBA.**

### Candidate Care at NASBA

You may notify NASBA using any one of the methods below:

 <a href="mailto:candidatecare@nasba.org">candidatecare@nasba.org</a>	 866-MY-NASBA (866) 696-2722	 615-880-4225	 Candidate Care NASBA Examinations 150 Fourth Ave. North Suite 700 Nashville, TN 37219
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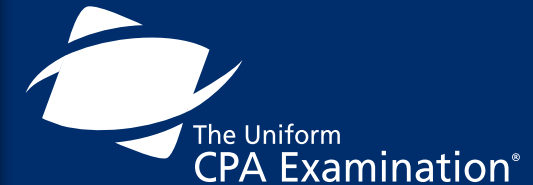
**Note: Candidates should include their own contact information with inquiry. Include your name and address or email address.**

## Comments about Examination Content

If you believe you have identified a problem with a multiple-choice question, a task-based simulation, or a written communication task, you should contact the AICPA Examinations Team either by fax at 609-671-2922 or by mail at AICPA Examinations Team, Princeton South Corporate Center, 100 Princeton South, Suite 200, Ewing, NJ 08628. Your fax or letter must be received by the AICPA within four days of testing to ensure a timely review.

Do NOT include the exact wording or attempt to outline the multiple-choice question, task-based simulation, or written communication task. Rather, provide enough information to allow the AICPA to identify the item; for example – “multiple-choice question number 18 in the second testlet” or “the Interest Expense tab in the first task-based simulation.” You should include the nature of your concern, the rationale, and, if possible, references. Be sure to include your examination section identification number in your fax or letter. The AICPA reviews every fax and letter received by the deadline; however, the AICPA is unable to respond directly to candidates.

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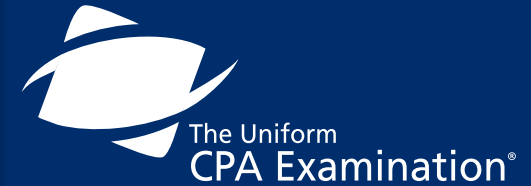
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## Scoring the Examination: The Basics

The AICPA develops and grades the Uniform CPA Examination.



The AICPA does not provide score information to candidates.



After scores are completed, the AICPA submits the scores to NASBA who sends to the Boards of Accountancy for approval.



When approved, NASBA releases the scores to candidates.

# STEP 5: RECEIVE YOUR SCORE(S)

After the Examination, candidate responses are forwarded to the AICPA for scoring. The AICPA does not receive or have access to candidate identities. The responses are identified by the examination section identification number only. When advisory scores become available, the AICPA forwards them to NASBA, which then matches the scores to individual candidates. NASBA then forwards the scores to Boards of Accountancy for approval and subsequent release to candidates. **Note: Scores cannot be given over the phone.**

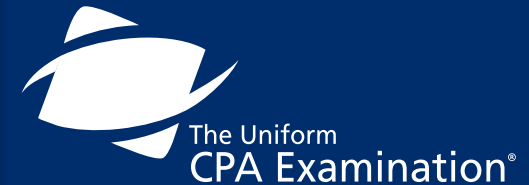
Please be advised that some state Boards of Accountancy require at least one day beyond the published target dates for score release to process and release exam scores. Also, scores are NOT released by jurisdiction in a specific order, and the scores of candidates who tested on the same day may well be reported at different times during the scoring cycle.

For additional information about score release or score report content, contact your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent. **Note: The AICPA does not provide score information to candidates.**

For more information on how the CPA Exam is scored, please visit the AICPA website and read [“How Is the CPA Exam Scored?”](#) – a document prepared by the AICPA.

For those states that release scores online: the examination section identification number on your NTS will be required to view your score online. After you sit for the examination, keep your NTS until you have received your score. After you sit for the examination, your NTS cannot be reprinted.

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# Score Release Timeline

Scores for the Uniform CPA Exam will be released by NASBA to state Boards of Accountancy based upon the target score release date timeline listed in the table below. **Please be advised that some state Boards of Accountancy require at least one day beyond the dates listed in the table to process and release exam scores.**

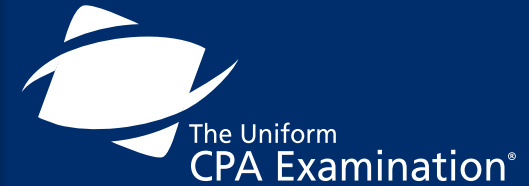
The changes in the Exam will not impact the existing average 20-day score release timeline on an ongoing basis. However, consistent with Exam launches in the past, there will be a delay in the release of scores following the close of the initial testing window (second quarter of 2017). Scores will be released once, approximately 10 weeks after the close of the testing window. For the third and fourth quarters of 2017, scores for all candidates will be released once, approximately 10 days after the close of each testing window. The delay in score releases for the Q2, Q3 and Q4 testing windows provides sufficient time to statistically validate candidate performance on the next Exam. In the first quarter of 2018, it is expected that the average 20-day rolling score release timeline will resume.

 <b>Testing Window</b>	 <b>AICPA/Board of Examiners Review Exam Performance Data/ Standard Setting</b>	 <b>Target Score Release Date Range</b>
2017 Q2 April 1 - May 31, 2017	10 Weeks	August 16 - August 18, 2017
2017 Q3 July 1 - September 10, 2017	10 Days	September 22, 2017
2017 Q4 October 1 - December 10, 2017	10 Days	December 22, 2017

The timetable applies to candidates who have tested in both domestic and international testing locations. This table demonstrates the target release date timeline. Scores for the Uniform CPA Exam are released by NASBA to Boards of Accountancy based on this timeline.

We encourage candidates to visit the [Psychometrics and Scoring page](#) on the AICPA website for information about score release and the scoring process, including the [CPA Exam Score Release Timeline FAQs](#).

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# The Score Review and Appeal Processes

## Score Review

Score review is a service to candidates offering additional assurance that operational quality controls in the scoring process were complete and the scores are accurate. Score review is NOT a re-grading of the examination, or an opportunity to find additional points, review content, or to have alternate responses considered. It is simply an independent verification of a candidate's Uniform CPA Examination score.

The verification for the multiple choice questions and the task-based simulations involves making certain that the approved answer key was used and that it was applied correctly. Verification for the written communication tasks involves making certain that each of the submitted responses was scored.

Because all scores undergo several quality control checks before they are reported, the likelihood of a score change following score review is exceedingly small, or **less than 1% of all requested score reviews since the inception of the computer-based test**. However, the score review option is available to candidates who would like to have their scores checked one more time.

The infographic is set against a yellow background and is divided into three vertical sections by thin black lines. The first section on the left contains text about the application deadline and a clock icon. The middle section contains text about the start of the review cycle and a calendar icon showing the number 31. The third section on the right contains text about the review cycle for the most recent testing window and an example for the April/May cycle.

The option to apply for a score review is available only for a short period of time after your score has been reported to you.

Contact your Board of Accountancy, or its designated agent, for instructions on requesting a score review, paying the required fee, and meeting the score review request deadline.

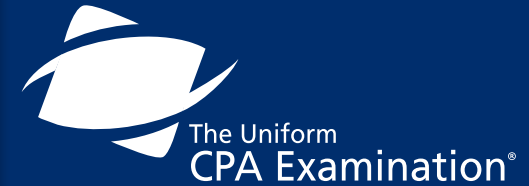
If you apply after the deadline date, your request will not be processed.

Each score review cycle begins at the start of the following testing window. For example, the score review cycle for scores reported for the January/February testing window begins at the start of the April/May testing window.

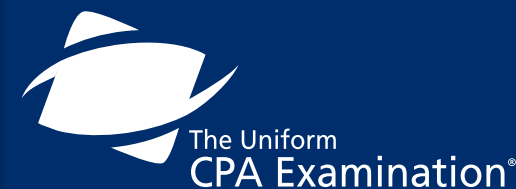
Each score review cycle is for scores reported for the most recent testing window only.

**For example, the April/May review cycle is for scores reported for the January/February testing window only.**

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## Appeal

In the jurisdictions that allow appeals, the appeal process provides candidates with the opportunity to appeal failing scores. Where available, the appeal option enables candidates who fail the examination to view the multiple choice test questions or objective task-based simulation problems that they answered incorrectly together with their responses, and to submit comments online. The appeal does not include the written communication tasks. The confidentiality of the examination requires that such viewing sessions take place only in authorized locations, under highly secure conditions, and in the presence of a representative of the candidate’s Board of Accountancy or its designated agent.

You should consider requesting an appeal only if you want to review your incorrect responses because you believe that there is a multiple choice question or objective task-based simulation problem that you would like to challenge.

Contact your Board of Accountancy, or its designated agent, to determine whether the appeal option is available in your jurisdiction and, if it is, to obtain detailed instructions. In order to qualify for an appeal, you will be required to submit a formal request, obtain your board’s approval, pay the required fee, and meet all required deadlines. **Note: The option to apply for an appeal is available only for a short period of time after your score has been reported to you.**

*Score Appeals are not permitted in the following jurisdictions:*

- California
- District of Columbia
- Colorado
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Montana
- Ohio
- Virginia

## Retaking the Examination

**If you fail any section of the examination, you may retake that section in a future testing window. You may not repeat any section within the same testing window.**

If you fail an examination section, you will receive a Candidate Performance Report, providing information about your examination performance as it compares with the performance of candidates in the “just passed” category – those who earned scores of between 75 and 80. This information will show you how your performance differed – by content area and by question type (multiple-choice questions, task-based simulations, written communication tasks) – from the performance of passing candidates. You are likely to find this information helpful when preparing to retake an examination section. This information is a tool to evaluate your performance and to serve as a study guide.

**It is strongly suggested that you not apply for a section of the examination until you are ready to take it.**

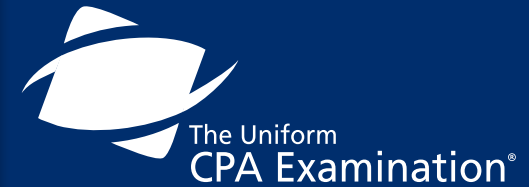
Taking the re-examination involves two categories of required fees that are to be paid either to your Board of Accountancy or to NASBA:

<b>Registration Fees</b>	<b>Re-examination Fees</b>
These fees are established by and paid to your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent.	These fees depend on the section(s) of the examination and are paid either to your Board of Accountancy, its designated agent, or NASBA.

Candidate Performance Report FAQs, as well as a sample score report are available on the [AICPA website](#).

If you have any questions about a policy on retaking the examination, you must contact your Board of Accountancy or its designated agent.

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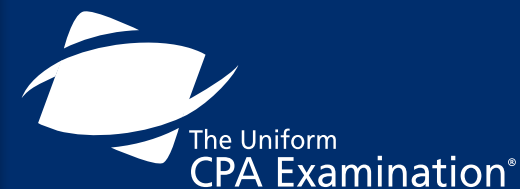
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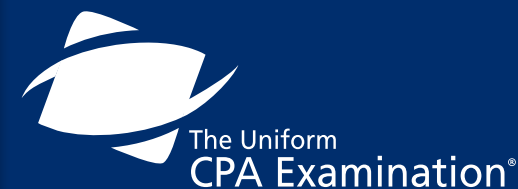
Generally, Boards of Accountancy report scores on a numeric scale of 0-99, with 75 as a passing score. This scale does NOT represent “percent correct.” A score of 75 reflects examination performance that has been judged to represent the knowledge and skills needed to protect the public interest. Policy weights represent the proportions of the total test score for various components of each examination section. For the computer-based Uniform CPA Examination, the weights for the following sections are:

Section	Item Type	Item Weighting	Testlets
AUD	72 MCQs 9 TBSs	50% 50%	1.) 36 MCQ 2.) 36 MCQ 3.) 2 TBS 4.) 4 TBS
BEC	62 MCQs 5 TBSs 3 Written Responses	50% 35% 15%	1.) 31 MCQ 2.) 31 MCQ 3.) 2 TBS 4.) 3 TBS 5.) 3 Written Responses
FAR	66 MCQs 9 TBSs	50% 50%	1.) 33 MCQ 2.) 53 MCQ 3.) 2 TBS 4.) 4 TBS 5.) 3 TBS
REG	76 MCQs 9 TBSs	50% 50%	1.) 38 MCQ 2.) 38 MCQ 3.) 2 TBS 4.) 4 TBS 5.) 3 TBS

MCQ = Multiple Choice Question

TBS = Task-Based Simulation

Other than the written communication part of the examination, which requires you to complete tasks such as creating a letter or memo, the questions contained in the examination are formatted to allow responses to be scored electronically. A combination of human graders and electronic scoring will be used to score written communication tasks. You will receive credit for each correct answer to a multiple-choice question. Similarly, responses to the questions asked in the task-based simulations will receive credit when you provide a correct answer or complete a task correctly. You are not penalized for incorrect responses.



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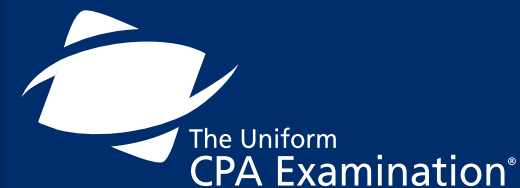
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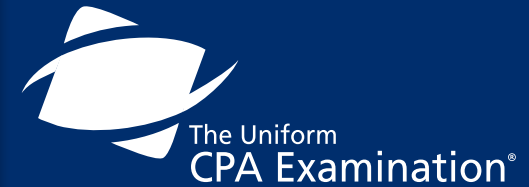


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Scheduling, rescheduling or canceling your examination appointment

Directions to your test center

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Ewing, NJ 08628

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General questions regarding the content of the examination



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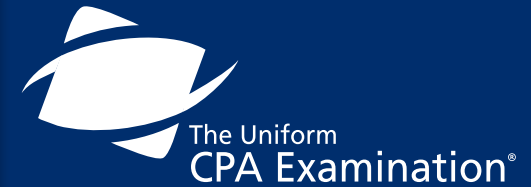
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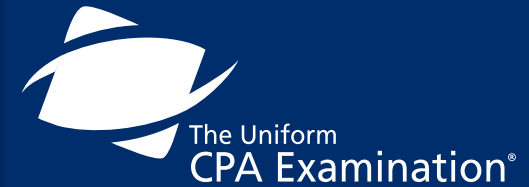


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