Am I Required to Have a Privilege License from the NC Department of Revenue?

Every person engaged in the public practice of accounting as a principal, or as a manager of the business of public accountant, shall pay for such license fifty dollars ($50.00), and in addition shall pay a license tax of twelve dollars and fifty cents ($12.50) for each person employed who is engaged in the capacity of supervising or handling the work of auditing, devising or installing systems of accounts [NC General Statute 105-41(c)].

If you are an owner, principal, or manager in a CPA firm or business providing accounting services to third parties, you are required to purchase a $50.00 annual privilege license from the North Carolina Department of Revenue (NC DOR).

You also are required to pay a $12.50 fee for an annual privilege license for any other employees of the CPA firm or business, CPA or non-CPA, providing accounting services.

Accounting services include, but are not limited to, audits, reviews, compilations, financial statements, agreed-upon procedures, bookkeeping, tax return preparation, tax reports, professional services or assistance relating to accounting procedure and systems, tax consulting, and management advisory services.

CPAs employed in business, industry, government, or education are not required to purchase an annual privilege license from the NC DOR.

However, a CPA engaged in the public practice of accounting who provides any of the above-noted services outside his or her government, business and industry, or education employment (such as a seasonal tax preparation firm) is required to purchase an annual $50.00 privilege license.

According to the NC DOR, a non-resident CPA engaged in the public practice of accountancy by providing any of the services noted above through mobility is required to purchase an annual $50.00 privilege license.

A privilege license is issued on an annual basis as a personal privilege; it will not be issued in the name of a firm or corporation.

The privilege license must be obtained from the NC DOR prior to en-
Disciplinary Actions

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, “The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools.”

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (“Board”) at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-41, the Board and the Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Martin Lee Price, CPA (hereinafter “Respondent”), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 24831 as a Certified Public Accountant.
3. At all relevant times, the Respondent was the supervising CPA of the Firm and, as such, was the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board’s peer review requirements were satisfied.
4. Per 21 NCAC 08M .0105(a):
   A CPA or CPA firm providing any of the following services to the public shall participate in a peer review program:
   (1) audits;
   (2) reviews of financial statements;
   (3) compilations of financial statements; or
   (4) any engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards or Attestation Engagements.
5. The Respondent disclosed on the Firm’s annual firm renewal that the Firm had performed audits and compilations for the years 2007 through 2012. It had also performed compilations in 2013.
6. By performing a compilation, the Firm was required to undergo a peer review.
7. The Firm had completed a peer review in 2007 and substantially completed the peer review process again in 2010. However, the process was never fully completed and the Firm did not receive a final letter of acceptance as required by 21 NCAC 08M .0106(b) which provides that “A peer review shall not be complete until the Final Letter of Acceptance is issued by the peer review program with the new due date.”
8. The Firm has not undergone any further peer reviews since the incomplete review in 2010 despite providing services subject to peer review through 2013.
9. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The Respondent knew that his audits and compilations subjected his Firm to peer review. The Respondent should have known that its 2010 peer review was incomplete. The failure to finalize the 2010 peer review or to participate in a subsequent peer review constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondent’s consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent is censured.
2. The Respondent shall pay a one-thousand dollar ($1000) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
3. The Respondent shall pay a five-hundred dollar ($500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
4. Prior to the Respondent or the Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any future engagements subject to peer review, the Respondent’s firm shall be required to obtain a pre-issuance review of its engagement. The pre-issuance review(s) shall be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer submitted by the Respondent and approved by the Board. The pre-issuance reviewer shall submit a report directly to the Board until such time that the Board determines that reviews are no longer necessary.

Approved by the Board January 23, 2017
RICHARD W. WOOD, #15241 | RICHARD W. WOOD, CPA, PA | CHARLOTTE, NC

**THIS CAUSE**, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (“Board”) at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-41, the Board and the Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. **Richard W. Wood, CPA** (hereinafter “Respondent”), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 15241 as a Certified Public Accountant.
3. The Respondent is the supervising CPA of the Firm and, as such, is the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board’s peer review requirements were satisfied.

4. Per 21 NCAC 08M .0105(a):
   A CPA or CPA firm providing any of the following services to the public shall participate in a peer review program:
   (1) audits;
   (2) reviews of financial statements;
   (3) compilations of financial statements; or
   (4) any engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards or Attestation Engagements.

1. The Respondent has provided information to the Board that he performed a review in 2011 and three (3) reviews in 2012.
2. By performing reviews, the Firm was required to undergo a peer review.
3. The Respondent has not engaged in any other engagements subject to peer review and has indicated to the Board that he does not presently desire to engage in those services.
4. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

**BASED UPON THE FOREGOING**, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted thereunder by the Board.
2. The Respondent should have known that by performing reviews, his Firm was required to participate in a peer review program. The subsequent failure to participate in a peer review program constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondent’s consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

**BASED ON THE FOREGOING** and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent is censured.
2. The Respondent shall pay a five-hundred dollar ($500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
3. Prior to the Respondent or the Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any future engagements subject to peer review, the Respondent’s firm shall be required to obtain a pre-issuance review of its engagement. The pre-issuance review(s) shall be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer submitted by the Respondent and approved by the Board. The pre-issuance reviewer shall submit a report directly to the Board until such time that the Board determines that reviews are no longer necessary.

Approved by the Board January 23, 2017.

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**CPAs Must Choose Newsletter Delivery Method**

Effective with the 2017-2018 CPA license renewal, the default delivery method for the *Activity Review* is email. If a licensee prefers to receive the newsletter by mail, he or she must select that option by clicking the edit button in the address section of the renewal and choosing “paper.” Licensees with non-US addresses will continue to receive the newsletter by email. The option of receiving the newsletter by paper or email is part of the Board’s strategic plan to improve its communication with licensees.

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**REMINDER**

**CPA LICENSE RENEWAL DEADLINE**

**JUNE 30, 2017**
THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (“Board”) at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-41, the Board and the Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Rudolph H. Clark, Jr., CPA (hereinafter “Respondent”), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 29273 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Rudolph H. Clark, Jr., CPA (hereinafter “Respondent firm”), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
3. At all relevant times, the Respondent was the supervising CPA of the Respondent firm and, as such, was the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board’s peer review requirements were satisfied.
4. Per 21 NCAC 08M .0105(a):
   A CPA or CPA firm providing any of the following services to the public shall participate in a peer review program:
   (1) audits;
   (2) reviews of financial statements;
   (3) compilations of financial statements; or
   (4) any engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards or Attestation Engagements.
5. The Respondent disclosed on the Firm’s annual firm renewal that the Firm had performed audits and compilations for the years 2007 through 2011. He has also confirmed that the Firm performed compilations and reviews during the years 2012 through 2016.
6. The Firm has not completed a peer review since 2004. It underwent a peer review in 2008-2009. However, the peer review process was not finalized. The Firm has not undergone any further peer reviews since that time.
7. If a CPA firm fails to comply with 21 NCAC 08M .0105, and continues to offer or render services, the Board may take disciplinary action against the CPA firm’s members.
8. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted there in by the Board.
2. The Respondent should have known that by performing audits, his Firm was required to participate in a peer review program. The subsequent failure to participate in a peer review program constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondent’s consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent is censured.
2. The Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar ($1,000) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
3. The Respondent shall pay a five hundred dollar ($500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
4. Prior to the Respondent or the Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any future engagements subject to peer review, the Respondent’s firm shall be required to obtain a pre-issuance review of its engagement. The pre-issuance review(s) shall be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer submitted by the Respondent and approved by the Board. The pre-issuance reviewer shall submit a report directly to the Board until such time that the Board determines that reviews are no longer necessary.

Approved by the Board March 22, 2017
GOOD CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-41, the Board and the Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Gerald Michael Schuetz, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 29294 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Schuetz CPA, PLLC, (hereinafter "Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
3. At all relevant times, the Respondent was the supervising CPA of the Firm and, as such, was the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board’s peer review requirements were satisfied.
4. Per 21 NCAC 08M .0105(a): A CPA or CPA firm providing any of the following services to the public shall participate in a peer review program:
   (1) audits;
   (2) reviews of financial statements;
   (3) compilations of financial statements; or
   (4) any engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards or Attestation Engagements.
5. The Respondent disclosed on the Firm’s annual firm renewal that the Firm had performed one compilation in 2010.
6. By performing a compilation, the Firm was required to participate in a peer review program. The Respondent did not know that the performance of a single compilation would trigger the need to participate in a peer review program.
7. The Respondent has not engaged in any other engagements subject to peer review and has indicated to the Board that he does not presently desire to engage in those services.
8. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted thereunder by the Board.
2. The Respondent should have known that by performing a compilation, his Firm was required to participate in a peer review program. Notwithstanding that the Respondent’s failure to participate in a peer review program was inadvertent, nonetheless the Respondent’s subsequent failure to participate in a peer review program constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondent’s consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent is censured.
2. The Respondent shall pay a five hundred dollar ($500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
3. Prior to the Respondent or the Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any future engagements subject to participation in a peer review program, the Respondent’s firm shall be required to obtain a pre-issuance review of its engagement. The pre-issuance review(s) shall be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer submitted by the Respondent and approved by the Board. The pre-issuance reviewer shall submit a report directly to the Board until such time that the Board determines that reviews are no longer necessary.

Approved by the Board March 22, 2017.
Certificates Issued

On March 22, 2017, the Board approved the following applicants for certification as North Carolina CPAs:

- Christa Ann Allen
- Hannah Leigh Anderson
- Carissa Rose Antoniou-Davis
- Caroline Lea Auten
- Brian Vincent Bass
- Christine Mary Bedson
- Stephen Luke Belch
- Ross Edward Benjamin
- Jeffery David Berrier
- Phillip Thomas Braverman
- Jacqueline Tao Brody
- Elizabeth Noel Brown
- Michael David Crittenden, II
- Michelle Lea-Ann Denning
- Stephen Graham Duncan
- Vicky Lynn Enox
- Scott Jeffrey Essick
- Margaret Ashley Finch
- Shawn Lee Fitzgerald
- Steven Michael Furman
- Jeffrey Douglas Gabriel
- Christopher Anthony Ganzon
- Eric Gregory Graham
- Thomas Nash Greene
- John Edward Gudauskas, Jr.
- Rebecca Eastman Gurganus
- Jeffrey Robert Hallen
- Morgan Elizabeth Hess
- Donna Lynne Horne
- James Lee Kent, Jr.
- Emily Ann Kentfield
- Joseph Michael Kerrigan
- Jeremy David Kryn
- Michael Lawrence Kuhn
- Sherry Hetherington Lafon
- Lucas Alan Landon
- Giovanni Emilio Leon
- Thomas Dauer Lewis
- Brooke Denise Lisson
- Peter Christian Lovekamp
- Joshua Scott Lyons
- Meagan June Massey
- Karen Elizabeth McCall
- Matthew Gregory McDowell
- Daniel Paul Michael
- Allison Marie Michaud
- Daniel Robert Michiels
- Jason Bradley Morgan
- Donna Marie Multerer
- Baseemah El-Amin Nance
- Anthony T. Nash
- Aaron Michael Olive
- Ryan Lloyd O’Neal
- Rachel Maria Parrish
- James William Parsons
- Dipali Maganbhai Patel
- Mark Jordan Perlberg
- Leah Diahann Perry
- Mary Catherine Philipps
- Luis Alberto Puentes
- Ellen Holbein Rockefeller
- Courtney Anne McDowell Rogers
- Joseph Mitchell Rosasco
- Elizabeth Grey Ross
- Edwin Trey Sasser
- Courtney Michelle Scurry
- Paul Eugene Seifert
- Michael Joseph Sherman
- Paul Dominic Sodano
- Sarah Frances Spohr
- Chandra Rekia Tripp
- Staci Alicia Vo
- Patrick Lawrence Walsh
- Shelby Leigh Webb
- BreAnn O’Neal Weeda
- Patricia Leigh Weekley
- Taylor Alexandria Wilk
- Allison Marie Williams
- Tyler Jamison Williams
- Sarah Clontz Willis
- Sommer Ann Zusin

The following matter is excerpted from a Consent Order issued by the Board in response to the findings of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audit. To view the full text of the Consent Order, use the Licensee Search function of the Board’s website, nccpaboard.gov, to look up the licensee’s record. In the record, click on the “Details” link and select “View” under the Public Documents heading.

The Board opened a case against Bereket Ezra Baissa (Respondent Baissa) for failure to complete sufficient CPE as required for renewal of her North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Baissa signed a Consent Order in which he accepted the denial of the renewal of his CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of his CPA license; and the return of his CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of his receipt of the Board’s notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Baissa may apply to return his certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application which includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 40 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course offered by the NCACPA.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Baissa’s CPA license.
RECLASSIFICATIONS

At its March 22, 2017, meeting, the Board approved the applications for rein-statement and reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

### Reinstatements

- Dale Richard Carpenter, #27079, Lexington, NC
- Matthew Scott Giedd, #35335, Minneapolis, MN
- Jason Wayne Grooters, #31448, Raleigh, NC
- Roy Albert Rumbough, Jr., #17886, Plano, TX
- James Harold Schwandt, #15644, Mills River, NC
- Lisa Ann Silvers, #25888, Parkland, FL
- Russell Wayne Travison, #8221, Raleigh, NC

### Reissuance

- Daniel Kenneth Haddon, #34984, Asheville, NC
- Kevin Michael Madden, #18616, Clifton, VA
- Frances Lynne Jones Parsons, #15497, Rock Hill, SC
- Jeffrey Ray Watkins, #24216, Mocksville, SC
- Michael Ervin Westmoreland, #14909, Raleigh, NC
- Mi Zhou, #36873, Blacksburg, VA

### Inactive Status

Between February 22, 2017, and March 22, 2017, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status. “Inactive,” when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title “certified public accountant” nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a “certified public accountant,” and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section [21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20)].

- Thomas Gough, #17798, Waxhaw, NC
- James Rosser Collins, #7796, Winston-Salem, NC
- Thomas Neaves Shepherd, #10846, Charlotte, NC
- William Ward Snell, #35535, Cary, NC
- Stephen Matthew Juras, #39882, East Bend, NC
- John Mark Stanley, #16489, Asheville, NC
- Robin Bowman Gibbons, #15071, Weddington, NC
- Beverley Kennedy Paley, #26137, Butler, TN
- Stephen Losch Toumey, #23334, Raleigh, NC
- Orzil Stanley Buggs, #16369, Raleigh, NC
- Michael Wade Apple, #11267, Reidsville, NC
- Mark Robert Kozel, #15087, Chapel Hill, NC
- Donna Achord Boulmay, #29746, Cary, NC
- Louise Van Deusen Iversen, #23293, Franklinton, NC
- Olivia Leah Grieser, #35490, Raleigh, NC
- Parag Bakul Bhutta, #36781, Greensboro, NC
- Patricia Costello, #22825, Cambridge, MA
- Chuan Lin, #36724, San Francisco, CA
- David Lee Little, #32310, Atlanta, GA
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Mail form to: PO Box 12827, Raleigh, NC 27605
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Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.

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