

## **Citizens of India Now Able to Sit for U. S. CPA Exam in Middle East** *CPA Exam Candidates are Provided Additional Opportunities and Added Convenience*

**New York, Nashville, Baltimore (September 29, 2014)** – The [American Institute of CPAs \(AICPA\)](#), the [National Association of State Board of Accountancy \(NASBA\)](#) and [Prometric](#) today announced that testing for the Uniform CPA Examination in the Middle East will be open to all qualified citizens and permanent residents of India beginning October 1, 2014.

Administration of the Uniform CPA Examination began in the Middle East in August of 2011, with testing available in Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon and the United Arab Emirates. Qualified candidates from India now are able to travel to take the Exam at any of the Middle East locations.

CPA Exam candidates can register on [Prometric.com](#) and conduct their exams at Prometric test sites throughout the Middle East.

The U.S. CPA Exam is administered internationally as a service to U.S. citizens living abroad and foreign nationals, as well as in response to the escalating international demand for the U.S. CPA license. In recent years, Indian candidates are among the largest groups of international candidates who have traveled to the U.S. to take the CPA Exam. Opening the CPA Exam in the Middle East to Indian candidates increases their testing options.

The international administration of the Exam, which is offered in English, is the same as the U.S. Exam administered by the AICPA, NASBA, and Prometric in the United States.

Licensure requirements for international candidates are the same as for U.S. CPA candidates. Along with passing the Uniform CPA Examination, international candidates must meet education and professional experience requirements as mandated by U.S. Boards of Accountancy.

In the United States, Boards of Accountancy are the only entities authorized to grant the U.S. CPA license. Indian candidates may apply through one of the U.S. Boards of Accountancy. A list of participating Boards of Accountancy and information regarding fees are posted on the “EXAMS” section of the NASBA website at [www.nasba.org](#). NASBA International Evaluation Services (NIES) is available for candidates who wish to have their educational credentials evaluated. NIES can be contacted at: 1-855-468-5382, via email at [nies@nasba.org](mailto:nies@nasba.org) or via the website at [www.nasba.org/nies](#).

An updated FAQ on the [International CPA Exam](#) is available online at [www.aicpa.org/cpa-exam](#).

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### **About NASBA**

Celebrating more than 100 years of service, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy ([NASBA](#)) serves as a forum for the nation’s Boards of Accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license more than 700,000 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 satellite offices in New York, NY, and San Juan, PR, and an International Computer Testing and Call Center in Guam. To learn more about NASBA, visit [www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org).

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The AICPA sets ethical standards for the profession and U.S. auditing standards for private companies, nonprofit organizations, federal, state and local governments. It develops and grades the Uniform CPA Examination, and offers specialty credentials for CPAs who concentrate on personal financial planning; forensic accounting; business valuation; and information management and technology assurance. Through a joint venture with the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), it has established the Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) designation which sets a new standard for global recognition of management accounting.

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