



North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

Announcing the Board's New Online Portal

On April 13, 2026, the Board is launching a new online portal designed to provide a more secure, efficient, and user-friendly experience. This system will streamline how you apply for the CPA Exam and licensure, renew licenses and firm registrations, and manage your account.

Key Dates

Go-Live Date: April 13, 2026

System Blackout Period: April 4-12, 2026 (office is closed April 3, 2026)

- The current system will be unavailable during this time
- No pending applications will be processed
- Paper applications may still be submitted; however, processing will begin after April 13, 2026

Please note: All pending applications in the current system will automatically be transferred to the new portal and processed after launch. You may verify your application status by logging into the new portal after April 15, 2026.

What's Changing

The new portal will:

- Move many paper-based processes online
 - Strengthen the security of your personal and professional information by using two-factor authentication and CAPTCHA
 - Provide a more streamlined, self-service experience
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Getting Started

Existing Users (*Current CPAs*)

- You will not use your current login credentials
- You must create a new login for the new portal

After you log in to the new portal, you will be able to:

- Access your account
- Complete your annual certificate renewal
- Print fee receipts

Important: If you were licensed before April 1, 2026, but did not create an account in the existing portal, you must create a login for the new portal. Without a login, you cannot renew your license.

Existing Candidates (*Applied for the Exam or licensure but not yet licensed*)

- You must create a login

After you log in to the new portal, you will be able to:

- Access your account
 - Submit re-Exam applications
 - Submit licensure applications
 - Print fee receipts
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New Applicants (*Never applied for the Exam or licensure*)

- You must create a login and enter personal information before starting any application

With your account, you can:

- Apply for the CPA Exam
 - Submit licensure applications
 - Track your application status
 - Print fee receipts
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What You Should Do Now

- Complete any pending Exam or license applications by April 1 if possible
 - Review the [February and March newsletters](#) for more information
 - Look for additional instructions by email, on social media, on the website, and in upcoming issues of the *Activity Review*
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Support & Accessibility

- Board staff will assist with:
 - Account setup
 - Navigating the new system
- Instructional videos will be available