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NASBA Releases 2019 Uniform CPA Examination Statistics

Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination – 2019 Edition
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NASHVILLE, Tenn., September 30, 2020 – The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), announces the release of Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination – 2019 Edition. Designed with jurisdiction and university/accreditation analyses in mind, the publication features comprehensive statistical data from all (4) testing windows and sections (AUD, BEC, FAR, REG) of the 2019 Uniform CPA Examination (Examination).

The 2019 Edition provides summary performance for candidates applying to each jurisdiction, with trending data for number of sections, number of unique candidates, average age and percent pass, while also providing university rankings and program accreditation statistics based upon Examination data. The publication offers the best overview of CPA Examination trends from around the world, and at the jurisdiction and university level.

Additional features include country performance for the top five countries and jurisdiction rankings for number of sections, number of unique candidates, average age and percent pass. Section descriptions are also included to explain each view of the performance metrics.

In 2019, the jurisdictions with the highest pass rates were: Utah (66.0%), Wisconsin (63.4%) and Iowa (62.2%). Performance metrics also indicate 83,017 candidates took the Examination in 2019 (of which 63,034 were new candidates) with 23,407 candidates passing their final section of the Examination.

Among the universities with the most candidates sitting for a First-Time section in 2019 were: Baruch College CUNY (626), University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign (527) and Pennsylvania State University – University Park (481).

NASBA began gathering data on CPA Examination candidates in 1982 and has published reports on performance and selected characteristics since 1985, demonstrating NASBA’s role as a trusted resource to Boards of Accountancy, the academic community and accounting profession.

Background data for the publication was obtained from Board of Accountancy submissions of eligible candidate information into NASBA’s Gateway System, and then analyzed and assembled by Editor, Noël Winter.

Sold in soft cover format, the 2019 Edition is available for $200. Orders can be placed through nashareport.com.

Questions regarding NASBA’s Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination – 2019 Edition and other candidate performance products, should be directed to cpb@nasba.org or (615) 880-4258.
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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.

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