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NASBA, AICPA and Prometric to Begin Year-Round Testing for U.S. CPA Exam

NASHVILLE, NEW YORK, BALTIMORE - (July 1, 2020) The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and Prometric are <u>launching year-round testing</u> of the Uniform CPA Examination (Exam) beginning today. The new continuous testing model provides greater candidate flexibility and convenience, with more than 75 additional testing dates available throughout the year. The new model replaces quarterly testing windows that allowed candidates to sit for the Exam during specified dates. According to Prometric, 3,465 test events have already been scheduled between September 11-30, 2020, a previous blackout period, signifying increased flexibility and frequency in candidate testing.

"Continuous testing has been a goal for some time, and it comes in direct response to feedback from CPA Exam candidates and their desire to test more frequently throughout the year. NASBA is proud to work in collaboration with the AICPA, Prometric and the 55 U.S. Boards of Accountancy to continue to ensure the security of the Exam and to implement a successful transition," shared NASBA Executive Vice President & COO Colleen Conrad, CPA.

The 55 U.S. Boards of Accountancy have endorsed the move to a Continuous Testing model as a means to support Exam candidates on their journey to CPA licensure. NASBA has created a <u>Continuous Testing Status Map</u>, which tracks the status of states with continuous testing. CPA Exam candidates are encouraged to refer to the map often for updates.

"Increasing candidate convenience is one of our top priorities," said Michael A. Decker, AICPA vice president of Examinations. "The move to continuous testing will give candidates the flexibility to develop a personal testing schedule that works best for them."

Under the continuous testing model, scores will be released on a rolling basis. Candidates wishing to learn more about continuous testing, as well as how the score release process will work, should visit the AICPA's <u>CPA Exam Score</u> <u>Release</u> page, as well as follow NASBA via social media for updates. Additional information is available in this <u>short</u> informational video.

About NASBA

Since 1908, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) has served as a forum for the nation's Boards of Accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license more than 650,000 certified public accountants and

regulate the practice of public accountancy in the United States. NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness and advance the common interests of the Boards of Accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities. The Association promotes the exchange of information among accountancy boards, serving the needs of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions. NASBA is headquartered in Nashville, TN, with a satellite office in New York, NY, an International Computer Testing and Call Center in Guam and operations in San Juan, PR. To learn more about NASBA, visit www.nasba.org.

About the American Institute of CPAs

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) is the world's largest member association representing the CPA profession, with more than 431,000 members in 137 countries and territories, and a history of serving the public interest since 1887. AICPA members represent many areas of practice, including business and industry, public practice, government, education and consulting. The AICPA sets ethical standards for its members and U.S. auditing standards for private companies, nonprofit organizations, federal, state and local governments. It develops and grades the Uniform CPA Examination, offers specialized credentials, builds the pipeline of future talent and drives professional competency development to advance the vitality, relevance and quality of the profession. The AICPA maintains offices in New York, Washington, DC, Durham, NC, and Ewing, NJ. Media representatives are invited to visit the AICPA Press Center at www.aicpa.org/press

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