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NASBA Releases 2011 Candidate Performance Book and Announces Significant Product Enhancements

Book details CPA candidate performance on the 2010 Uniform CPA Examination including statistical reports and commentary on trends

NASHVILLE, Tenn., October 20, 2011 – The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) today released for publication the 2011 edition of *Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination (Candidate Performance Book)* and announced significant product enhancements. This year's *Candidate Performance Book* features commentary and data on candidate performance on the Uniform CPA Examination for the calendar year 2010.

The 2011 edition of the *Candidate Performance Book* features enhanced reporting and delivery options made possible by new technologies made available to NASBA. Previous editions of the publication were offered on a yearly basis, primarily in print versions; however, following the release of the 2011 edition, snapshots of data will be available on a quarterly basis, beginning at the end of October 2011. The Uniform CPA Examination is administered in four testing windows. As such, snapshots of data will be available each quarter using data from the previous testing window.

In addition, the 2012 *Candidate Performance Book* will be available during the first quarter of 2012, several months earlier than previous years. Finally, in addition to offering its customary, printed version, NASBA will begin offering candidate performance data in a variety of formats, such as e-books, standard online reports and customized reports.

These improvement efforts represent a continuation of NASBA's ongoing role as a reliable and trusted resource to the accounting profession.

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"We consider the introduction of an enhanced *Candidate Performance Book* as a natural extension of our mission as the publication assists potential CPAs, academicians and other organizations in accessing timely data and following performance trends of Examination candidates with ease," said David A. Costello, CPA, President and CEO of NASBA.

A few of the most popular features of the *Candidate Performance Book* include first-time versus repeat candidates, trends in examination participation, national passing percentage rates and institutional representation.

One of the key new features of the *Candidate Performance Book* that readers can expect to see beginning with the 2011 edition is an updated view and analysis of data in the Tables. Upon request from readers and stakeholders in previous years, the Tables now contain a more granular view of event and performance data. Additionally, two Tables found in previous editions of the Book (Tables 4 and 5) have been removed.

Other features include first-time performance ranking, repeat performance ranking and performance by jurisdiction, to name a few. The accompanying Tables offer an at-a-glance view of the data that complement the commentary in each section.

NASBA first began gathering data on CPA Examination candidates in 1982 and has published reports on performance and selected characteristics since 1985.

The 2011 edition is available for purchase at \$70 for the eBook format and \$90 for the print format. To learn more about the *Candidate Performance Book* or to order a copy, please visit the links below, email cpb@nasba.org or call 615.880.4200.

Print Link:

https://www.createspace.com/3706045

eBook Links:

http://www.diesel-ebooks.com/item/9781937642013/NASBA-Candidate-Performance-on-the-Uniform-CPA-Examination/1.html

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Note: For questions about the eBook or to learn how to obtain the book on a tablet, please email <u>cpb@nasba.org</u>.

About NASBA

Celebrating 103 years of service, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) serves as a forum for the nation's state boards of accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license over 650,000 certified public accountants and regulate the practice of public

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accountancy in the United States. NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness of state boards of accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities. The Association promotes the exchange of information among the 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, and an International Computer Testing and Call Center in Guam. To learn more about NASBA, visit <u>www.nasba.org</u>.

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