

Idaho State Board of Accountancy

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Idaho State Board of Accountancy is to protect the public by assuring certified public accountants and licensed public accountants under its jurisdiction are adhering to the statutes and rules regarding qualification, professional ethics and conduct.

Vision

The Idaho State Board of Accountancy is committed to the protection of the public by enhancing the integrity of the profession through fair, impartial, effective, and efficient governance.

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THE ISBA NEWSLETTER HAS A NEW LOOK!

Welcome to the Idaho State Board of Accountancy's first edition of its digital newsletter produced by NASBA. Within this first edition you will find important information on the latest news concerning the Idaho Administrative Code from Governor Brad Little; articles written by Board Chair, T. Layne Van Orden, CPA, of Blackfoot and CPE Committee Chair McRay Bryson, CPA, of Boise; and information to identify the differences between the Idaho State Board and the Idaho Society of CPAs. For those of you involved in a peer review program there are helpful hints to help you maintain compliance with the state board. We've also included a CPA Exam performance summary report for Q1 2019 and we recognize our new licensees.

We hope this newsletter will be informative and useful to you! Please visit our website, isba.idaho.gov, where we continually post new information, including links to the laws governing this profession, as well as resources for exam and licensure applicants, licensees, firms and the citizens of Idaho. Always, if you have any questions, please contact the Board office at 208-334-2490.

GOVERNOR LITTLE PROPOSES TO CUT AND SIMPLIFY ONE-THIRD OF ALL RULE CHAPTERS, INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

Boise, Idaho – Governor Brad Little is accepting public comment through June 11 on the administrative rules identified for elimination or simplification after the Idaho Legislature's decision not to reauthorize Idaho's Administrative Code during the 2019 legislative session.

The Idaho Administrative Code has the full force of law. At the beginning of the year, it included 736 chapters and 8,278 pages of regulations and at least 72,000 total restrictions.

The Idaho Legislature in the past has reauthorized all existing rules at the end of the legislative session but did not do so this year. As a result, Governor Little directed his administration to exercise executive authority to ensure rules necessary to protect the public remain in effect after July 1, 2019.

Governor Little's administration used the unique opportunity to identify rules that are clearly outdated and irrelevant for expiration on July 1, 2019. Executive branch agencies hosted more than 40 public meetings to review rules and identify rules to eliminate.

Agencies had already been comprehensively reviewing the rules they administer to identify areas where rules could be streamlined, scaled back, or eliminated as part of carrying out the Red



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

I fondly remember the day some 47 years ago when my wife came into my office carrying a letter from the Idaho State Board of Accountancy. We nervously but quickly opened the envelope and together began reading the letter. It was good news! I had successfully completed the CPA exam and could now apply for a CPA license. I was excited to join a group of men and women who I felt had achieved a special competency in accounting. Just as I felt then, I believe that the public still perceives that professionals who are licensed as Certified Public Accountants have a special competency in accounting.



T. Layne Van Orden, CPA

To protect the public and to keep their perception of CPAs accurate, I feel there should be appropriate but not excessive regulations in place. These regulations should promote the intent of the Idaho Accountancy Act. For the past few years we have seen an ever-increasing threat of anti-regulation emerging. Years ago, in the beginning of mandated regulation, only a handful of professions were covered including medical doctors, dentists, architects, engineers and Certified Public Accountants. Now many of the States are attempting to regulate many more industries out of which only a few would rise to the level of 'professionals'.

I present as an example of my concerns for the threat of anti-regulation is a bill that was introduced in January 2019 to the West Virginia House of Representatives. This bill proposed that any non-licensed individual could enter into a "non-licensed disclosure" agreement

with a potential client thus allowing a non-CPA to perform work that the state would have normally required an occupational license. Even if a client agreed to such an agreement, who would be there to protect the public that the information that ultimately gets to them is reliable and is presented in accordance with generally accepted standards?

Ken Bishop, NASBA President and CEO, addressed the issue in the February 2019 *NASBA State Board Report*, "President's Memo – This Threat is Real." NASBA sent some talking points to West Virginia CPAs. I have referenced a couple of them below with a link to Mr. Bishop's entire [President's Memo](#):

"The expertise Certified Public Accountants achieve through licensure - education, testing and experience - is the very thing that makes it possible for the public to rely on them. The attest services provided by CPAs are an integral part of creating trust in the financial system....."

"Additionally, the income tax and broad array of advisory services provided by CPAs have a tremendous impact on the state's economic health....."

Thus, the public has a vital interest in the competence of CPAs and their adherence to statutes and rules, code of professional conduct and standards of practice.

In conclusion, the battle of anti-regulation is now reaching our very own state, and this is a battle that we cannot afford to lose.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CPE COMMITTEE CHAIR

I have been privileged to serve as the Chairperson of the CPE Committee of the Idaho State Board of Accountancy (ISBA) for the past three years. In this capacity, I'm grateful to work with the Board and its dedicated staff, as well as my fellow volunteer CPE committee members.



McRay Bryson, CPA

Continuing education for CPAs is key to maintaining the integrity and standards of our profession. The public depends on us as CPAs to participate in learning activities that maintain and further our professional competence. I encourage you to be proactive in taking CPE courses that are relevant to your specific disciplines of accounting, rather than taking courses simply to meet the hour requirements.

The Board has adopted the NASBA/AICPA 2016 Statement of Standards for CPE, which includes various changes to the reporting requirements for CPE. These standards are provided on the ISBA web site at isba.idaho.gov/cpe/.

I suggest that you become familiar with and consider their impact on how you participate in and report your CPE learning. Finally, please remember to report your CPE on a timely basis and in accordance with these guidelines which will avoid rework on your part and save our Board staff significant time and energy.

Thank you for your contributions to the accounting profession and I encourage you to consider serving on the CPE Committee in the future.

EXISTING FIRMS, PEER REVIEW AND THE ISBA – HELPFUL REMINDERS

Renew the firms registration each year by September 30th. When completing annual registration please answer all questions regarding peer review thoroughly. Complete answers will help to prevent any discrepancies with due dates and facilitates communication with the Board office.

Maintain enrollment with an administering organization.

Complete Peer Reviews on a three-year frequency per [Rule 604.01](#). **When scheduling a peer review, it is important to remember to allow sufficient time for the reviewer to issue the report within six months after the review date.** If the review will not be completed by the due date communicated by the administering organization to the firm at the closing of the prior peer review, please be proactive in reaching out to the board regarding the status of the peer review.

If a firm is requesting an extension from the administering organization, please note the Board may accept an extension if recommended by the administering organization, provided the Board is notified by the firm within thirty days of the date of receipt of recommendation for such an extension. The administering organization does not advise the Board office once an extension has been approved. **It is up to the firm to provide the Board office with documentation of the extension request from the administering organization.**

A firm which has undergone a peer review will forward a copy of the peer review report, letter of comments if any, letter of response if any, and final acceptance letter to the Board office. Per [Rule 606.02](#), the letter will be filed within thirty days after receipt. **Neither the peer reviewer or the administering organization forwards documentation to the Board office. It is the firm's responsibility to provide this documentation in a timely manner.**

When an inquiry requesting a response is made by the Board office to the firm regarding its peer review, it is a requirement for the firm to respond within 30 days of the request or within any date otherwise specified.

Tips for New Firms

1

Register firm prior to offering or providing peer reviewable services.

2

Provide the Board with the issuance date of the initial report.

3

Enroll with an administering organization within timeframe established by rule.

4

Commence initial Peer Review within 18 months of the date of the issuance of its initial report.

5

Provide copies of peer review documents to the Board office within thirty days after receipt.

★ Respond to all Board inquires asking for a response within the date specified.

★ Continue to annually renew firm registration, maintain enrollment with an administering organization and continue peer review frequency of not less than once every 3 years.

The Board office is available to answer any questions involving the board's role in the peer review process with firms. Open communication and providing the Board with status updates on reviews will help firms with compliance.

MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER DISCIPLINARY

FR-0417 Crandall Oseen, P.A.; CP-2572 Kent Oseen

The Idaho State Board of Accountancy filed a complaint for failure to comply with Peer Review requirements and failure to timely respond to inquiries from Board staff. The firm signed a Stipulation & Consent Agreement to pay \$3,750 representing an administrative penalty of \$2,500 for failure to timely complete peer reviews, \$500 for failure to timely respond to Board Staff and \$750 in attorney fees. The firm will need to successfully complete the peer reviews and pay the penalty by June 30, 2019.

CP-2771 Mark Cannon

The Idaho State Board of Accountancy filed a complaint against Mr. Cannon upon learning through self-disclosure that he had been the subject of an SEC administrative action. The Board approved a Stipulation & Consent Agreement with Mr. Cannon suspending his license for one year from the date of the Boards Final Order and a requirement of 16 CPE on GAAP and Financial Management. Cannon was also ordered to pay a \$750 administrative penalty.

GOVERNOR LITTLE PROPOSES TO CUT AND SIMPLIFY ONE-THIRD OF ALL RULE CHAPTERS, INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Tape Reduction Act and the Licensing Freedom Act of 2019. Both acts resulted from executive orders Governor Little issued within the first few months as Governor to reduce regulatory burdens on Idaho citizens and businesses.

Governor Little's unprecedented efforts have led to the identification of 139 full chapters of rules proposed for expiration – totaling 19 percent of all rule chapters. An additional 79 chapters contain individual rule subparts proposed for expiration, and 31 chapters were rewritten to be significantly simplified.

All told, more than 34 percent of all rule chapters are proposed for expiration or simplification.

A list of all rules and their proposed status is posted on the Division of Financial Management (DFM) web site at this link:

<https://dfm.idaho.gov/fy-2020-rules-reauthorization-summary.pdf>.

Idahoans may submit public comments about the rules proposed for expiration by e-mailing RulesReview@dfm.idaho.gov by 5 p.m. MST on June 11.

Governor Little ultimately will make the decision whether to let a rule expire, weighing the public input received before June 11 in his decision.

"This effort is transforming Idaho's Administrative Code into a set of regulations that are simpler and more user-friendly for the public. I want to thank my agency directors and their staff for fast-tracking the rules review process that I started with my executive orders earlier this year," Governor Little said. "Identifying one-third of rule chapters to cut or simplify in four weeks is no small feat, and the hard work within my administration helps to improve transparency and invigorates public confidence in state government."

Rules deemed necessary to protect the public will be reauthorized. Agencies will re-publish the rules as "temporary and proposed rules" concurrently in a special edition of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin in June 2019. Agencies will accept written comments and host public hearings on rules to be reauthorized, in accordance with state law.

All rules reauthorized through this process are subject to legislative review during the 2020 legislative session.

Any new rules or significant modifications to existing rules must go through the normal rulemaking process, which traditionally involves a months-long process of negotiated, proposed, and pending rule stages with specific requirements for public comment.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW LICENSEES LICENSEES NOVEMBER 2018 - APRIL 2019

License #	Name	Issue Date	License #	Name	Issue Date
CP-6047	Tracy Lynn Dunne	11/21/2018	CP-6073	Robert Jinho Jung	2/13/2019
CP-6048	John Michael Drasso	1/2/2019	CP-6074	Benigna Mora-Ramirez	2/13/2019
CP-6049	Kimberley Pearce Jones	12/10/2018	CP-6075	Dustan Lynn Nalder	2/21/2019
CP-6050	Aaron Kelly Lavarias	12/18/2018	CP-6076	Rosemarie Ebey Reed-Hashimoto	2/21/2019
CP-6051	Nicole Marie Wilson	12/20/2018	CP-6077	Terry Lamar Kissler	2/21/2019
CP-6052	Christopher Michael Gummesson	1/3/2019	CP-6078	Kimberly Lou Ennis	2/21/2019
CP-6053	John Stone Gable	1/3/2019	CP-6079	Ethan Allen Lee	2/27/2019
CP-6054	Kendell Margaret Hart	1/9/2019	CP-6080	Junlin Huang	3/5/2019
CP-6055	Debra Ann Donaghy	1/9/2019	CP-6081	Eleonora Todorova Tashkova	3/7/2019
CP-6056	Chelsea Jo Chase	1/9/2019	CP-6082	Karen Ann Burger	3/7/2019
CP-6057	Meighan Victoria Wilson	1/9/2019	CP-6083	Austin Jake McAdams	3/7/2019
CP-6058	Michael Scott White	1/9/2019	CP-6084	Adam Michael Crossingham	3/7/2019
CP-6059	Porter Craig Clayton	1/9/2019	CP-6085	Tom Paul Burke	3/7/2019
CP-6060	Nicole L Glisson	1/16/2019	CP-6086	Conner Wayne Molyneux	3/7/2019
CP-6061	Omar Bernal	1/16/2019	CP-6087	Joseph Connor Yager	3/7/2019
CP-6062	David M Lemons	1/16/2019	CP-6088	MM Golam Morshed	3/14/2019
CP-6063	Darren Matthew King	1/16/2019	CP-6089	Rebecca Anne Kasino Conant	3/14/2019
CP-6064	Ryan Kinsley Eaton	1/16/2019	CP-6090	Peggy Cardon Jones	3/14/2019
CP-6065	Timothy Michael Wall	1/16/2019	CP-6091	Gregory Hunter Stevens	3/14/2019
CP-6066	Haley Christine Greer	1/17/2019	CP-6092	Jordan Parker Graves	3/19/2019
CP-6067	Lillian Josephine Ragan	1/22/2019	CP-6093	Bradley Keith Reynolds	3/19/2019
CP-6068	Travis Ingalls Carleton	1/24/2019	CP-6094	William Orange Stegelmeier	3/21/2019
CP-6069	Michael-Paul Grondel	1/24/2019	CP-6095	Nicole Heather Potter	4/1/2019
CP-6070	Melissa Shary Fennemore	1/24/2019	CP-6096	Yvonne Rawlings Kepler	4/1/2019
CP-6071	Ricky Roland Howell	1/29/2019	CP-6097	Shane A Riley	4/4/2019
CP-6072	Kent Lee Himes	2/11/2019	CP-6098	Alicia Michelle Dillon	4/16/2019
			CP-6099	Candace Nicole Stevens	4/17/2019

PASS LISTS

2018 Q4 Oct-Nov-Dec

Sheldon Anderson
 Omar Bernal
 Sheldon Brown
 Cayla Carson
 Kaitlin Carlson
 Ryan Eaton
 Joshua Elliott
 James Harbin
 Matthew Ingersoll
 Ian Weight
 Michael White
 Meighan Wilson
 Nicole Wilson

2019 Q1 Jan - Feb - Mar

Adam Crossingham
 Alicia Dillon
 Scot Fetters
 Kent Himes
 Damon Johnson
 Robert Jung
 Tevis Lee
 Conner Molyneux
 Benigna Mora-Ramirez
 Bradley Reynolds
 Candace Stevens
 Michael Thomas

CPA EXAM PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

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Overall Performance

Unique Candidates	90
New Candidates	17
Total Sections	100
Passing 4th Section	12
Sections / Candidates	1.11
Pass Rate	41.0%
Average Score	69.12

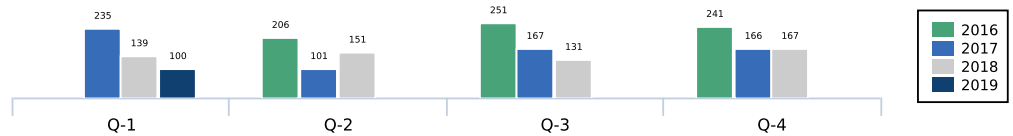
Section Performance

	Sections	Score	% Pass
First-Time	27	64.19	25.93%
Re-Exam	73	70.95	46.58%
AUD	33	69.85	36.36%
BEC	19	67.58	26.32%
FAR	36	67.81	41.67%
REG	12	73.50	75.0%

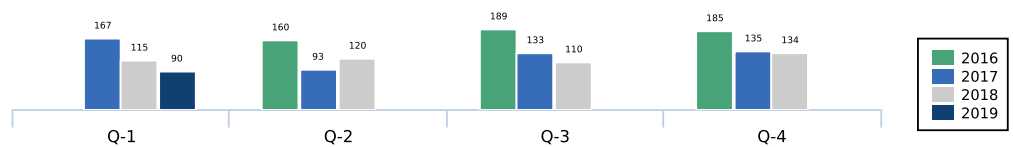
Jurisdiction Ranking



Sections



Candidates



KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BOARD AND SOCIETY

Who is ISBA? Idaho State Board of Accountancy

Who is ISCPA? Idaho Society of CPAs

State Regulatory Agency: Responsibilities

- State Agency that regulates the CPA profession through Statutes and Rules
- Issues CPA licenses
- Licensing period is July 1st – June 30th
- Review CPE for compliance
- Determine eligibility to take CPA exams
- Determine eligibility for licensure
- Investigate complaints & handle disciplinary issues
- Monitors Firm Peer Review Compliance

Membership Organization: Responsibilities

- Membership organization offering resources to CPAs
- Advocates for the CPA profession
- Membership period is January 1st – December 31st
- Provides CPE
- Provides exam prep opportunities
- Provides student membership with exposure to the CPA profession
- Maintains ethics committee to work with AICPA on professional ethics issues
- Represented on Peer Review Committee and Peer Review Report Acceptance Body

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2019 Office Closures

Thursday, July 4th

Monday, September 2nd

Monday, October 14th

Monday, November 11th

Thursday, November 28th

Wednesday, December 25th

2019 Board Meetings

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 –

Strategic Planning

Thursday, October 17, 2019

DECEASED

CP-1159

Jerry Sproul

CP-3162

Robert Boyle

CP-1365

Kenneth Baldwin

CP-3295

James Fenton

CP-2018

Jerry Higgins

CP-4467

John Adams

CP-3021

Paula Hall

CP-4524

Robert Hancock

IMPORTANT DATES

December 31st - CPE Course Completion – courses must be completed and certificates dated on or before December 31st.

January 31st - CPE Reporting — all CPE reports must be submitted to the Board office. Late fines will be assessed beginning at \$100 and can reach up to \$300. *NOTE* If you are changing your license status or requesting an extension you must submit your CPE report.

June 30th - License Renewal — fines will be assessed for all late renewals and noncompliance of due dates. You will be placed into Board Lapsed status if you have not paid your license renewal fee by August 1st. *NOTE* If you are changing your license status you must log in to renew your license to be able to change your license status.



September 30th - Firm Registration Renewal — fines will be assessed at \$100.00 per licensee for late Firm registration.

<https://isba.idaho.gov/online-services/>

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Per *Idaho Accountancy Rule 302.01* license holders are to notify the Board within 30 days of any change in their: business or residence address, business connection, employer, or principal place of business (<https://www.accessidaho.org/secure/boa/services.html>).

Exam candidates must directly notify the Board office.



LICENSE STATUS CHANGE OPTIONS

Inactive – annual fee: \$100.00 may not practice public accounting, no CPE requirement. Must use “CPA-Inactive” or “LPA-Inactive.” Do not publicly display wall certificate. May provide volunteer services for which the licensee receives no direct or indirect compensation.

Retired – annual fee: \$100.00 must be 55 years of age or disabled, may not practice public accounting, no CPE requirement. Must use “CPA-Retired” or “LPA-Retired”. Do not publicly display wall certificate. May provide volunteer services for which the licensee receives no direct or indirect compensation.

Lapsed – no annual fee, no CPE requirement, may not practice public accounting or use title CPA or LPA. Do not publicly display wall certificate.

NOTE: You may bring your license back into Active status by completing the reinstatement/re-entry process at any time. Complete the reinstatement/re-entry application, submit 80 hours of CPE (4 of which must be ethics with at least 2 Idaho specific ethics) and pay the reinstatement/re-entry fee. Contact the Board office for the fee amount.



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