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# **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

You must notify the Board if there are any changes in your address or contact information. If you have moved, changed your address, phone number, or email address, or changed employers, you can update your information online.

- Individuals changing their name will need to include a copy of the legal document changing it.
- Resident Managers have the responsibility to inform the Board of any changes regarding their firms' information within 30 days of the action.





# AICPA UNVEILS BLUEPRINTS FOR REDESIGNED CPA EXAM

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) released the updated Uniform CPA Examination® Blueprints, the official document of content eligible for assessment on the Exam. The Blueprints are based on the knowledge and skills required of a newly licensed CPA to meet the demands of firms, employers and clients.

Today's CPAs need deeper skill sets, more competencies and greater knowledge of emerging technologies and their impact on tax, accounting and audit. To prepare CPA candidates and accounting students for this new environment, the licensure model is evolving through the AICPA and National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) joint CPA **Evolution** initiative.

"The CPA Exam has evolved to align with a digital-driven marketplace, and that means a greater emphasis on technology and analytical skills," said Susan Coffey, CPA, CGMA, CEO of Public Accounting at the AICPA. "Through CPA Evolution, new Exam candidates will gain the skills and competencies they need to better meet the public's, clients' and employers' needs. Candidates will also have the flexibility to choose their preferred area of focus within the multitude of career paths available in the profession."

Under the CPA Evolution licensure model, all candidates will be required to take three Core sections: Financial Accounting and Reporting, Auditing and Attestation, and Taxation and Regulation. Then, each candidate will choose a Discipline in which to demonstrate additional knowledge: Business Analysis and Reporting (BAR), Information Systems and Controls (ISC) and Tax Compliance and Planning (TCP). Regardless of a candidate's chosen Discipline, this model leads to full CPA licensure.

In line with the importance of emerging technologies on the profession, there is an increased focus on data and technology concepts in all Core and Discipline Exam sections.

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# DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Information regarding complaints and ongoing investigations is confidential; however, you can access and search all public Board orders at: https://eservice.llr.sc.gov/ PublicOrdersWeb/?divisionId=15.



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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April 2023		
27	Board Meeting - Room 105	
May 2023		
10	State Holiday – CLOSED	
25	New CPA Oath Ceremony	
29	State Holiday – CLOSED	
June 2023		
22	Board Meeting - Room 108	

Unless otherwise noted, all Board meetings start at 10 a.m. Requests to appear before the Board, together with all related documentation, must be in writing and submitted at least 10 business days before the meeting. Written requests are to be sent to SC Board of Accountancy, PO Box 11329, Columbia, SC 29211-1329.

# TOTAL LICENSEES AND REGISTRATIONS AS OF 3/31/2023

TYPE OF LICENSE/REGISTRATION	ACTIVE
Accounting Firm In State	1,279
Accounting Firm Out of State	334
Accounting Practitioner	50
Accounting Practitioner Emeritus	3
Certified Public Accountant	6,197
Certified Public Accountant Emeritus	269
Certified Public Accountant Retired	40
Public Accountant	1
Public Accountant Emeritus	1
Total Licensees/Registrations	8,174

# NEW CPA OATH CEREMONY

The Board of Accountancy's Spring 2023 New CPA Oath Ceremony, and the SCACPA-sponsored lunch, will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 12:25 p.m. at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Convention Center, at 5055 International Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418. The Oath Ceremony is being held as part of SCACPA's Spring Splash Accounting Conference.

New CPAs will affirm an oath statement and receive their South Carolina CPA certificate from the Board of Accountancy. New CPAs will also receive a CPA lapel pin, courtesy of SCACPA. Recipients are asked to arrive no later than 11:45 a.m. Photo opportunities will be available after the ceremony.

Jada McAbee, CPA, Chair, Board of Accountancy, and Brad Ledford, CPA, SCACPA Chair, will lead the ceremony. All new licensees are encouraged to attend the Oath Ceremony. New licensees who choose not to attend the Oath Ceremony will receive their wall certificates by mail approximately 30 days after the Ceremony.

# RECENTLY LICENSED CPAS - JANUARY TO MARCH 2023

RICHARD ALAGABAN **TORI ARGUE** WILLIAM AUSTIN. IV JACQUELYNNE BAILEY **AMANDA BARDIN BOBBY BEARD. II** ROBERT BENDETTI **CHASE BERRY** RICHARD BHOLA NICOLE BLOUNT KRISTEN BOATWRIGHT **AKI BOSCO ALANA BROOKS WESLEY BROWN** STEPHEN BROWN **OLIVIA CALLANDER GREGORY CHAPMAN** KAREN CHIUCHIOLO CHARLES DANFORTH, JR ANNA DAVIDSON JESSI DAVISON THIAGO DE FARIA DIAS **COLE DEFILIPPO** TERESA DRAGOO **JESSICA DURANT** PEYTON ELMORE JORDAN FAUST **JOHN FORLINES JOSHUA FRY CHARLES GRAEBER** HANNAH GREER **JOSHUA GRIFFITH ZACHARY GUIDOTTI** HALFY HAGWOOD **SHARON HANCOCK KEVIN HAUSER TOI HAYNES** RICHARD HIGHTOWER, III **JEREMY HILL KRIS HINCKLEY DALE HUGGINS** SARAH HUNTER SHONEY JACKSON

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BENNETT KOGAN

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# AICPA UNVEILS BLUEPRINTS FOR REDESIGNED CPA EXAM (continued from page 1)

Additional new content is primarily in the ISC and TCP Discipline Exam sections. IT infrastructure, platforms and services; security, confidentiality and privacy; and considerations for System and Organization Controls engagements are included in the ISC Discipline Exam section. Personal financial planning and tax planning are assessed in the TCP Discipline Exam section.

The Blueprints are a result of the AICPA's Practice Analysis research to align the CPA Exam to the CPA Evolution initiative and are included in its <u>final report</u>. The Practice Analysis collected input from a wide range of stakeholders who share an interest in preserving the strength and mission of the profession—ranging from individual CPAs to boards of accountancy, public accounting firms, individuals working in business and industry, government, and academia.

"The CPA Evolution-aligned Exam will ensure that candidates possess the knowledge required for the profession now and in the future," said Colleen Conrad, CPA, Executive VP and COO of NASBA. "For current candidates, we developed a transition policy to allow them to seamlessly continue their CPA Exam journey from where they are when we transition to the 2024 CPA Exam."

Access to the full <u>transition policy</u> and related webcast recordings and FAQs are available on NASBA's website. Candidates should note that the last day of testing for all current CPA Exam sections is anticipated to be December 15, 2023. The CPA Evolutionaligned CPA Exam will launch in January 2024.

For additional information, view the <u>CPA Exam transition FAQs</u> or email <u>feedback@evolutionofcpa.org</u>.

# **About the American Institute of CPAs**

The American Institute of CPAs® (AICPA®) is the world's largest

member association representing the CPA profession, with more than 421,000 members in the United States and worldwide, and a history of serving the public interest since 1887. AICPA members represent many areas of practice, including business and industry, public practice, government, education and consulting.

The AICPA sets ethical standards for its members and U.S. auditing standards for private companies, not-for-profit organizations, and federal, state and local governments. It develops and grades the Uniform CPA Examination, offers specialized credentials, builds the pipeline of future talent and drives continuing education to advance the vitality, relevance and quality of the profession.

# About NASBA

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 665,600 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 an International Computer Testing and Call Center in

Guam and operations in San Juan, PR. To learn more about NASBA, visit <a href="https://www.nasba.org">https://www.nasba.org</a>.

# HOW THE BOARD WORKS: MEETING AGENDAS

All meeting agendas are posted on the Board's website a minimum of 24 hours prior to the meeting. Meeting agendas are also disseminated to the media and interested parties via email. Anyone who would like to be included on the meeting agenda distribution list may request to be added by contacting Board staff at <a href="Contact.Accountancy@llr.sc.gov">Contact.Accountancy@llr.sc.gov</a>. Please be sure to use the subject line "Request to be added to meeting agenda distribution list".