



ASBPA UPDATE

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Board Officers Elected for 2012-2013

On June 22, 2012 the Board elected officers for the July 2012—June 2013 fiscal year. The new officers are as follows (see page 7 for pictures):

President - Gene Cogbill, CPA

Secretary - Dr. Mike Moore, CPA

Treasurer - Karen Garrett, CPA

Your other Board members include:

Wade Turner, CPA

Dale Coy, CPA

Lloyd Franklin, CFE

W.R. "Bill" Millager, MBA

Board members are appointed by the Governor to serve 5-year terms. For other specifics regarding the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy, please read the [Arkansas Accountancy Law](#) and [Board Rules](#).

Proposed Rule Changes

The Board is currently reviewing all of our laws and rules to determine what changes may be necessary. Two of the more important changes being considered involved education requirements to sit for the CPA exam and the content requirement for Continuing Professional Education (CPE).

CPA Exam – Educational Requirements

We recently discovered that according to research performed by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), Arkansas is one of 11 jurisdictions that require exam candidates to have 150 hours of education in order to sit for the CPA exam. Most of the other 44 jurisdictions require 150 hours for licensure but allow students to sit for the exam after completing a bachelor's degree in accounting. The Board is interested in your feedback on the idea of changing our requirements so that students could take the exam after completing their bachelor's degree. Some other issues to consider along with this change are:

- If the 150 hour rule to take the exam is changed to 120, should the 30 hours of accounting content also be changed? If so how many hours should be required? Also, should the 30 hours of business content be lowered as well?
- What is a reasonable time period to allow students to complete their 150 hours of education after passing the exam?

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2012 Swearing-In Ceremony May 19th

On Saturday, May 19, 2012, we held our Swearing-In Ceremony at the State Capitol in the Rotunda. Congratulations to all of the new Arkansas CPAs.



2012 Swearing-In Ceremony Honorees



Quality Review Surveys Are Past Due

Quality Review Surveys were due back to the Board by July 16th. Final notices were mailed on August 1st. The Quality Review committee will be reviewing these reports during the week of August 14-16. Results of these reviews will be mailed as soon as possible to the licensees who submitted reports.

If you have not submitted your Quality Review documentation, please send this to the Board office as soon as possible. If you have no reports to report, you may submit the No Reports through our online process. To report "No Reports", go to our website at <http://www.arkansas.gov/asbpa/> and click the purple bar that says "Online Quality Review—No Reports Issued".

Licensees should not state that they issued "No Reports" if they have actually issued reports during the reporting period.

Board Meeting Schedule

August 24, 2012
September 28, 2012
November 16, 2012

Meetings of the Board are open to the public, except under state law some portions may be closed to the public.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the Board office at 101 E Capitol, Suite 450, Little Rock, AR and begin at 9:00 a.m.

Board Office Closed

In accordance with the holiday schedule adopted by the State of Arkansas, the Board office will be closed on the following dates:

September 3—Labor Day
November 12—Veterans' Day
November 22-23—Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24-25 - Christmas Holiday

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CPE Content Requirements

One of the most problematic CPE areas that arise during our CPE audits each year involves the category of Management Advisory Services. NASBA defines this field of study as “courses that are related to key processes, achieving efficiencies, improving cash flow and maintaining profitability.” These courses must be directly connected to helping a company improve its financial position. Many times we see licensees try to characterize courses that have no relation to a company’s finances as management advisory services. To eliminate this confusion, the Board is considering changing the 60% content requirement to only include accounting, auditing, tax, and ethics fields of study. The content requirement would be lowered from 60% (24 hours each year) to 50% (20 hours each year). The table below summarizes the proposed CPE change:

	Current Rules	Proposed Rules
<u>Content Hrs. Required</u>	24 hours (60%)	20 hours (50%)
<u>Content Hrs.</u>	Accounting, Auditing, Tax, Ethics, Computer Science, Management Advisory Services	Accounting, Auditing, Tax, Ethics
<u>Non Content Hrs.</u>	Specialized Knowledge, Other	Specialized knowledge, Computer Science, Management Advisory Services, Other

Please send any feedback you may have to the attention of the Executive Director, Jimmy Corley.

james.corley@arkansas.gov

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License Renewals Will Begin in November

The annual license renewals will begin in November. Online renewals will take payment by electronic check, debit card, or credit card. **All license renewals are due by December 31st of each year.**

Please remember, if applying for a license late in the 2012 calendar year, you have to obtain 40 hours of CPE which includes 4 hours of ethics on or before 12/31/12 in order to renew for 2013. If you choose for your application to be placed on the January Board agenda rather than the November Board agenda to avoid this requirement, please send in a request with your application.

If the Board does not have your email address, please let us know, as this is our primary means of communication for renewals.

To contact the Board, you may send an email to ASBPA@arkansas.gov or mail your information to:

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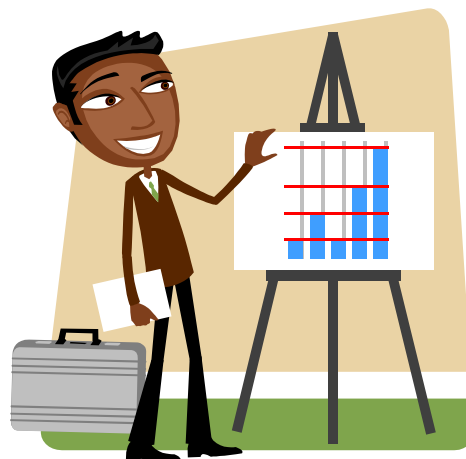
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CPA Exam Performance Summary: *2012 Q-2*

<u>Section Performance</u>			
	<u>Sections</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>% Pass</u>
First Time	88	69.0	38.6%
Re-Exam	139	69.5	38.1%
AUD	58	71.4	36.2%
BEC	58	71.3	43.1%
FAR	56	66.4	35.7%
REG	55	67.9	38.2%

CPA Exam Performance Summary: *2011*

<u>Section Performance</u>			
	<u>Sections</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>% Pass</u>
First Time	614	69.7	46.1%
Re-Exam	473	69.2	36.4%
AUD	296	71.4	44.9%
BEC	239	69.7	41.8%
FAR	248	68.3	41.1%
REG	304	68.5	39.5%



Successful CPA Exam Candidates

April—May 2012

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>
MARK	RANDAL	ALDER	FORT SMITH	AR	72901
JOHN	BARRETT	BELEW	NORTH LITTLE ROCK	AR	72114
NICHOLAS	GUY	BERTIN	CONWAY	AR	72034
STEPHANIE		COX	ROGERS	AR	72758
RU	ANN	ELLIOTT	HARRISON	AR	72601
JAYE	PAUL	GASAWAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72201
SHANNON	NICOLE	GRISE	SPRINGDALE	AR	72764
JAMES	ANTHONY	GROTJOHN	NORTH LITTLE ROCK	AR	72118
JIYEON		HAN	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211
ANGELA	MARIE	HOOVER	BENTON	AR	72015
CHRISTOPHER	M	JAMES	ARKADELPHIA	AR	71923
DEREK	MARTIN	KEATHLEY	SHERWOOD	AR	72120
MATTHEW		KIRKPATRICK	MALVERN	AR	72104
KRISTY	LEE	LAMB	SPRINGDALE	AR	72762
ANDREW	STEVEN	LEE	N. LITTLE ROCK	AR	72113
LESLIE	MICHELLE	LETSCH	MAUMELLE	AR	72113
HOLLY	LARAY	LONGING	CONWAY	AR	72033
MELISSA	JENNIFER	LYONS	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71903
GEORGIA	ANN	MCNABB	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205
WHITNEY		PETERSON	WALDO	AR	71770
DREW	B.	RITCHEY	CAMDEN	AR	71701
JAMES	ALAN	ROGERS	JONESBORO	AR	72404
BENJAMIN	DAVID	RUSS	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211
AARON		SHANEYFELT	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72207
AUSTIN	BLAKE	SMITH	MAUMELLE	AR	72113
SIDNEY	ALISE	STEWART	CONWAY	AR	72034
MORGAN	NICHOLE	USREY	FORT SMITH	AR	72904

Congratulations to our most recent successful CPA Exam candidates.



After You Pass the CPA Exam.....

It is very important to understand that you **CANNOT** use the term **Certified Public Accountant** or the designation of **CPA**, just because you pass the CPA Exam. According to Arkansas law, you cannot use the CPA designation or use the term Certified Public Accountant until you have been licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy. Many individuals believe that once they pass the Exam, they can call themselves a CPA—this is not accurate.

After you pass all four (4) parts of the CPA Exam (AUD, BEC, FAR, REG), you will be mailed a confirmation letter with instructions regarding how to apply for licensure with the state of Arkansas. This process may take a few weeks, but we will get this information to you as quickly as we can.

Thank you for your patience, as we work through the process to validate all information.

2012 Board Disciplinary Actions

The following licenses have been revoked by the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy in 2012:

James M. Blew 1635 - Junction, TX
Don R. Harrison 8197R - Springdale, AR
Susan L. Meyers 3142 - Scottsdale AZ
Judy Plum Moore 3134R - Atlanta, TX
Joseph Frank Gallo 8682R - Rogers, AR
William David Rothwell 4413 - Hot Springs, AR
Gini L. Vanness, P.A. 625C - Springdale, AR
Lamar F. Baker 2232 - Shreveport, LA
Gerald E. Fischer 1229 - Harrison, AR
Gerald E. Fischer CPA LTD 215C - Harrison, AR

New Employee Profile—Joshua Jacobs, CPA

The Board has hired an additional Investigator, Joshua Jacobs, CPA. Joshua has been a licensed Certified Public Accountant for eight years. In his free time, Joshua has helped ministers with tax returns, tax compliance, and other accounting issues. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Texas Young Lawyers' Association, Arlington Young Lawyers' Association, and the American Bar Association. Joshua is currently licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy and the Texas State Bar.

Born in Arkansas, Joshua obtained his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a double major in Accounting and Management/Marketing from Arkansas Tech University in 2002. During his time at Arkansas Tech he was the President of the Accounting Club and voted by his peers as the Most Outstanding Accounting Senior. Joshua earned his Juris Doctor from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law in 2010. While at Texas Wesleyan, he served as Treasurer and Board Member of the Night Students' Association and was a member of the Tax and Estate Planning Law Organization.

Joshua is involved in local church activities and enjoys attending college and professional sporting events, traveling, camping, and boating. He also enjoys spending time with his wife Leah and their two "kids," Spot (mutt) and Angel (miniature dachshund).

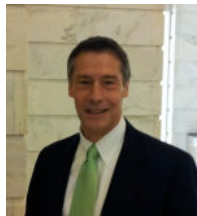
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Help Us Identify the Unauthorized Practice of Public Accountancy and Other Violations

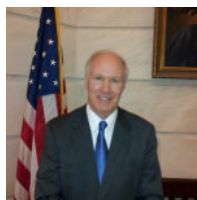
If you suspect someone in your community of holding out as a CPA without a valid license, please contact the Board's office and provide us with as much information as possible so we can investigate. We are also interested in finding out about other Board rules or Law violations that you may be made aware of.

With limited staff and resources, we need your help to ensure compliance with our statutes and to ensure that the public interest is protected.

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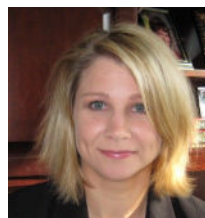
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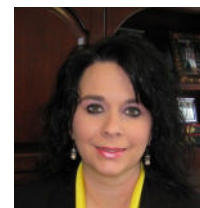
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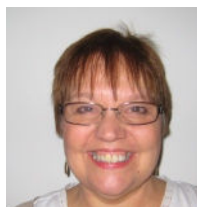
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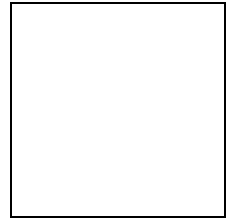
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Moving? Please Notify the Board Office of Your New Address

The rules and regulations require all licensees to notify the ASBPA of all such changes by sending a change of address form to the office . Please include a street address to facilitate any express mail deliveries.

Name _____

Employer _____ License# _____

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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