



Become a CPA

A solid investment that pays
great career dividends



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Becoming a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) significantly enhances both salary and advancement potential for young business professionals and can also open a variety of doors in all sectors of the business world—public, private, governmental, and not-for-profit.



Besides careers in public accounting firms, today's CPAs have a variety of other job options. These include white-collar crime specialists with the FBI, experts testifying in courts of law on forensic accounting findings, consultants helping families plan for their children's education, and Fortune 500 CFOs and CEOs.

Becoming a CPA is a step that sets one apart from the rest of the field. The CPA designation:

- Indicates a high level of education and mastery of a wide range of skills.
- Is recognized and valued by prospective employers because of the dedication necessary to become a CPA.
- Signifies honesty, objectivity, and financial expertise.
- Is a key requirement for advancement in many areas of the accounting profession.

Qualifying to take the Uniform CPA Examination

It's important to know the prerequisites of the state or jurisdiction in which you will apply for the CPA Exam and to plan to meet their individual requirements.

Currently, most states require the completion of all educational requirements before a candidate is qualified to take the CPA Exam. States generally require a bachelor's or higher degree, and in fact most states require 150 semester hours in specific subject areas as determined by the applicable State Board of Accountancy. Subject areas may include:

- Accounting, including Accounting Principles, Cost Accounting, Federal Taxation, and Auditing
- Business Law, including coverage of the Uniform Commercial Code
- Finance
- Business Statistics
- Business and Accounting Electives
- Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Economic Principles

Reciprocity among states

Because they use the Uniform CPA Examination, most states recognize the validity of licenses obtained from other states, and may allow you to claim credit for successful completion of the examination in another state if you submit affidavits proving you meet their criteria. However, this process can be complex and candidates are generally advised to apply to take the exam in the state they will be licensed to practice. Check for the specific rules that apply to you at www.nasba.org or visit us at www.beckerCPA.com/state.

Applying to take the Uniform CPA Examination

Candidates should apply with the state or jurisdiction in which they intend to practice. The process consists of submitting forms and transcripts, along with fees, to the State Board or its designee.

Important items to note when applying:

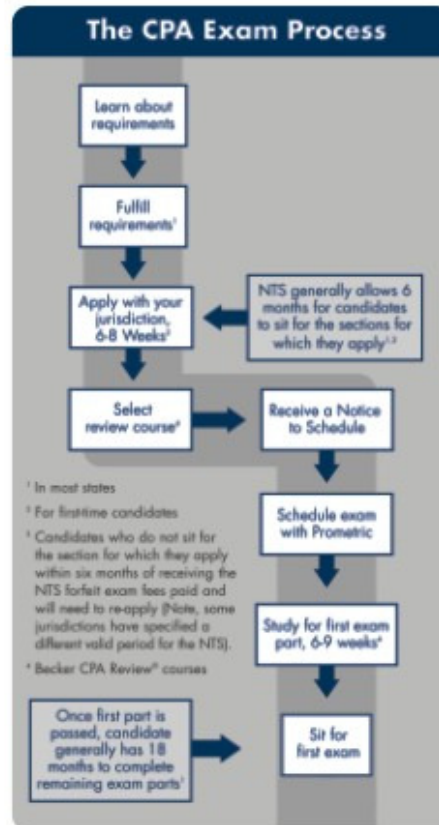
- Candidates may apply to any state or jurisdiction, but may only register to take the exam in one jurisdiction at a time.
- Candidates may take the exam at any authorized test center in the United States. The test center doesn't need to be located within the jurisdiction in which a candidate applies.
- Application and exam fees for first-time candidates vary by state, but range from \$800 to \$950 for all four parts of the exam.
- Applications can be submitted at any time.
- The application process usually takes from six to eight weeks for first-time candidates.
- Accuracy and thoroughness are important. Incomplete applications are generally rejected.
- The name on the application submitted must exactly match the name on the two forms of valid identification that will be needed for admission to the testing center.
- Official school transcripts must be provided. Note: International degrees may also need to be submitted to an evaluation service. This may add time to the application process.

What to expect after you apply

Approved candidates are sent a Notice to Schedule (NTS) by mail, e-mail, or fax. Candidates must have the NTS to schedule an actual test date at one of the 300 Prometric Test Centers across the United States and the five additional jurisdictions that are approved to administer the CPA Exam.

Generally, candidates must sit for their first exam within six months of receiving the NTS, although this can vary by jurisdiction.

Exams must be scheduled at least five days in advance of your choice of date. However, it is best to contact Prometric at least 45 days in advance to get your first choice of date and time. Test Center locations are available at www.prometric.com/cpa.



About the CPA license

Candidates must pass a rigorous, four-part exam called the "Uniform CPA Examination" that is prepared and administered by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Candidates must also meet educational, work experience, and other requirements specific to the state or jurisdiction in which they intend to be licensed to practice. These requirements are determined by the appropriate State Board of Accountancy. There are 55 separate Boards of Accountancy, and all of these boards are members of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA).



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