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Final Deadline for CPA Firm Renewal

January 31, 2017, is the final deadline for renewing your firm's registration and report peer review compliance information to the Board.

Access to the firm renewal and peer review reporting is available by clicking on the "Renew Firm Registration" link in the "How Do I" section of the Board's homepage, **www.nccpaboard.gov**.

During the firm renewal process, users should check the peer review information listed to ensure that it is correct.

If the information is not correct, the appropriate documents should be sent to the Board as soon as possible.

It is not necessary to wait until the information is updated in the Board's database to complete the firm registration renewal.



All CPA firms subject to peer review must provide the Board with the proper peer review documentation even if the firm has allowed Facilitated State Board Access to its peer review files.

Send questions about firm renewals and peer review compliance reporting to Cammie Emery at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov**.

Comments on Proposed Rule Changes

On December 19, 2016, the Board conducted a public Rule-Making Hearing on proposed changes to the Board rules cited as 08A .0301; 08I .0101; 08N .0203; .0208; and .0305.

The text of the proposed changes was published in the 12-2016 issue of the *Activity Review* and in Volume 31, Issue 11 of the *North Carolina Register* (**www.ncoah.com/rules/register)**. The proposed changes also are available on the Board's website, **www.nccpaboard.gov**.

Written comments on the proposed changes must be received by the Board by 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2017. Submit written comments regarding the proposed actions by mail, fax, or email to:

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Protect Yourself, Protect Your Clients

Due to the sensitive client data held by tax professionals, cybercriminals are increasingly targeting the tax preparation community.

Thieves use a variety of tactics, from remote computer takeovers to phishing scams. Data breaches are increasing in number and scope. Thieves often use the stolen identity information to file tax returns.

As a tax preparer, you play a critical role in protecting taxpayer data. Although most tax professionals' software includes security protections, there are other steps you can take to protect your data.

- **Secure Data**: Make sure that taxpayer data, including data left on hardware and media, is never left unsecured; use security software on all digital devices.

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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."

ERNEST K. LEONARD, #24431
LEONARD CPA, PLLC
Raleigh, NC 12/19/2016

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 NC Gen. Stat. §150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Respondent Ernest K. Leonard (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of certificate number 24431 as a North Carolina Certified Public Accountant.
2. Respondent firm Leonard CPA, PLLC (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
3. The Respondent self-reported that he was charged with failing to file and pay the Respondent Firm's withholding taxes and the Respondent's income taxes. The Board opened cases against the Respondent (C2016032) and the Respondent Firm (C2016035).
4. The Respondent pled guilty to one count of failure to file an income tax return and one count of failure to pay income tax. He also pled guilty to one count of failure to file a withholding tax return and one count of failure to pay withholding tax.
5. The Board also received information that the Respondent Firm had not undergone a peer review since November 18, 2010. The Board opened cases against the Respondent (C2016219-1) and the Respondent Firm (C2016219-2).
6. Per the North Carolina Accountancy Act, at NC Gen. Stat. §93-12(8c)(c), CPA firms are required to undergo peer review every three years if they are engaged to perform audits, reviews, compilation or other reports issued on financial information in the public practice of accountancy.
7. On the Respondent Firm's annual renewals for the years 2010 through 2014, the Respondent represented that the Respondent Firm had performed audits, reviews, agreed-upon procedures and compilations for third party use during the prior year.
8. On the Respondent Firm's annual renewal for the year 2015, the Respondent represented that the Respondent Firm had performed agreed-upon procedures and compilations for third party use during the prior year.
9. The Respondent Firm had undergone previous peer reviews and therefore the Respondent knew, or should have known, that a peer review was required in order to perform the engagements identified on the 2010 through 2015 firm renewals.
10. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent understands and agrees 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 Respondent is 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. If proven by the North Carolina Department of Revenue, the Respondent's guilty pleas related to the timely filing or payment of withholding taxes would constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201 (Integrity), .0203(a) (Discreditable Conduct), and .0207 (Violation of Tax Laws).
3. If proven at hearing, the Respondent's failure to undergo timely peer review constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213 (Violation of Other Rules).
4. Per NC Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate for the Respondent, Ernest K. Leonard, is hereby permanently revoked.
2. The firm registration for the Respondent Firm, Leonard CPA, PLLC, is hereby suspended.
3. Neither Respondent Leonard nor Respondent Firm shall offer or render services as a CPA or CPA firm or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this State either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall Respondent Leonard or Respondent Firm claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon Respondent Leonard's permanently revoked North Carolina certificate or Respondent Firm's cancelled CPA firm registration.

DIXON & HIGGINS, CPAs, PLLC
Winston-Salem, NC 12/19/2016

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1. Dixon & Higgins, CPAs, PLLC (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
2. The Respondent Firm received a "fail" on its most recent system peer review, with an acceptance letter date of December 1, 2015.
3. The peer review report noted significant deficiencies in the conduct of a compilation engagement and its audit engagements.
4. The Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent Firm understands and agrees 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 Respondent Firm is 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 Firm's failure to perform audit services in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403, and .0212.
3. The Respondent Firm's failure to perform accounting services in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0404 and .0212.
4. Per NC Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent firm's consent to this order, the Respondent firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Respondent Firm is censured.
2. The Respondent Firm has signed a written statement acknowledging that the Respondent Firm is not currently participating in, performing, or reviewing any audit engagements.
3. Prior to the Respondent Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any audits, the Respondent Firm shall be required to complete the following:
   a. Each staff member participating in engagements subject to peer review must take at least eight (8) hours of group-study A&A CPE related to Audit Documentation annually until the firm receives a pass on a system review or a pass or pass with deficiencies on an engagement review.
   b. At its own expense, obtain pre-issuance reviews of all audit engagements until such time as the Board determines that pre-issuance review is no longer necessary. The pre-issuance reviewer shall be approved by the Board. The Respondent firm shall authorize and cause the pre-issuance reviewer to provide the Board with a copy of each pre-issuance review report.

STEWART & SATTERFIELD, P.A.
Greensboro, NC 12/19/2016

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2017 Board Meetings

JANUARY*	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Raleigh, NC Mon., Jan. 23 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Feb. 20 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Wed., Mar. 22 1:00 p.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Apr. 24 10:00 a.m.
MAY	**JUNE**	**JULY**	**AUGUST**
Raleigh, NC Thurs., May 25 10:00 a.m.	Greensboro, NC Thurs., June 22 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., July 24 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Aug. 21 10:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER	**OCTOBER**	**NOVEMBER**	**DECEMBER**
Raleigh, NC Mon., Sept. 18 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Thurs., Oct. 26 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Nov. 20 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Dec. 18 10:00 a.m.

Board meetings are open to the public and licensees and candidates are encouraged to attend. Raleigh meetings are held at the Board office and Greensboro meetings are held at the Grandover Conference Center.

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and Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Stewart & Satterfield, P.A. (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
2. The Respondent Firm received a "fail" on its most recent system peer review, with an acceptance letter date of August 22, 2016.
3. The peer review report noted several significant departures from Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards ("GAGAS") by the Respondent firm.
4. The peer review also noted other audit standards representing a significant departure from Generally Accepted Auditing Standards ("GAAS") by the Respondent firm.
5. The Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent firm understands and agrees 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 Respondent firm is 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 firm's failure to perform government auditing services in accordance with the GAGAS constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0409 and .0212.
3. The Respondent firm's failure to perform auditing services in accordance with the GAAS constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403 and .0212.
4. Per NC Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent firm's consent to this order, the Respondent firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Respondent firm is censured.
2. Prior to the Respondent firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any audits, the Respondent firm shall be required to complete the following:
   a. Each staff member participating in engagements subject to peer review must take at least four (4) hours of group-study A&A CPE related to audit (Audit Update, Audit Documentation, etc.) annually until the firm receives a pass on a system review or a pass or pass with deficiencies on an engagement review.
   b. Each staff member participating in engagements subject to peer review must ensure the attainment of required Yellow Book CPE for the performance of audits per GAGAS.
   c. At its own expense, obtain pre-issuance reviews of all audit engagements until such time as the Board determines that pre-issuance review is no longer necessary. The pre-issuance reviewer shall be approved by the Board. The Respondent firm shall authorize and cause the pre-issuance reviewer to provide the Board with a copy of each pre-issuance review report.

DAVID WYLIE, CPA
Spruce Pine, NC 12/19/2016

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1. David Wylie, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
2. The Respondent Firm received a "fail" on its most recent system peer review, with an acceptance letter date of September 29, 2015.
3. The peer review report noted that the Respondent Firm conducted a governmental audit engagement and a yellow-book non-profit audit engagement which were not compliant with professional standards in all respects.
4. The Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent Firm understands and agrees 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 Respondent Firm is 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 Firm's failure to perform audit services in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards constitutes a violation of the Statements on Auditing Standards in violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403 and .0212.
3. The Respondent Firm's failure to perform governmental audit services in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards constitutes a violation of Government Auditing Standards in violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0409 and .0212.

4. Per NC Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent Firm's consent to this order, the Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Respondent Firm is censured.
2. The Respondent Firm has signed a written statement acknowledging that the Respondent Firm is not currently participating in, performing, or reviewing any audit engagements.
3. Prior to the Respondent Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any audits, the Respondent Firm shall be required to complete the following:

a. Each staff member participating in engagements subject to peer review must take at least eight (8) hours of group-study A&A CPE related to Audit Documentation annually until the firm receives a pass on a system review or a pass or pass with deficiencies on an engagement review.

b. At its own expense, obtain pre-issuance reviews of all audit engagements until such time as the Board determines that pre-issuance review is no longer necessary. The pre-issuance reviewer shall be approved by the Board. The Respondent Firm shall authorize and cause the pre-issuance reviewer to provide the Board with a copy of each pre-issuance review report.

Certificates Issued

On December 19, 2016, the Board approved the following applicants for certification as North Carolina CPAs:

Daniel Gregory McGovern

John Stevens Norris, III

Daron Seth Tarlton

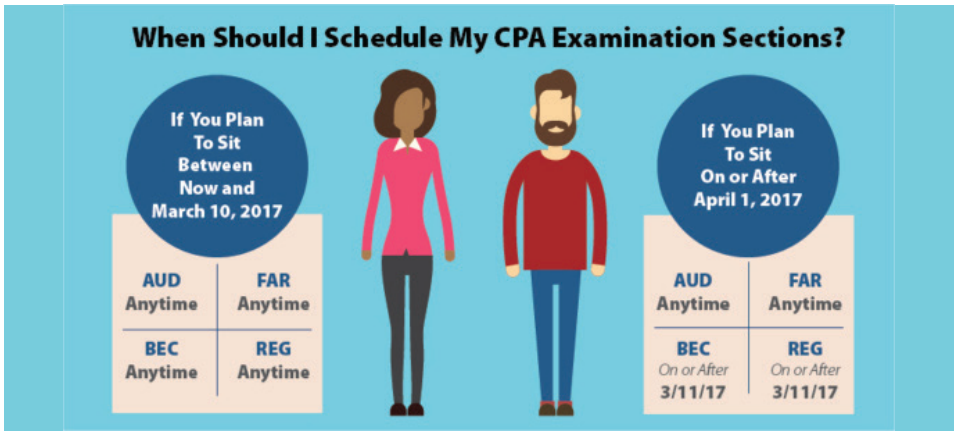
Anne Marie McCarthy Voutsos



Attention CPA Exam Candidates

Schedule Your BEC or REG Sections Beginning March 11, 2017

If you plan to sit for the BEC or REG sections on or after April 1, the earliest you may schedule your test date is March 11. This scheduling hold supports the change to the next version of the BEC and REG Exam sections, which increase from three hours to four hours each as of April 1. Seats will be available for candidates who plan to sit for the BEC and REG Exam sections in early April. **IMPORTANT:** This announcement does not impact AUD or FAR test scheduling for April 1 and beyond. AUD and FAR scheduling may be done now on the Prometric website, **www.prometric.com/cpa**.



SPECIAL NOTICE ON RESCHEDULING

The rescheduling process will be different if you are changing your appointment from the current version of the BEC and REG (from now until March 10) to the new version of the BEC and REG (on or after April 1). Here are the steps that you will follow to change your appointment:

1. Cancel your original appointment. This will reset your NTS for scheduling.
2. On or after March 11, visit **www.prometric.com/cpa** to schedule your new appointment.

Uniform CPA Exam Fees
(effective 12/27/2016)

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	
Initial Exam Application	$230.00
Re-Exam Application	$75.00
SECTION FEES	
Auditing (AUD)	193.45
Business Environment & Concepts (BEC)	193.45
Financial Accounting & Reporting (FAR)	193.45
Regulation (REG)	193.45



Data Security Tips *continued from front page*

- **Shred Documents; Destroy Media:** Securely dispose of taxpayer information.
- **Use Strong Passwords**. Require strong passwords (numbers, symbols, upper and lowercase) on all computers, tax software programs and Wi-Fi.
- **Change Passwords.** Require periodic password changes every 60 – 90 days.
- **Safely Store Data**. Store taxpayer data in secure systems and encrypt information when transmitting across networks.
- **Encrypt Email**. Encrypt e-mail that contains taxpayer data.

Also, learn to recognize phishing attempts that mimic tax software providers or the IRS.

A number of current scams pose as IRS e-services or other entities to trick you into clicking on malicious links or downloading malicious attachments.

These phishing scams may attempt to steal your usernames and passwords for critical accounts. Or, they may secretly install software that will track your every key stroke.

When in doubt about any communication purporting to be from the IRS or a tax software provider, go to their main web page instead of clicking on any links.

For additional tips on protecting yourself and protecting your clients, see IRS Fact Sheet 2016-23.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

At its December 19, 2016, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reclassification submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatements

Samuel Wesley Black, #13477	Cedaredge, CO
David Andrew Stern, #16896	Charlotte, NC

Reissuance

Simion Cerchez, #37920	Alberta, Canada
Phyllis Louise Reynolds, #39208	Raleigh, NC

Inactive Status

From November 5, 2016, through December 13, 2016, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status by the Board. "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)].

Lorri Wallace Johnson, #12402	Murfreesboro, TN
Kathryn Leigh Zalcberg, #35720	Holly Springs, NC
Tamara A. Milliken, #30160	York, SC
Jay Charles Motsinger, #6847	Greensboro, NC
Benjamin Smith Causey, #20019	Durham, NC
H. Edward Pyrtle, #23846	Atlanta, GA
Dora L. Head, #22048	Greensboro, NC
C. Bradley Sparks, #27651	El Segundo, CA
Jack Cooper Weir, #3685	Franklin, TN
Joseph Manning Bryson, #18846	Lexington, NC
Thomas Edward Faircloth, #12851	Cary, NC
Michael Frank Grier, #9918	Raleigh, NC
Jamie-Lee Lavelle, #40401	Raleigh, NC
Lewis Evan Quinn, Jr., #17679	Charlotte, NC
Cori Rae Griffin, #36516	North Augusta, SC
Jessica Lynn Baker Zemonek, #37891	Raleigh, NC
Michael Duaine Evans, #13289	Charlotte, NC
Michael Stephen Turlington, #9255	Lexington, NC
Thaddeus William Armbruster, #25461	Raleigh, NC
Jon Wayne Bartley, #6979	Cary, NC
Kay Foreman Flinn, #12711	Greensboro, NC
David Scott Kellner, #23752	Marietta, GA
Catherine Virginia Morris, #17670	Asheville, NC
Sharon Brown Roberts, #15214	Harrisburg, NC
Christina Marie Baker, #34023	Waxhaw, NC
Karen Hutchison Curran, #13599	Franklin, TN
Corbett Gregg Arnold, #22551	Kernersville, NC
Johnny Page Britt, #10739	Whiteville, NC
Janice Jeryle Doughty, #34448	Apex, NC
Earnest Conelly Robinson, Jr., #22066	Hickory, NC
James Schwandt, #15644	Mills River, NC
Sondra Lynn Stokes, #24449	Alexandria, VA
Matthew T. Illuzzi, #33868	Raleigh, NC
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Mail form to: PO Box 12827, Raleigh, NC 27605
Fax form to: (919) 733-4209

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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The Dos and Don'ts of CPA Firm Websites

The Board considers a CPA firm's website as a form of advertising, and as such, the website must comply with the Board's rules, including 21 NCAC 08N .0306, *Advertising or Other Forms of Solicitation*.

As with all other forms of advertising, a firm website should not contain information that is deceptive or may be misleading to consumers.

The use of qualitative or quantitative terms such as "reasonable" or "affordable" is discouraged. After all, what you consider to be reasonable or affordable may not be reasonable or affordable to someone else.

Although a CPA may advertise the nature of services provided to clients, he or she cannot advertise or indicate a designation or other title unless he or she has met the requirements of the granting organization for that title or designation and is on active status and in good standing with the granting organization for that title or designation.



"Expertise" may be used when referring to an area of practice in which the CPA holds a specialty designation, but "expert" may be used only in conjunction with "witness" and then only if recognized as such by a court of law.

The Board does allow terms such as "specializing in" or "specialization" to indicate a concentration in or limitation of practice to certain areas. However, a CPA or CPA firm may not use "specialist" in any form of advertising.

Both licensed staff and unlicensed staff may be included on the website, but the unlicensed staff must be listed in a separate, distinct section from the licensed staff.

The unlicensed staff section must be clearly titled in such a way that indicates that those staff members are not licensed by this Board and are not authorized to render professional services without the supervision of an individual licensed by the Board.

The website may include a description of a CPA's position within the firm and his or her professional experience.

For unlicensed staff members, the person's name, his or her position title, and contact information may be included.

If you have questions about your firm's website or need more information about adverts-ing your firm's services, please contact Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director, at **rbrooks @nccpaboard.gov** or David R. Nance, CPA, Deputy Director, at **dnance@nccpaboard.gov**.

Basic Info For Firm Website

The following basic information about a firm must be included on the website:

- CPA Business or CPA Firm Name As Registered with the Board
  *Although the rule allows a CPA firm to advertise using a portion of the CPA firm name or initials or acronyms derived from the exact CPA firm name as registered with the Board, the exact registered firm name **must** be included on the website.*
- Complete Address
  Firm's principal place of business
- Contact Information
  Phone number, fax, email address, etc.
- Certificate Number
  North Carolina certificate number of each CPA with the firm with North Carolina listed as the jurisdiction of certification

> "The Board does not approve or authorize designations or separate titles and the use of such designations is for public information purposes only."

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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."

DAVID EDWARD COCHRAN, #19612 | DAVID COCHRAN, CPA, P.L.L.C. | RALEIGH, 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 Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. David Edward Cochran (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 19612 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. The Respondent was, at all relevant times, the supervising CPA for his firm, David Cochran, CPA, P.L.L.C. ("Firm"), and had ultimate responsibility for the filing and remittance of taxes withheld from the Firm's employees' paychecks.
3. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") issued tax liens against the Firm for failure to timely file and/or pay 941 taxes. Liens were filed by the IRS for at least nine (9) quarters beginning in the fourth quarter of 2013 to the present.
4. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent understands and agrees 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 Respondents' actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0202, and .0207.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondents' 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 Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to the Respondent, David Edward Cochran, is hereby permanently revoked.
2. The firm registration for David Cochran, CPA, P.L.L.C., is hereby suspended.
3. The Respondent shall not offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall the Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon his permanently revoked North Carolina certificate.

Approved by the Board January 23, 2017

(See more Disciplinary Actions on page 3.)

2017 Board Meetings

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Raleigh, NC Mon., Feb. 20 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Wed., Mar. 22 1:00 p.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Apr. 24 10:00 a.m.

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Raleigh, NC Thurs., May 25 10:00 a.m.	Greensboro, NC Thurs., June 22 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., July 24 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Aug. 21 10:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Raleigh, NC Mon., Sept. 18 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Thurs., Oct. 26 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Nov. 20 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Dec. 18 10:00 a.m.



Board meetings are open to the public and licensees and candidates are encouraged to attend.

Raleigh meetings are held at the Board office and Greensboro meetings are held at the Grandover Conference Center.

New Email Scam Targets Tax Professionals



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You could be the next target especially during tax season.



EMAIL SENT FROM FRAUDSTER
"I need a preparer to file my taxes."
If the tax preparer responds, Stage 2 goes into effect.



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The link will be embedded in the email or has an attachment with the link embedded.
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HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF
Never click on a link or open an attachment from an unknown sender. Create internal policies or seek recommendations from security experts about how to deal with unsolicited emails seeking services.

MICHAEL A. JAKIELSKI, #13985 | MICHAEL A. JAKIELSKI, CPA, P.A. | GRAHAM, 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 Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Michael A. Jakielski (hereinafter "Respondent") was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 13985 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. The Respondent was, at all relevant times, the supervising CPA for his firm, Michael A. Jakielski, CPA, P.A. ("Firm"), and had ultimate responsibility for the filing and remittance of taxes withheld from the Firm's employees' paychecks.
3. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") issued tax liens against the Firm for failure to timely file and/or pay 941 taxes. Liens were filed by the IRS for at least sixteen (16) quarters beginning in the second quarter of 2011 to the present.
4. The Respondent was a defendant in a civil suit. A Default Judgment was rendered against the Respondent and the Firm on October 31, 2014. The Default Judgment states:

   …the court finds that the plaintiff was damaged as a result of defendants' negligence and that the plaintiff suffered damages….
5. The Respondent failed to disclose either the civil suit or Judgment on his December 2014 firm renewal.
6. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent understands and agrees 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 Respondents' actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0202, and .0212.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondents' 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 Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to the Respondent, Michael A. Jakielski, is hereby permanently revoked.
2. The firm registration for Michael A. Jakielski, CPA, P.A., is hereby suspended.
3. The Respondent shall not offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall the Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon his permanently revoked North Carolina certificate.

Approved by the Board January 23, 2017

(See more Disciplinary Actions on page 5.)



Certificates Issued

On January 23, 2017, the Board approved the following applicants for certification as North Carolina CPAs:

Elizabeth Trimble Adams
Maira Naveed Ahmad
Brandon Louis Allen
James Doyle Angle
Kathrynne Paige Anna
Charmy Jay Anonuevo
Stacie Lynn Armstrong
Silverio Robert Balzano
Brandon Michael Barlek
Rebecca Loggins Beane
Aleksandra Sergeyevna Bottolfson
Ryan Christopher Bourg
David John Boyles
Cody Michael Brown
Katrina Dukes Bryant
Zachary Craig Burns
Veronica Lauren Butler
Lacie Spring Byers
Morgan William Carstens
Anna Catherine Caulder
Wenjing Chen
Ruth Ann Chu
David Lee Coggins
Joel Gavin Cook
Courtney Monae Crenshaw
John Thomas Cummings
Brian Lewis Daves
Katherine Wells Demick
Amanda Reidy Doiron
Carissa Nicole Donley
Taylor Harris DuBois
Mary Katherine DuBose
Jeffrey Lee Edgington
Tamzin Elaine Ellerbeck
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Matthew David Embler
Natalie Susan Engstrom
Caitlin Tiffany Evans
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Amanda Wilson Fair
Mariah Rose Hyde Clark Ferguson
Elisa Frey Fernbach
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Eileen Conover Groeger
Krista Marie Hagler
Alexander Lee Hall
Almon Gerald Hall
Jonathan Mathias Hardin
Joshua Luke Harrington-Smith
Pamela Nicole Harris
Insoo Tyler Hendricks
Elizabeth Jane Hershman
Richard Furman Hewitt, Jr.
Christopher Riley Hildreth
Elizabeth Ann Hoffman
Megan Elizabeth Hogan
Kelsey Elizabeth Hopper
Nicole Maloney Hosterman
Qingling Huang
Paula Rhea Isles
James Stanley Jackson
Jensen Kallakavumkal Jacob
Aaron David Jennings
Yasmine Chambers Johnson
Jason Thomas Kelly
Stephanie Therese Kilmer
Se Houn Kim
Amanda Nicole King
Guy Kubi
Blair Brianne Lee
Atlee Jennings Lenes
Michael Denis Loman, Jr.
Kaying Luangsay
Kelsey Ann Magraw
Daniel R. Majan-Priegues
Ryan Christopher Mas
Ellen Margaret McCarthy
Lee Harris McCollum
Jeremy Daniel Miller
Joseph Samuel Morrow
Amiee Michelle Moser
Daniel James Moyer
Olivia Christine Nastasi
Nicolaus Michael Nemeth
Zachary Montgomery Nichols
William Robert O'Donnell
Alexis Lauren Pace
Justin Michael Page
Stephanie Jalill Parrish-Chester
Jemit Patel
Kenneth Benjamin Pendleton
Emily Hope Petrocy
Danielle Marie Ponchak
Matthew Christian Rieddle
David Rios
Victoria Jayne Ritter
Elizabeth Lee Roberts
Vladimil Roca
Ronald Robert Rubin
Spencer Robert Schultze
Leah Meghan Scully
Alyssa Marie Servie
Cory Jay Seyl
Robert Joseph Sherwood, III
Myranda Blake Sieverding
Anna Carol Smathers
Kevin Michael Smeaton
Jacki Lee Smith
Krystal Frances Smith
Kevin Patrick Smyth
Erin Elizabeth Spencer
Charles Andrew Sprouse
William Luther Stark, III
Molly Elizabeth Steele
Kenneth Tyler Stutts
Andrew Ryan Sudran
Terri F. Taylor
Kara Elizabeth Tedder
John Zacharias Touloupas, II
Linda Carol Tucker
Shakira Rene Vance
Justin Marshall Vaughan
Neena Pauline Wanko
Todd Jeffrey Warlitner
Bridgett A. Weber
Timothy Michael Weston
Jonathan Cole Wiggins
Vera Lynn Wood
Hayeon Kim Wright
Bee Xiong
Qiong Yang
George Alan Yearwood
Xiaomei Zhang
Brian Wagstaff Zick

BRIAN DAVID DONAHUE, #37898 | MONMOUTH BEACH, NJ

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 Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Brian David Donahue, CPA, (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 37898 as a certified public accountant. The Respondent provides professional services through his firm, Donahue Associates, LLC ("Firm"). At all relevant times, Donahue was the sole partner and president of the Firm.
2. In June 2016, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") entered an "Order Instituting Disciplinary Proceedings, Making Findings and Imposing Sanctions" ("Order") against the Respondent and his Firm.
3. The Order was imposed upon the consent of the Respondent and the Firm, though they did not admit or deny many of the findings made within the Order.
4. The Order imposed sanctions based upon the Firm's failure to obtain engagement quality reviews as required by the PCAOB rules, even though it had engaged in audits of three (3) public companies.
5. The Order also imposed sanctions based upon a failure to take appropriate steps after the Respondent detected, or otherwise became aware of, information indicating that an illegal act had occurred within one of its audit clients.
6. The Respondents cooperated fully with the Board's inquiry and also the matter before the PCAOB.
7. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent understands and agrees 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 Respondent is 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's failures to follow all applicable rules of the PCAOB constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0204 and .0212.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Respondent is censured.
2. Neither the Respondent nor the Firm shall perform audit services in this State for a period of one (1) year.

Approved by the Board January 23, 2017

(See more Disciplinary Actions on page 6.)

THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT THE NEXT VERSION OF THE CPA EXAM

The Launch Date for the Next Version of the Exam
April 1, 2017



Examination Outline
Exam content, skills and representative tasks are provided in Exam Blueprints.

4 Sections

Sections
Auditing and Attestation (AUD)
Business Environment and Concepts (BEC)
Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR)
Regulation (REG)

Your Resources About the Next Version of the Exam
AICPA: aicpa.org/NextCPAExam
NASBA: nasba.org/exams/the-next-version-of-the-cpa-exam

Testing Time

AUD: 4 hours	FAR: 4 hours	Total:
BEC: 4 hours	REG: 4 hours	16 hours

Content Breakdown
AUD: 72 MCQ, 8 TBS
BEC: 62 MCQ, 4 TBS, 3 WCT
FAR: 66 MCQ, 8 TBS
REG: 76 MCQ, 8 TBS

MCQ: Multiple-Choice Questions
TBS: Task-Based Simulation
WCT: Written Communication Tasks

Breaks
15-minute standardized break (does not count against testing time). Optional breaks still permitted.

PATRICIA F. MUELLER, #27154 | RALEIGH, 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 Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Patricia F. Mueller (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 27154 as a certified public accountant.
2. The Respondent disclosed that one of her audits had been referred by the United States Department of Labor ("DOL") to the AICPA for evaluation.
3. The AICPA Technical Standards Subcommittee reviewed the 401(k) Employee Benefit Plan Audit of Financial Statements and corresponding workpapers as of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2011, and recommended a "letter of required corrective action." The Respondent accepted that letter on February 6, 2016.
4. The Respondent subsequently disclosed the matter to the Board. The Board staff opened a case and requested documentation and information from the Respondent.
5. The Respondent provided the Board staff with documentation regarding the audit and the AICPA investigation. Upon review of these materials, the Board has identified potential deficiencies of audit standards.
6. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent understands and agrees 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 Respondent is 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. If proven at hearing, the alleged audit deficiencies could constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0403 (Audit Standards) and .0212 (Competence).
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Respondent, Patricia F. Mueller, is censured.
2. The Respondent must provide the Board with confirmation that she is no longer performing Employee Benefit Plan audit services for the duration of the AICPA imposed suspension.
3. In the event that she provides Employee Benefit Plan audit services in the future, the Respondent must complete Auditing Defined Contribution Plans CPE totaling eight (8) hours.
4. In the event that she provides Employee Benefit Plan audit services in the future, the Respondent must provide the Board with copies of all correspondence related to the selection and review by the AICPA of the engagement identified for post-issuance review.

Approved by the Board January 23, 2017

Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination

The 2016 edition of the *Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination* is now available from the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA).

The *University Edition* focuses on university and accreditation reports, including international, regional, national, and state. University rankings are also a prominent feature. The 2016 edition is available for purchase for $200.

The *Annual University Brief* provides four years (2013-2016) of program specific performance data. Each PDF report is created upon request and utilizes the same cohort tracking, candidate pipeline, and content area specific features of the candidate performance books, but is specific to the students from the requesting college or university.

Metrics included in the *Annual University Brief* may be used to satisfy standards for accreditation, including the AACSB Standard Four. It is available for purchase for $200.

For more information, contact NASBA at **cpb@nasba.org**.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

At its January 23, 2017, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement and reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatements

Sandra Massengill Barnes, #25462	Apex, NC	William Lyman Orr, #12573	Winston-Salem, NC
Amy Louise Broderick, #35668	Manlius, NY	Mark Augustus Toland, #17761	Greensboro, NC
Kelli Black Hnath, #24983	Groton, MA	Tracey Thompson Welch, #18054	Santa Rosa, CA
Jeffrey Lee Horvath, #16519	Newton, NC	Cheryl Anne Willis, #27940	Fuquay-Varina, NC
Tracy Hope Lubsen, #25053	Boone, NC		

Reissuance

Donna Juanita Byars, #31672	Littleton, CO	David Brian Robertson, #21022	Summerfield, NC

Inactive Status

The individuals listed below were approved for inactive status during the period of December 14, 2016, through January 11, 2017. “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)].

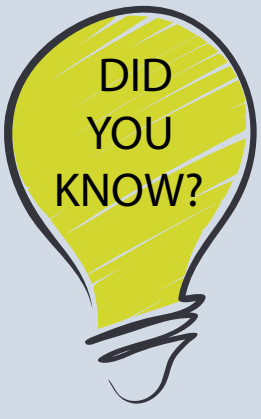
James Frederic Chetwood, Jr., #11631	Winston-Salem, NC	David Benjamin Stone, #36998	Greensboro, NC
Edward Lloyd Curran, #12846	Charlotte, NC	Betty Baldwin Trautwein, #11017	Cornelius, NC
Leonard Francis Ferro, #19561	Dalton, GA	Karen Stevens Wood, #12758	Knightdale, NC
Brett Christopher Moyer, #37155	Charlotte, NC	Robert Larry Gunnin, #21787	Atlanta, GA
Jane Patricia Murden, #14209	Roan Mountain, TN	Morris Lionell Moore, #20761	Siloam, NC
Doris Horne Pruitt, #12946	Raleigh, NC	Jessie Mercer Cannon, #1932	Raleigh, NC
Michael Anthony Ricci, #34215	Athens, GA	Carrie Anna Kostelec, #33797	Boise, ID
Samantha Ashley Rowland, #34844	Austin, TX	Larry Lee Leonard, #14317	Charlotte, NC
William Larry Shores, #21932	Orlando, FL	David Eric Miller, #14815	Mint Hill, NC
Rita Eudy Short, #20580	Midland, NC	Nasreen Fathima Mohammed, #25354	Washington, DC
Amy Lovell Stiles, #19807	Raleigh, NC	Eric Eugene Setzer, #25264	Raleigh, NC
Sona Alexanian Thorburn, #19812	Raleigh, NC	Lindsay Anne Strunk, #33298	Charlotte, NC
Dianne Speight Clinton, #15651	Raleigh, NC	Kirk Andrew Whorf, #18355	Raleigh, NC
Edwin Gray Deans, III, #10911	Washington, NC	Vincent Sean Cusack, #18393	Henrico, VA
Wilfred Bailey Leverton, II, #26949	Winston-Salem, NC	Beth Michael, #17257	Englewood, FL
Katharine McCanless McDermott, #34911	Charlotte, NC	Sarah Hughes Putnam, #35897	Greensboro, NC
Thomas Matthew Bland, #35310	Apex, NC	Earl C. Brewer, Jr., #17585	Wilkesboro, NC
Tracy Lynn Boards, #20682	Lithonia, GA	Kurt Andrew Dyck, #25146	Charlotte, NC
Megan Shealy Coker, #33178	Signal Mountain, TN	Thomas Erskine Martyn, #32598	Wilmington, NC
David Alan Gentry, #20996	Morrisville, NC	George Thomas Ammons, Sr., #1748	Red Springs, NC
Sharon R. Iannuzzo, #18707	Charlotte, NC	Michael Lee Hudkins, #29394	Orlando, FL
Stephen C. Johnson, #12934	Geneva, NY	Megan Naugle Seymore, #39098	Denton, TX
Nicole Kristin Kroner, #29711	Duluth, GA		
Betty Thompson Page, #11992	Wilmington, NC		
Toland Isaac Richard, #30318	Fort Mill, SC		
Scott Dustin Rogers, #32997	Wilmington, NC		
Erin Marsh Rutherford, #29327	Charlotte, NC		
Deborah Barbee Turner, #19359	Livingston, TX		
Charlotte Tabler Vetter, #19910	Franklinville, NC		
David Glenn Whaley, #3988	Wilmington, NC		
Brent Matthew Allen, #32376	Trinity, NC		
Danielle R. Asbjorn-Haynes, #30477	Bayville, NJ		
Joanne T. Grussemeyer, #26761	Apollo Beach, FL		
Kelly Williams Martin, #21652	Summerfield, NC		
William Gaston Morrison, Jr., #13600	Chapel Hill, NC		
Dianne Mappus Neal, #14745	Lewisville, NC		
Michael Robert Potopa, #31925	Raleigh, NC		
Ken Rada, #18180	Anderson, SC		

IN CALENDAR YEAR 2016

945
LICENSES WERE ISSUED BY THE BOARD

232
CPA FIRMS WERE REGISTERED IN NC

654
NC CANDIDATES PASSED THE CPA EXAM



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Mail form to: PO Box 12827, Raleigh, NC 27605
Fax form to: (919) 733-4209

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.

Activity Review

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2017-2018 Individual CPA License Renewal Information

In April, individual CPA license renewal for the 2017-2018 license year will be available on the Board's website, **www.nccpaboard.gov**.

CPA Online Renewal Requirements

- NC CPA Certificate Number
- Social Security Number
- CPE Hours Completed to Meet the 2016 Requirement
- Valid Mastercard or VISA account number (including security code, card expiration and billing address)

To access the online renewal, the licensee will navigate to **www.nccpaboard.gov** and click on the renewal link in the "How Do I" box on the right side of the home page. Any browser may be used to complete the online renewal.

NOTE: *To keep a copy of the information submitted during the renewal process, the licensee must print each page of the online renewal after providing the required information, but before clicking the "submit" button.*

On the "Licensee Log-In" page, the licensee will enter his or her Social Security number and North Carolina CPA certificate number and click "submit."

If the Social Security number and certificate number entered match the information in the Board's records, the first page of the online renewal, "Pertinent Data on File," will display.

This page of the renewal pertains to the licensee's contact information, concentration area, occupation area, job title, and AICPA and/or NCACPA membership information.

Each licensee must provide the Board with a complete address, including business name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number.

If a complete mailing address is not provided, the licensee will not be allowed to continue with the renewal.

To update an address, the licensee must click on the blue highlighted "edit" link to change each type of address (mailing address, home address, or practice address).

If a licensee is using his or her home address or business/practice address as the mailing address, he or she does not need to list the same address in two categories (such as mailing address and home address or mailing address and practice address).

The name, address, and telephone number entered in the "Mailing Address" section of the renewal will be publicly available on the Board's website in the "Find CPA/CPA Firm."

On the mailing address page, a CPA must choose to receive his/her newsletter on paper by US mail or electronically via email. Licensees with non-US addresses will receive the newsletter by email only.

If a licensee does not want his or her home address and phone number to display on the Board's website, he or she must select the business/practice address as the mailing address.



In the "Certificate and Licensee Information" section, the licensee must select the proper occupation and concentration category from the pop-up lists, type in his or her job title, indicate if he or she is a member of the AICPA and/or NCACPA, and click the "continue" button.

CPE compliance information is entered on Page 2 of the renewal. The licensee should read each item carefully, select the appropriate answer, and click "submit."

The third page of the renewal calculates the number of hours of CPE

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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."

HERMAN LEE MILLER, #32048 | H. LEE MILLER, CPA | RALEIGH, 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. Herman Lee Miller, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 32048 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. H. Lee Miller, CPA, (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 for Attestation Engagements.
5. The Respondent disclosed on the Firm's annual firm renewals that the Firm had participated in some engagements that were subject to peer review. Upon further inquiry from the Board, the Respondent disclosed that he had performed an audit for the same company in 2014, 2015 and 2016; he also performed a compilation engagement in 2016.
6. By performing audits and a compilation, the Firm was required to undergo a peer review. The Respondent submitted an application for the peer review program to the AICPA and was told that the application would be processed. The Respondent did not follow up on that application and never obtained a peer review.
7. The Respondent asserts that he will no longer accept engagements from clients that would necessitate a peer review.
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 therein by the Board.
2. The Respondent should have known that by performing audits and a compilation, 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. The Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar ($1000) civil penalty 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

DEIRDRE CLARE MORRISON, #33822 | DEIRDRE C. MORRISON, CPA | RALEIGH, 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. Deirdre Clare Morrison, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 33822 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Deirdre C. Morrison, CPA (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 for Attestation Engagements.
5. The Respondent disclosed on the Firm's annual firm renewal that the Firm had performed audits and other engagements subject to peer review for the years 2009 through 2014.
6. By performing those audits and other services, the Firm was required to undergo a peer review.
7. The Respondent initiated the peer review process, but did not complete a peer review.
8. The Respondent has indicated that she has ceased performing audit services for clients.
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:

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April/May (Q2) Uniform CPA Exam Score Release Date

Testing Window	Testing Dates	Target Score Release Date
April/May (Q2)	April 1 - May 31, 2017	August 16 - August 18, 2017

Due to the changes to the Exam, which become effective with the 2017 April/May (Q2) testing window, there will be a delay in the release of scores with a single score release for all candidates approximately 10 weeks after the close of the testing window.

The delay in the score release is necessary to provide sufficient time to statistically validate candidate performance on the new Exam.

CPA License Renewal *continued from front page*

carry-forward from 2015, the CPE credit hours earned in 2016, and the CPE hours for carry-forward into 2017.

NOTE: *If the licensee selects answer "B" because he or she was licensed after January 1, 2017, the licensee will not be able to view Page 3 where licensees who report CPE will enter the CPE hours completed. Instead, the licensee will be automatically directed to Page 4.*

If the number of carry-forward hours brought forward from 2015 (Block A) does not agree with the licensee's records, the licensee must contact Cammie Emery at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov** for verification of the licensee's CPE hours. After the CPE hours are verified by Board staff, the renewal may be completed.

The system automatically adds the carry-forward hours earned in 2015 (Block A) to the CPE hours earned in 2016 (Block B), and places the total in Block C. The hours available for carry-forward are automatically calculated in Block D (carry-forward hours cannot exceed 20).

NOTE: If the licensee's CPE requirement for 2016 was prorated, he or she may carry forward up to 20 hours in excess of the annual requirement.

After clicking the "submit" button, the licensee will be taken to Page 4 of the renewal, "Moral Character Data."

On this page, the licensee must answer each question and, for each affirmative answer, type a brief explanation in the text box at the bottom of the page. Any applicable court documents should be added as a PDF (no larger than 20 mb) by clicking "upload."

The moral character data for a licensee who has not previously filed a certificate renewal is applicable for the period since the filing of his or her certificate application.

The moral character data for a licensee who has previously filed a certificate renewal is applicable for the period since the filing of his or her last renewal.

Page 5 is an affirmation that the licensee understands that he or she is responsible for knowing and understanding the North Carolina Accountancy Statutes and Rules. The statutes and rules are available at **www.nccpaboard.gov/resources.**

In addition, the licensee is certifying that the information provided on the renewal form is correct and complete.

When the licensee accepts the statement on Page 5 and clicks the "submit" button, he or she will be directed to the payment page. The 2017-2018 certificate renewal fee is $60.00.

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All e-commerce transactions are directed through the VeriSign gateway (verisign.com).

The Board accepts only MasterCard and VISA for online payment of the renewal fee. All fields on the payment page of the renewal are required. If the licensee does not complete all fields properly, the transaction will fail and the licensee will be prompted to correct the information entered.

Account information is not processed until the "submit" button is clicked; account information is not stored in the Board's records.

After the transaction is complete, the licensee should print the acknowledgment page to confirm that the renewal was accepted; the acknowledgment page serves as the licensee's payment receipt.

Online renewals are processed in real time; therefore, the Board's database is updated in real time. A licensee may check the status of his or her renewal by using the "Find a CPA" function of the Board's website to confirm that the license expiration date has been changed to June 30, 2018.

A licensee who wishes to submit the renewal form with a check or money order may do so by answering all questions on each page of the renewal, printing each page as it is completed (but before clicking "submit"), signing the renewal, and mailing the completed pages, with a $60.00 check or money order payable to State Board of CPA Examiners, to PO Box 12827, Raleigh, NC 27605-2827.

Licensees are encouraged to renew early; as the June 30 renewal deadline draws nearer, licensees may experience server slowdowns which may delay or prevent renewals from being processed.

Licensees who do not submit a properly completed renewal and the $60.00 fee prior to July 1, 2017, may receive a Letter of Demand from the Board. Failure to submit the renewal form and fee within 30 days of the mailing of the Letter of Demand will result in an automatic forfeiture of the licensee's NC CPA certificate.

Licensees who elect to be placed on inactive status may do so by submitting the proper form to the Board prior to July 1, 2017.

Forms for inactive status are available from the Forms & Applications page of the website, **www.nccpaboard.gov** or by sending an email to **vanessiaw@nccpaboard.gov**.

Please contact Buck Winslow, Manager of Licensing, at **buckw@nccpaboard.gov** with questions about the renewal process.

In Memoriam: Stephen Doughty Bitter

Stephen Doughty Bitter, a past member of the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners, died February 6, 2017. He was 76.

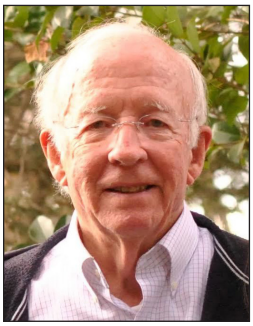
Bitter was born in Elizabethton, TN, on September 15, 1940, to Millicent Ffolliott and Dr. John L. Bitter. He was raised in the Asheville, NC area and graduated from Christ School in Arden.

After attending North Carolina State University, Bitter graduated from Mars Hill College in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He was licensed as a North Carolina CPA in 1971.

Bitter was a member of the Board from June 1986 through June 1992. During his tenure with the Board, he served one term as President and three terms as Vice President and was a member of several Board committees.

He was a Senior Life Member of the NCACPA, a membership level that recognizes members with more than 40 years of service to the NCACPA; Bitter joined the NCACPA in 1966.

He was active in many organizations including the Deerfield Retirement Community, the Vestry at St. Mary's and Trinity Episcopal Churches, the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, the National Society of Accountants, the United Way, the (Asheville) Royal Brigade of Guards, and the Biltmore Forest Country Club.



Bitter's favorite pastimes were spending time with family and friends, playing golf, and flying a Cessna 174.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Clara; daughter, Margaret Bitter Ward her husband Barry; son George S.D. Bitter; brother, Karl and wife, Mary Gladys; sister, Millicent Elmore and husband, Miles; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, John and Philip.

Memorial donations may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 60 Church St., Asheville, NC 28801; or Christ School, 500 Christ School Rd., Arden, NC 28704.

Certificates Issued

On February 20, 2017, the Board approved the following applicants for certification as North Carolina CPAs:

Rhonda Kai Abernathey
Amber Elizabeth Anderson
Danielle Dannahower Ansaldi
Nicholas Robert Atz
Kelsey Elizabeth Bairnsfather
Christine Grace Barnes
Channing Brian Bass
James Adrian Benz
Christopher George Bleakley
Erin Michelle Bowley
Brandon Hollis Branch
Madeline Shaffer Bray
David Craig Brogan
Gregory Paul Bunner
David Timothy Cockey
Patrick Matthew Corcoran
Halie Brooke Davison
Michael Andrew Deas
Elvir Dedajic
John Stephen England
Miranda Ann Fluharty
Amanda Nicole Fontana
Theresa Ann Fowler
Ryan Chapman Garner
Tarynn Nicole Garrett
Dustin Michael Gill
Matthew Thomas Gochis
Daniella Gold
Cameron Karl Gombatz
Derrick Stephen Greene
Chad Thomas Harmon
Allison Pilgrim Hernandez
Forrest Thompson Hester
Jeremy George Hinckley
Michael Bryan Irvin, Jr.
Jeffrey Kistler Jones
Matthew Bryson Jones
Teag Koltan Jones
Treesa Joseph
Forrest Alexander Kasler
Rebecca Anne Keefe
Sara Kenn
Chelsea Kay Kite
Barbara Jean Lancaster-Beresnoy
William Gray Leland
Joshua Todd Lewer
Christopher John Lynagh
Merissa Jane MacDougall
Allison Jean Malone
Zachary Peter Marco
Craig Patrick Martin
India Rae Mathis
Robert Rubin Miracle
Alexandra Patricia Morrison
Eliana Ae Soon Mundula
Ted Andrew Nashland
Clay McKenzie Nowlin
O. Miles Onafowora
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Lauren Jessup Rakes
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Steven William Spittler
Kayla Marie Thomas
Richard Alexander Vari
Richard Nathaniel Wagner
Paul Kenneth Weeks
Emily Ryan Wilkes
Athina Catherine Williams
Graham Edward Williams
Virginia Rae Wilson
Austin Michael Wolff
Jingyu Zhang

WILLIAM MARSH PALMER, #35295 | WILLIAM M. PALMER, CPA | BURLINGTON, NC

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1. William Marsh Palmer, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 35295 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. William M. Palmer, 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 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):
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   (1) audits;
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   (3) compilations of financial statements; or
   (4) any engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements.
5. The Respondent disclosed on the Firm's annual firm renewal that the Firm had performed one Agreed-Upon-Procedures ("AUP") engagement in 2011.
6. An AUP constitutes an engagement performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements and therefore necessitated a peer review.
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:

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2. The Respondent should have known that by performing an AUP, 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.

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Approved by the Board January 23, 2017

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RECLASSIFICATIONS

At its February 20, 2017, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement and reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatements

Kristy Anne Cox, #21470	Charlotte, NC
Robin Linda Forstchen, #28729	Ridgecrest, NC
Tracy Darrell McEntire, #20217	Wilkesboro, NC
Fletcher Wright Morgan, #9282	Mebane, NC

Reissuance

Julia L. Lilley, #26609	Greensboro, NC

The individuals listed below were approved for inactive status during the period of December 14, 2016, through January 11, 2017. "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)].

Inactive Status

Arthur Franklin Beamer, #8569	Greensboro, NC
Joseph Briggs Price, #23762	Asheville, NC
George Hicks Sperry, Jr., #24182	Charlotte, NC
Ellen Christensen Caldwell, #26409	Denver, NC
Robert Daniel Adams, #40559	Chapel Hill, NC
Michael Corbett Brown, Jr., #23406	Wilmington, NC
Amanda Sava Clopton, #19396	Boone, NC
Alan Paul Vercio, #40294	Denver, NC
Paul Curtis Scruggs, Jr., #39115	Silver Spring, MD
Lori Ann Benfield, #18456	Charlotte, NC
Rachel Selisker, #17081	Raleigh, NC
Marvin Allen Wilson, #14629	Durham, NC
Julie A. Joy, #32927	McLean, VA
Timothy Vincent Hardin, #24346	Huntersville, NC
Sherrie R. High, #15369	Concord, NC
Marilyn Rounds Brock, #16995	Kings Mountain, NC
Jesse William Massengill, #2132	Goldsboro, NC
Andrew Robert Rosenberg, #35708	Morehead City, NC
Lawrence Charles Brooks, #13120	Louisville, IL
George Wayne Finger, Jr., #12120	Pearland, TX
Rex Earl Miller, #12463	Venice, FL
Carl Gwyn Yale, #8821	Moravian Falls, NC
Joseph Mitchell McCausland, Jr., #33527	Matthews, NC
Michael Wayne Perry, #16325	Thomasville, NC

2017 Board Meetings

MARCH	APRIL
Raleigh, NC Wed., Mar. 22 1:00 p.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Apr. 24 10:00 a.m.
MAY	**JUNE**
Raleigh, NC Thurs., May 25 10:00 a.m.	Greensboro, NC Thurs., June 22 10:00 a.m.
JULY	**AUGUST**
Raleigh, NC Mon., July 24 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Aug. 21 10:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER	**OCTOBER**
Raleigh, NC Mon., Sept. 18 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Thurs., Oct. 26 10:00 a.m.
NOVEMBER	**DECEMBER**
Raleigh, NC Mon., Nov. 20 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Dec. 18 10:00 a.m.



Board meetings are open to the public and licensees and candidates are encouraged to attend.

Raleigh meetings are held at the Board office and Greensboro meetings are held at the Grandover Conference Center.

Office Closed

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

Friday, April 14, 2017
Monday, May 29, 2017

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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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2017-2018 Officers Elected

On March 22, 2017, the Board elected officers for 2017-2018.

Wm. Hunter Cook, CPA, was elected President of the Board; Cynthia B. Brown, CPA, Vice President; and Jeffrey J. Truitt, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer.

Cook, who was appointed to the Board in 2016, served as Vice President 2016-2017. He served as President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer during his previous terms (2009-2012 and 2013-2016) on the Board.

Licensed as a North Carolina CPA in 1983, Cook is a retired Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP, partner.

Licensed as a North Carolina CPA in 1992, Brown was appointed to the Board in 2015. A Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS), she is self-employed as an employee benefits consultant.

Brown was previously employed by Grant Thornton, LLP, as Director in Compensation and Benefits Consulting.

Truitt, a member of the Board since January 2014, is one of two public members of the Board. He served as Secretary-Treasurer 2016-2017 and 2015-2016. Truitt is an attorney with Smith Anderson.

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 license; 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-

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MARTIN LEE PRICE, #24831 | MARTIN L. PRICE, CPA, PA | EFLAND, NC

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1. Martin Lee Price, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 24831 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Martin L. Price, CPA, PA, (hereinafter "Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
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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.
2. Richard W. Wood, CPA, PA, (hereinafter "Respondent firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
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 therein 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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REMINDER
CPA LICENSE RENEWAL DEADLINE
JUNE 30, 2017

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.



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 therein 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

Privilege License *continued from front page*

gaging in business. It is unlawful to engage in business without obtaining a required privilege license.

For additional information regarding the privilege license requirement or to obtain Form B-202A, "Application for State Privilege License," contact the Taxpayer Assistance Division of the NC DOR by telephone at 1-877-252-3052 or visit the NC DOR website, **www.dornc.com/taxes/license**.



Phishing Email Claims to Be from CPA Organization

The Internal Revenue Service has received reports of a phishing email that is masquerading as an update from a legitimate CPA professional organization.

The email uses the name of a legitimate tax preparer and is an attempt to steal the recipient's password information.

The email contains a "secure file" PDF attachment with a hyperlink to view the file. The link directs the recipient to a phishing site that asks for the recipient's email address and password.

The email scam has been sent to members of at least two CPA organizations on the East Coast. It is likely that the sender's email address is that of a previous victim and the cybercriminals are using the email address list of that victim or another previous victim.

GERALD MICHAEL SCHUETZ, #29294 | SCHUETZ CPA, PLLC | RALEIGH, 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. 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 therein 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.

BEREKET EZRA BAISSA, #37794 | OAKLAND, CA | 01/23/2017

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.

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 Dominick Sodano
Sarah Frances Spohr
Chandra Rekia Tripp
Staci Alicia Vo
Patrick Lawrence Walsh
Shelby Leigh Webb
BreAnn O'Neal Weeda
Patricia Leigh Weekley
Taylor Alexandra Wilk
Allison Marie Williams
Tyler Jamison Williams
Sarah Clontz Willis
Sommer Ann Zusin

RECLASSIFICATIONS

At its March 22, 2017, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement 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	Cambridge, MA
Patricia Costello, #22825	Greensboro, NC
Chuan Lin, #36724	San Francisco, CA
David Lee Little, #32310	Atlanta, GA
Yan Ling, #36962	Tai Po, Hong Kong
Michael Todd Spohn, #24031	Greensboro, NC

2017 Board Meetings

APRIL
Raleigh, NC
Mon., Apr. 24
10:00 a.m.

MAY
Raleigh, NC
Thurs., May 25
10:00 a.m.

JUNE
Greensboro, NC
Thurs., June 22
10:00 a.m.

JULY
Raleigh, NC
Mon., July 24
10:00 a.m.

AUGUST
Raleigh, NC
Mon., Aug. 21
10:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER
Raleigh, NC
Mon., Sept. 18
10:00 a.m.

OCTOBER
Raleigh, NC
Thurs., Oct. 26
10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER
Raleigh, NC
Mon., Nov. 20
10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER
Raleigh, NC
Mon., Dec. 18
10:00 a.m.



Board meetings are open to the public and licensees and candidates are encouraged to attend.

Raleigh meetings are held at the Board office and Greensboro meetings are held at the Grandover Conference Center.



The Board office will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017, for Memorial Day.

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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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Amended Rules Effective May 1, 2017

Effective May 1, 2017, the Board has amended the rules cited as

- 21 NCAC 08A .0301 - Definitions;
- 21 NCAC 08I .0101 - Disciplinary Action;
- 21 NCAC 08N .0203 - Discreditable Conduct Prohibited;
- 21 NCAC 08N .0208 - Reporting Convictions, Judgments, and Disciplinary Actions; and
- 21 NCAC 08N .0305 - Retention of Client Records.

The text of the amended rules begins on page 2. Language that was removed is indicated by a strike-through (~~example~~) and new language is underlined (example).

If you have questions about the amended rules, please contact



Robert Brooks, the Board's Executive Director, by email at **rbrooks@nccpaboard.gov** or the Board's Deputy Director, David R. Nance, CPA, by email at **dnance@nccpaboard.gov**.

Update Your Newsletter Delivery Preference

As part of the 2017-2018 CPA license renewal, licensees must choose to receive the *Activity Review* by mail or email. The default delivery method is email.

If you prefer to receive the newsletter by mail, you must select that option by clicking the edit button in the address section of the renewal and choosing "paper."

If you renewed your license without changing your newsletter delivery method, send an email to **communications@nccpaboard.gov** and your preference will be updated in the database.

Licensees with non-US addresses will receive the newsletter by email only.

CPA License Renewal Deadine Is June 30



The deadline for individual CPA license renewal for North Carolina CPAs is June 30.

To access the online renewal, navigate to the Board's homepage, **nccpaboard.gov**, and click on the "Renew My CPA License" link in the "How Do I?" box on the right side of the homepage.

Instructions for completing the online renewal were published in the March issue of the *Activity Review* and are included in the online renewal.

Before launching the online renewal, read the instructions and gather the information and documents you need to complete the renewal.

When completing your renewal, make sure you check the appropriate box related to your CPE.

Failure to accurately report your CPE or not having the proper CPE may result in a forfeited certificate and a $1000 civil penalty through a Consent Order.

For general questions about CPA license renewal, contact the Board's Licensing Manager, Buck Winslow, at **buckw@nccpaboard.gov**.

For specific questions about CPE, contact Cammie Emery, the Board's Licensing Assistant, at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov**.

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Rules Effective May 1, 2017

21 NCAC 08A .0301 DEFINITIONS

(a) The definitions set out in G.S. 93-1(a) apply when those defined terms are used in this Chapter.

(b) In addition to the definitions set out in G.S. 93-1(a), the following definitions apply when these terms are used in this Chapter:

(1) "Active," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who possesses a North Carolina certificate of qualification and who has not otherwise been granted ~~"Inactive"~~ inactive status;

(2) "Agreed-upon procedures" means a professional service whereby a CPA is engaged to issue a report of findings based on specific procedures performed on identified subject matter;

(3) "AICPA" means the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

(4) "Applicant" means a person who has applied to take the CPA examination or applied for a certificate of qualification;

(5) "Attest service" means a professional service whereby a CPA in the practice of public accounting is engaged to issue or does issue:

(A) any audit or engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards, Statements on Generally Accepted Governmental Auditing Standards, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Auditing Standards, and International Standards on Auditing;

(B) any review ~~or~~ engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services;

(C) any compilation ~~or~~ engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services; or

(D) any engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements;

(6) "Audit" means a professional service whereby a CPA is engaged to examine financial statements, items, accounts, or elements of a financial statement prepared by management, in order to express an opinion on whether the financial statements, items, accounts, or elements of a financial statement are presented in conformity with an applicable reporting framework, that enhances the degree of confidence that intended users can place on the financial statements, items, accounts, or elements of a financial statement;

(7) "Calendar year" means the 12 months beginning January 1 and ending December 31;

(8) "Candidate" means a person whose application to take the CPA examination has been accepted by the Board and who may sit for the CPA examination;

(9) "Client" means a person or an entity who orally or in writing agrees with a licensee to receive any professional services performed or delivered;

(10) "Commission" means compensation, except a referral fee, for recommending or referring any product or service to be supplied by another person;

(11) "Compilation" means a professional service whereby a CPA is engaged to present, in the form of financial statements, information that is the representation of management without undertaking to express any assurance on the statements;

(12) "Contingent fee" means a fee established for the performance of any service pursuant to an arrangement in which no fee will be charged unless a specified finding or result is attained, or in which the amount of the fee is otherwise dependent upon the finding or result of such service;

(13) "CPA" means certified public accountant;

(14) "CPA firm" means a sole proprietorship, a partnership, a professional corporation, a professional limited liability company, or a registered limited liability partnership that uses ~~"certified public accountant(s)"~~ certified public accountant(s) or ~~"CPA(s)"~~ CPA(s) in or with its name or offers to or renders any attest services in the public practice of accountancy;

(15) "CPE" means continuing professional education;

(16) "Disciplinary action" means ~~revocation or~~ revocation, suspension of, or refusal to grant a certificate, or the imposition of a reprimand, probation, constructive comment, or any other penalty or condition;

(17) "FASB" means the Financial Accounting Standards Board;

(18) "Firm network" means an association of entities that includes one or more firms that cooperate for the purpose of enhancing the firms' capabilities to provide professional services and share one or more of the following characteristics:

(A) the use of a common brand name, including initials, as part of the firm name;

(B) common control among the firms through ownership, management, or other means;



(C) profits or costs, excluding costs of operating the association; costs of developing audit methodologies, manuals, and training courses; and other costs that are immaterial to the firm;
(D) common business strategy that involves ongoing collaboration amongst the firms whereby the firms are responsible for implementing the association's strategy and are accountable for performance pursuant to that strategy;
(E) significant part of professional resources; or
(F) common quality control policies and procedures that firms are required to implement and that are monitored by the association;

(19) "GASB" means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board;
(20) "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and has been approved by the Board and who does not use the title ~~"certified public accountant,"~~ certified public accountant, nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a ~~"certified public accountant,"~~ 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) "IRS" means the Internal Revenue Service;
(22) "Jurisdiction" means any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia;
(23) "License year" means the 12 months beginning July 1 and ending June 30;
(24) "Member of a CPA firm" means any CPA who has an equity ownership interest in a CPA firm;
(25) "NASBA" means the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy;
(26) "NCACPA" means the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants;
(27) "North Carolina office" means any office physically located in North Carolina;
(28) "Person" means any natural person, corporation, partnership, professional limited liability company, registered limited liability partnership, unincorporated association, or other entity;
(29) "Professional" means arising out of or related to the particular knowledge or skills associated with CPAs;
(30) "Referral fee" means compensation for recommending or referring any service of a CPA to any person;
(31) "Revenue Department" means the North Carolina Department of Revenue;
(32) "Review" means a professional service whereby a CPA is engaged to perform procedures, limited to analytical procedures and inquiries, to obtain a reasonable basis for expressing limited assurance on whether any material modifications should be made to the financial statements for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or other comprehensive basis of accounting;
(33) "Reviewer" means a member of a review team including the review team captain;
(34) "Suspension" means a revocation of a certificate for a specified period of time. A CPA may be reinstated after a specific period of time if the CPA has met all conditions imposed by the Board at the time of suspension;
(35) "Trade name" means a name used to designate a business enterprise;
(36) "Work papers" mean the CPA's records of the procedures applied, the tests performed, the information obtained, and the conclusions reached in attest services, tax services, consulting services, special report services, or other engagements. Work papers include programs used to perform professional services, analyses, memoranda, letters of confirmation and representation, checklists, copies or abstracts of company documents, and schedules of commentaries prepared or obtained by the CPA. The forms include handwritten, typed, printed,

2017 Board Meetings

MAY	JUNE
Raleigh, NC Thurs., May 25 10:00 a.m.	Greensboro, NC Thurs., June 22 10:00 a.m.
JULY	**AUGUST**
Raleigh, NC Mon., July 24 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Aug. 21 10:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER	**OCTOBER**
Raleigh, NC Mon., Sept. 18 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Thurs., Oct. 26 10:00 a.m.
NOVEMBER	**DECEMBER**
Raleigh, NC Mon., Nov. 20 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Dec. 18 10:00 a.m.

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word processed, photocopied, photographed, and computerized data, or in any other form of letters, words, pictures, ~~sounds~~ sounds, or symbols; and

(37) "Work product" means the end result of the engagement for the client that may include a tax return, attest or assurance report, consulting report, ~~and~~ or financial plan. The forms include handwritten, typed, printed, word processed, photocopied, photographed, and computerized data, or in any other form of letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols.

(c) Any requirement to comply by a specific date to the Board that falls on a weekend or federal holiday shall be received as in compliance if postmarked by U.S. Postal Service cancellation by that date, if received by a private delivery service by that date, or received in the Board office on the next business day.

21 NCAC 08I .0101 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

(a) Any person may ~~petition the Board for appropriate disciplinary action against a CPA.~~ file a complaint with the Board against a CPA, pursuant to [~~G.S. 150B~~] G.S. 150B, Article 3A for disciplinary action against a CPA for violations of G.S. 93 and this Chapter on forms provided by the Board that are on the Board's website at www.nccpaboard.gov and may be requested from the Board.

(b) The ~~petition~~ complaint shall set forth ~~in simple language~~ the facts upon which the ~~petition~~ complaint is based. ~~It shall bear an affidavit of the petitioner stating~~ The complainant shall confirm that he or she believes the facts stated in the ~~petition~~ complaint are true and that he or she is prepared to prove them at a hearing.

(c) The ~~petition~~ complaint shall be filed in the office of the Board. The Board's professional standards staff shall open a case file, notify the complainant of receipt of the complaint, notify and provide a copy of the complaint to the respondent named in the complaint, and conduct ~~any appropriate investigation.~~ an investigation of the allegations in the complaint. Based upon ~~its investigation, the professional standards staff~~ the investigation and the recommendation of the Professional Standards Committee of the Board appointed by the Board President, and with the approval of the Board, the professional standards staff may do any of the following:

(1) close the case without prejudice;
(2) close the case with prejudice:
(3) prepare a Consent Order;
(4) apply to the courts for injunctive relief; or
(5) ~~may~~ prepare a proposed Hearing Notice.

~~A~~ The Professional Standards ~~Committee, appointed by the President of the Board,~~ Committee shall determine whether the allegations in a case warrant applying to the courts for injunctive relief and whether the allegations in the proposed Hearing Notice, if proven, ~~would~~ warrant a contested case proceeding pursuant to G.S. 150B-38 - 150B-42. A copy of any Hearing Notice filed and application for injunctive relief applied for shall be provided to the complainant in that matter.

(d) The Board ~~may~~ shall notify the complainant and the respondent in any complaint filed with the Board of the disposition of the case and shall publish or announce the disciplinary action against a ~~CPA in such manner and for such period as it deems appropriate.~~ CPA.

21 NCAC 08N .0203 DISCREDITABLE CONDUCT PROHIBITED

(a) A CPA shall not engage in conduct discreditable to the accounting profession.

(b) Prohibited discreditable conduct includes:

(1) acts that reflect adversely on the CPA's honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, good moral character, or fitness as a CPA;
(2) stating or implying an ability to improperly influence a governmental agency or official;
(3) failing to comply with any order issued by the Board;
(4) failing to fulfill the terms of a peer review engagement contract;
(5) misrepresentation in reporting CPE credits; ~~or~~
(6) entering into any settlement or other resolution of a dispute that purports to keep its contents confidential from the ~~Board.~~ Board; or
(7) failing to participate in a peer review program pursuant to 21 NCAC 08M .0105.

21 NCAC 08N .0208 REPORTING CONVICTIONS, JUDGMENTS, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

(a) Criminal Actions. A CPA shall notify the Board within 30 days of any conviction or finding of guilt of, pleading of nolo contendere, or receiving a prayer for judgment continued to any criminal offense.

(b) Civil Actions. A CPA shall notify the Board within 30 days of any judgment or settlement in a civil suit, bankruptcy action, administrative proceeding, or binding arbitration that:

(1) is grounded upon an allegation of professional negligence, gross negligence, dishonesty, fraud, misrepresentation, incompetence, or violation of any federal or state tax law~~;~~ and
(2) was brought against either the CPA or a North Carolina office of a CPA firm of which the CPA was a managing owner.

(c) Settlements. A CPA shall notify the Board within 30 days of any written settlement in ~~lieu of a civil~~





~~suit or criminal charge~~ which a client or former client releases the CPA from liability that is grounded upon an allegation of professional negligence; gross negligence; dishonesty; fraud; misrepresentation; incompetence; or violation of any federal, state, or local ~~law. Notification shall be required regardless of any confidentiality clause in the settlement.~~ law, regardless of whether the client or former client has filed a civil suit or criminal charge.

(d) Investigations. A CPA shall notify the Board within 30 days of any inquiry or investigation by the criminal investigation divisions of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or any state department of revenue pertaining to any personal or business tax matters.

(e) Liens. A CPA shall notify the Board within 30 days of the filing of any liens by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or any state department of revenue regarding the failure to pay or apparent failure to pay for any amounts due for any tax matters.

21 NCAC 08N .0305 RETENTION OF CLIENT RECORDS

~~(a) Return Upon Demand. A CPA shall return client records in his or her possession to the client after a demand is made for their return. The records shall be returned upon demand unless circumstances make some delay reasonable in order to retrieve a closed file or to extract the CPA's work papers described in Paragraph (f) of this Rule. If the records cannot be returned upon demand, the CPA shall immediately notify the client of the date the records will be returned. Nothing in this Rule shall be interpreted to require a CPA to pay delivery costs when the records are returned to the client.~~

~~(b) Who May Demand Client Records. If the client is a partnership, records shall be returned upon request to any of its general partners. If the client is a limited partnership or a registered limited liability partnership, records shall be returned upon request to its general partner(s) and the managing partner, or his or her designated individual respectively. If the client is a corporation, records shall be returned upon request to its president. If the client is a limited liability company, records shall be returned upon request to the manager. Joint records shall be returned upon request to any party to the record.~~

~~(c) Return of Original Records. If the engagement is terminated prior to completion or the CPA's work product has neither been received nor paid for the by the client, the CPA shall be required to return only those records originally given to the CPA by the client.~~

~~(d) Retention to Force Payment. A CPA shall not retain a client's records in order to force payment of any kind.~~

~~(e) Work Papers Included in Client Records. Work papers are usually the CPA's property and need not be surrendered to the client. However, in some instances work papers may contain data that should be reflected in the client's books and records but for convenience have not been duplicated therein with the result that the client's records are incomplete. In such instances, the portion of the work papers containing such data constitutes part of the client's records, and copies shall be given to the client along with the rest of the client's records. Work papers considered part of the client's records include but are not limited to:~~

~~(1) worksheets in lieu of original entry (such as listings and distributions of cash receipts or cash disbursements on columnar work paper);~~

~~(2) worksheets in lieu of general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, such as accounts receivable, job cost and equipment ledgers, or similar types of depreciation records;~~

~~(3) all adjusting and closing journal entries and supporting details not fully set forth in the journal entry; and~~

~~(4) consolidating or combining journal entries and worksheets and supporting detail used in arriving at final figures incorporated in an end product such as financial statements or tax returns.~~

~~(f) Work Papers Belonging to the CPA. Work papers developed by the CPA incident to the performance of an engagement that do not result in changes to the client's records, or are not in themselves part of the records ordinarily maintained by such clients, are the CPA's work papers and are not the property of the client. For example, the CPA may make extensive analyses of inventory or other accounts as part of the selective audit procedures. These analyses are considered to be a part of the CPA's work papers, even if the analyses have been prepared by client personnel at the request of the CPA. Only to the extent these analyses result in changes to the client's records would the CPA be required to furnish the details from the work papers in support of the journal entries recording the changes, unless the journal entries themselves contain all necessary details.~~

~~(g) Reasonable fees for Copies. Nothing in this Rule shall be construed to require the CPA to furnish a client with copies of the client's records already in the client's possession. However, if the client asserts that such records have been lost, or are otherwise not in the client's possession, the CPA shall furnish copies of the records and may charge a reasonable fee.~~

~~(h) Retention of Work Product and Work Papers. A CPA shall ensure that the work product and the work papers created in the performance of an engagement for a client are retained for at least of five years after the date of issuance of the work product unless the CPA is required~~

~~by law to retain such records for a longer period.~~

(a) A CPA shall return client-provided records in the CPA's custody or control to the client at the client's request. [~~Client provided~~] Client-provided records are accounting or other records, including hardcopy and electronic reproductions of such records, belonging to the client that were provided to the CPA by, or on behalf of, the client.

(b) Unless a CPA and the client have agreed to the contrary, when a client makes a request for CPA prepared records or a CPA's work products that are in the CPA's custody or control [~~and~~] that have not previously been provided to the client, the CPA [~~should~~] shall respond to the client's request as follows:

(1) The CPA [~~should~~] shall provide CPA prepared records relating to a completed and issued work product to the client, except that such records may be withheld if fees are due to the CPA for that specific work product; and

(2) CPA's work products [~~should~~] shall be provided to the client, except that such work products may be withheld:

(a) if fees are due to the CPA for the specific work product;

(b) if the work product is incomplete;

(c) if for purpose of complying with professional standards (for example, withholding an audit report due to outstanding audit issues); or

(d) if threatened or outstanding litigation exists concerning the engagement or CPA's work.

(c) CPA prepared records are accounting or other records that the CPA was not specifically engaged to prepare and that are not in the client's books and records or are otherwise not available to the client, thus rendering the client's financial information incomplete. Examples include adjusting, closing, combining, or consolidating journal entries (including computations supporting such entries) and supporting schedules and documents that the CPA proposed or prepared as part of an engagement, (for an example, an audit). CPA's work products are deliverables set forth in the terms of the engagement, such as tax returns.

(d) Once a CPA has complied with these requirements, he or she [~~is under no~~] shall not be under any further ethical obligation to:

(1) comply with any subsequent requests to again provide records or copies of records described in Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Rule. [~~However, if~~] If subsequent to complying with a request, a client experiences a loss of records due to a natural disaster, the CPA [~~should~~] shall comply with an additional request to provide such records; and

(2) retain records for periods that exceed applicable professional standards, state and federal statutes and regulations, and contractual agreements relating to the service performed.

(e) A CPA who has provided records to an individual designated or held out as the client's representative, such as the general partner, majority shareholder, or spouse, [~~is not~~] shall not be obligated to provide such records to other individuals associated with the client.

(f) Work papers [~~are~~] shall be the CPA's property, and the CPA is not required to provide such information to the client. However, state and federal statutes and regulations and contractual agreements may impose additional requirements on the CPA.

(g) In fulfilling a request for client provided records, CPA prepared records, or a CPA's work products, the CPA may:

(1) charge the client a fee for the time and expense incurred to retrieve and copy such records and require that the client pay the fee before the CPA provides the records to the client;

(2) provide the requested records in any format usable by the client. [~~However, the~~] The CPA is not required to convert records that are not in electronic format to electronic format. If the client requests records in a specific format and the records are available in such format within the CPA's custody and control, the client's request should be honored. In addition, the CPA is not required to provide the client with formulas, unless the formulas support the client's underlying accounting or other records or the CPA was engaged to provide such formulas as part of a completed work product; and

(3) make and retain copies of any records that the CPA returned or provided to the client.

(h) A CPA who is required to return or provide records to the client [~~should~~] shall comply with the client's request as soon as [~~practicable but, absent extenuating circumstances,~~] practicable, but no later than 45 days after the request is made.



Certificates Issued

On April 24, 2017, the Board approved the following individuals for licensure as North Carolina CPAs:

Tammy Ruggiero Allman
Joseph Landon Anderson
Charles Earl Bailey
Ryan Timothy Bannister
Timothy Michael Barney
James States Lee Baynard
Bradley Alan Beck
Kara Johanna Bohde
Scott Michael Brenner
Michael Andrew Brinck
Edwin Joseph Buehner
Eric Ted Burton
Marion M. Connor
Zachary Wayne Cope
Matthew Robert Costa
Matthew Cameron Creech
Maria Carmina Crisol
Frederick Michael Deeb
Robert William Del Riego
Larisa Kay Demling
Thomas William Devine
Jessica Diaz
George Doulis
Kelsey Musslewhite Doulis
Megan Elizabeth Early
David Scott Emery
Karina Ruth Escalante
Jialin Li Feasel
Bradley Alexander Gates
Alexander Steele Givens
Nancy Jean Goodwin
Will Browder Goodwin
Samantha Elizabeth Graves
Harriett Gray
Shelly Ann Guzzetta
Mary Etta Hall
Stacey Stafford Hardister
Kasey Lynn Harris
Neil Ira Harris
Nicholas Richard Harris
Theresa Marie Higgins
John Van Hinson, Jr.
Daniel Philip Hobbs
Skye LaRae Hodges
Kathleen Marie Holston
Xiaoping Jiang
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Lindsey Nicole Monek
Latonya Danelle Montford
Annie Murphree Moore
Hunter John Nottingham
Lori J. Nurse
Corrin Vassey O'Brien
Corey Palmer
Angel Alicia Pia
Wenyi Qiu
Dyan Dillion Riden
Erin Michelle Rieddle
Micah Daniel Rivera
Jeremy Wayne Rosenkrans
Drew Anthony Saia
Beverly Joann Schonauer
Nicole Lafranz Seeling
Kay Anne Sees
Suzanne Krail Sevin
Scott James Sherwood
Elizabeth B. Shomo
Sharmila Shrestha
Julie Barlow Smith
Oyinade Taylor
Stephen Carroll Taylor
William Scott VanKirk
Mitali Harsh Vasavada
Michael Jerome Vazquez
Nan Wang
Joseph Anton Westerhaus
Shayna Michele Wiggins
Aviance Latrice Williams
David Brian Williams
Maria Adele Williamson
Kasey Taylor Woodard
Anthony John Yorio

Reclassifications

At its April 24, 2017, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement and reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

Reissuance

James Alan Barbee, #16064
Occoquan, VA
John Kevin Cage, #14918
Rock Hill, SC
Wendy White Pope, #34917
Surf City, NC
Kelly Butler Smith, #25842
Cary, NC

Reissuance

Daniel Alan Yarborough, #33032
Hillsborough, NC

CPA Exam Score Release Timeline

April/May (Q2) Testing Window

If you take your test in:
April/May

And the AICPA receives your examination data files from Prometric between:
April 1 - May 31

Your score will be released by the target release date:
August 17 (AUD, FAR, REG)
August 21 (BEC)

July/August/September (Q3) Testing Window

If you take your test in:
July/August/September

And the AICPA receives your examination data files from Prometric between:
July 1 - September 10

Your score will be released by the target release date:
September 22

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Fax form to: (919) 733-4209

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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Tips for Avoiding a Complaint and Responding to a Complaint

Every CPA should be committed to practicing the profession at the highest skill level and with the utmost integrity. However, sometimes a client has a problem with the service or end product.

The following tips may prevent a complaint from being filed against you by a client:

- **Understand the Statutes and Board Rules.** If you do not understand a rule or how it applies to you or your firm, contact the Board and ask for an explanation or guidance.
- **Keep Up with Changes in the Statutes and Rules.** When changes are made to the statutes and rules, those changes are made available on the Board website, **www.nccpaboard.gov**, and in the *Activity Review*. You are responsible for knowing the current statutes and rules and complying with them.
- **Get an Executed Engagement Letter.** An effective engagement letter asserts the scope of the services to be provided; outlines the responsibilities of the client and practitioner; and explains the fees to be charged. [In-depth information on engagement letters was published in the 07-2016 issue of the *Activity Review*.]

  There are many instances of the Board closing a case because the licensee has a well-written, executed engagement letter that refutes the allegations made in the complaint.
- **Don't Promise What You Can't Deliver**. When a client contracts with you for services, be realistic with the time frame for performing the work.

  If it takes you 10 days to perform similar engagements, don't promise the client that you will complete it in five days. It is better to under-promise and over-deliver than to over-promise and under-deliver

  Before accepting an engagement, make sure you can meet the deadline for completing the engagement. If you are unable to complete an engagement in a timely manner, let the client know.
- **Know Your Professional Limits.** Do not undertake work you cannot perform with profession-



Tips
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CPA License Renewal Deadline Is June 30

The deadline for North Carolina CPAs to renew their CPA licenses is June 30, 2017.

The renewal must be completed online through the Board's website, **www.nccpaboard.gov**.

Information about the renewal process was published in the March issue of the *Activity Review.* Instructions are also available online.

If you have questions about the renewal process, please contact Buck Winslow at **buckw@nccpaboard.gov**.

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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."

ABDULLA A. DARWISH, #27922 | ABDULLA A. DARWISH, CPA PC | 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 Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Abdulla A. Darwish, (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 27922 as a certified public accountant.
2. Abdulla A. Darwish, CPA PC (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina. At all relevant times, the Respondent was listed with the Board as the supervisor of the Respondent Firm.
3. The Board received a referral from the South Carolina Board of Accountancy regarding an audit that the Respondent Firm performed for a general contractor for licensure with the South Carolina Board of Contractors. The South Carolina investigator noted a number of deficiencies on the face of the statements.
4. The Board staff requested copies of the Respondent's workpapers and CPE. The Respondent provided his CPE but was unable to produce the workpapers for the audit.
5. The Board staff and the Board's Professional Standards Committee reviewed representative samples of the Respondent Firm's compilation engagements and determined that those services were not performed in accordance with professional standards.
6. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent understands and agrees 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 Respondent is 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's and Respondent Firm's failure to abide by audit documentation standards is a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403.
3. The Respondent's and Respondent Firm's failure to perform compilation engagements in accordance with all Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0404.
4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

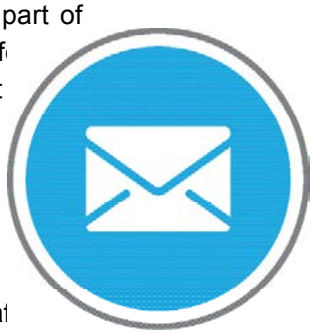
1. The Respondent, Abdulla A. Darwish, is censured.
2. The Respondent must pay a one thousand dollar ($1,000) civil penalty, to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
3. The Respondent must pay five hundred dollars ($500) in administrative costs, to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
4. The Respondent may not perform, or participate in the performance of, any audit services.
5. Prior to performing compilations, reviews, or agreed-upon procedures, the Respondent must have all such services pre-issuance reviewed by a reviewer approved by the Board, until such time as the Board decides that such reviews are no longer necessary.

Approved by the Board May 25, 2017

Activity Review Available by Mail or Email

In an effort to improve communication with its constituents, the Board is giving candidates and licensees the option to receive the *Activity Review* by mail or email. The preferred/default delivery method is email.

The option to choose paper instead of email is part of the 2017-2018 license renewal. Licensees who pref to receive the newsletter by mail must select that option by clicking the edit button in the address section of the renewal and choosing "paper."



If you renewed without changing your newsletter delivery method to paper, please send an email to **communications@nccpaboard.gov** that includes your full name and license number, and Board sta will update your preference.

Exam candidates who prefer to receive the newsletter by mail may send an email to **communications@nccpaboard.gov**.

Licensees and candidates with non-US addresses will receive the newsletter by email only.

Certificates Issued

On May 25, 2017, the Board approved the following individuals for licensure as North Carolina CPAs:

Matthew Joseph Albert
April Elizabeth Baird
Brooke LeAnne Baker
Michael Richard Bass
Megan Elizabeth Bassett
Lindsay Ann Bernstein
Margaret Cranford Blanton
Emily Kathleen Burr
Abraham Tsai Chen
Evelyn Forbes Cone
Morgan Dennis Costner
Lori Ellis Crawford
Blake William Crawley
Susan Leigh Darnell
Thomas Allen Dowling, III
Dewey Taylor Fender
Grady Wynd Smyth Gilbert
Julian Robert Gildea
Patricia Anne Glidewell
Katlyn Doublin Godwin
Heather Nicole Boulden Gurganus
Hunter Bryan Hagy
Bridget Marie Harrington
Matthew Barton Higgins
Jeffrey Allen Hirth
Fatimatu Hudu Ingawa
Candace Altman Johnson
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William Ranza Sheets
Rosemary Elisabeth Sirois
Carol Ann Smith
Charles Richard Steffenella
Brittanie Megan Stewart
Samantha Larkin Stoddard
Eric Steven Vozzo
Christopher Paul Walker
Joseph Kinton Weston
David Russell Whiteman
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2016 Elijah Watt Sells Award Winners

The AICPA has honored 58 Uniform CPA Exam candidates with the 2016 Elijah Watt Sells Award.

To be eligible for the award, a candidate had to obtain a cumulative average score above 95.50 across all four sections of the Exam; passed all four sections of the Exam on the first attempt; and completed testing in 2016.

The following 2016 Sells Award winners either sat for the Exam as a North Carolina candidate or graduated from a university in North Carolina:

- **Kayla Elizabeth Gawlik** is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a BA in Economics and Wake Forest University with a MS in Accountancy. She is employed with KPMG, LLP in New York, NY.
- **Madeline Hartman** is a graduate of the University of Washington with a BS in Economics and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Master of Accounting. She is employed with Grant Thornton, LLP in Boston, MA.
- **Dena Konneker** is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a BA in Spanish and a Master of Accounting, as well as SIT Graduate Institute with an MA in Teaching English as a Second or Other Language. She is employed with RSM US, LLP in Raleigh, NC.
- **Jeff R. Pullen** is a graduate of Clemson University with a BS in Accounting and a Master of Accounting. He is employed with KPMG, LLP, in Minneapolis, MN.

Disciplinary Actions Resulting from CPE Audit

The following matters are excerpted from Consent Orders issued by the Board in response to the findings of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audit. To view the full text of a 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.

THOMAS J. KELLER, #28567
Charlotte, NC 05/25/2017

The Board opened a case against Thomas J. Keller (Respondent Keller) for failure to complete sufficient CPE, including an ethics course, as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Keller 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 Keller may apply to return his certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 49 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the NCACPA in a group-study format.

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

BRANDON SCOTT LAWS, #27896
Statesville, NC 05/25/2017

The Board opened a case against Brandon Scott Laws (Respondent Laws) for failure to complete sufficient CPE as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Laws 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 Laws may apply to return his certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 45 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the NCACPA.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Laws' CPA license.

MARGARET F. STAMPLEY, #27423
Charlotte, NC 05/25/2017

The Board opened a case against Margaret F. Stampley (Respondent Stampley) for failure to complete sufficient CPE, including an ethics course, as required for renewal of her North Carolina CPA license.

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

Respondent Stampley may apply to return her certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 80 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the NCACPA.

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

JAMES B. WHITNEY, #10188
Winston-Salem, NC 05/25/2017

The Board opened a case against James B. Whitney (Respondent Whitney) for failure to complete sufficient CPE, including an ethics course, as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Whitney 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 Whitney may apply to return his certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 80 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the NCACPA.

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

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al competence. If you have no experience performing a type of engagement and have limited or no professional knowledge in that area, don't accept the engagement.

This doesn't mean you can't expand the scope of your services; it mean that you must acquire the professional knowledge to perform the engagement well.

In addition, do not take on work that your staff cannot perform well or work that you cannot adequately plan and supervise.

- **Take Relevant CPE.** Continuing professional education (CPE) is intended to increase your professional competence so you can provide a high level of services to your clients or employer.

  You may be tempted to take quick, easy, cheap CPE to be in compliance with the annual CPE requirement. If you take CPE courses simply to check a box on the annual license renewal form, you have missed the point of CPE.

  Take courses that help you work smarter. Take classes that help you understand your clients' businesses. Take courses that make you a more knowledgeable, skilled CPA.

- **Communicate with Your Clients**. Lack of clear communication with your clients is a recipe for disaster. Respond to client phone calls and emails in a timely manner. If you run into problems with an engagement, let the client know right away.

  Make sure your clients understand what you are telling them; don't assume that they are fluent in accounting-speak.

- **Don't Bury Your Head in the Sand.** When you have a problem with an engagement or client, deal with it right away. Ignoring a seemingly small problem can turn into a situation that puts your license in jeopardy.

  If you do have a problem with a client or employer, document everything that happens; don't rely on your memory. Professional, thorough documentation can make your response credible in the event that the problem rises to the level of a complaint.

Sometimes, despite your best efforts, a client or an employer files a complaint against you with the Board. The following tips may help you better navigate the complaint process.

- **Respond to the Board's Inquiry.** When a complaint is filed, the Professional Standards Committee of the Board needs a complete picture of the matter in order to make an informed decision.

  The Board will ask you to provide your side of the story by a specified date. If you cannot respond by the specified deadline, let the Board know; the deadline may be extended.

  If you don't provide the information, the Committee doesn't have all the facts it needs.

  Above all, don't take the "if I ignore it, it will go away" attitude; failure to timely respond to a Board inquiry is in itself a violation of the Board rules.

  When CPAs learn that a complaint against them has been filed with the Board, they may ask if they need to hire an attorney to deal with the complaint. You are not required to hire an attorney, but if you wish to hire an attorney you may do so.

- **Respond in a Professional Manner.** When a complaint is filed against you, you may feel personally attacked or think the complaint is without merit. The client or employer has a reason for filing the complaint and you must respond in a professional manner.

  The Board may ask you to provide specific documents (such as a copy of the engagement letter) as well as any information pertinent to the matter.

  Your written statements should be clear and contain the facts of matter, not your personal opinion of the client or employer.

Although the best way to avoid a complaint is to practice accounting in a competent, professional manner that is in compliance with the statutes and the Board rules, complaints do get filed. If you are the subject of a complaint, be sure to cooperate fully with the Board's inquiry.

Persons Exempt from Privilege License Tax

"Am I Required to Have a Privilege License from the NC Department of Revenue?" (*Activity Review*, April 2017) omitted that certain persons are exempt from the tax.

NC General Statute 105-41(b), states:

The following persons are exempt from the tax:

(1) A person who is at least 75 years old.

(2) A person practicing the professional art of healing for a fee or reward, if the person is an adherent of an established church or religious organization and confines the healing practice to prayer or spiritual means.

(3) A blind person engaging in a trade or profession as a sole proprietor. A "blind person" means any person who is totally blind or whose central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or where the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees. This exemption shall not extend to any sole proprietor who permits more than one person other than the proprietor to work regularly in connection with the trade or profession for remuneration or recompense of any kind, unless the other person in excess of one so remunerated is a blind person.

Inactive Status

The individuals listed below were approved for inactive status during the period of March 23, 2017, through May 18, 2017. "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)].

Andy Badger Smith, #18637	Fayetteville, NC
Christopher D. Crepps, #30744	Troy, NC
Patricia Ann Dillon, #19939	Ft. Wayne, IN
Martha Morrison Hunt, #15764	Cary, NC
Cynthia Hanna Sexton, #16469	Burnsville, NC
Larry Warren Hartsell, #11578	Myrtle Beach, SC
James David Nance, #21416	Laurinburg, NC
Martha Lynn Reed-Baysden, #11653	Seabrook Island, SC
Vickey Hurst Jorgensen, #27145	Concord, NC
Gladys Kar-Yee Yam, #38435	CANADA
Georgia Anna Capobianco, #33567	Fernandina Beach, FL
Sherry Lynn Clark, #27958	Venice, FL
Jong Shik Lee, #19246	Seattle, WA
Steven Matthew Lloyd, #16760	Cary, NC
Karen J. Miller, #28288	Hillsborough, NC
Shirley Chen Perkins, #15022	Murray, UT
Ronald Kahn, #13224	Charlotte, NC
Jonathan Douglas O'Neill, #33228	Thompson Station, TN
Ledel Marshall Staton, #13007	Kinston, NC
Kimberly Lynn Nenni, #36819	Mooresville, NC
Steven Moran Tyer, #3518	Greensboro, NC
Danny Allen Snead, #12466	Mount Holly, NC
Richard Peter Arsenault, #16587	Woodbridge, VA
Kayla Rose Dierker, #37631	Nashville, TN
Alice Clare Biddle, #14176	Charlotte, NC
George Ervin Harris, #13975	Maiden, NC
Eilene Williams Hobbs, #25983	Sulphur, LA
Carol Preston Hoxie, #10914	Burlington, NC
Ruth Ann Mahoney, #34443	Oklahoma City, OK
Daniel Wayne Martin, #20569	Carthage, MO
Amy Elizabeth Miller, #38616	Ponte Vedra, FL
Kevin James Monacelli, #34720	Candler, NC
Natasha Vonn Schamberger, #33212	Topeka, KS
Michael Emmett Schwartz, #7763	Charleston, SC
Derrick Robert Strand, #24300	Mechanicsville, VA
Carolyn Boyette Williams, #10110	Charlotte, NC
James Douglas Yarbrough, #29032	Wilmington, NC
David Blair Frazelle, #9301	Fayetteville, NC
Gary Alan Ridgeway, #14018	Morehead City, NC
Jane Rowe Barnhill, #17608	Trent Woods, NC
Kenneth Ronald Cline, #9457	Hickory, NC
Paul E. Cobb, Jr., #7392	Graham, NC
Quiester Craig, #13876	Greensboro, NC
Mary Lynne Smith Forrest, #18972	Kernersville, NC
Earl Wade Hartenstine, Jr., #12693	Indian Land, SC
Sarah Jordan Ilderton, #33922	Mt. Pleasant, SC
Linda Susan Lee, #36973	Walnut Cove, NC
Joyce Petty Watkins, #14627	Charlotte, NC
Iris-Young Boran Cha, #30167	Cleveland, OH
Victor Kenneth Lewis, #23445	Willow Spring, NC
Karen Louise Stevenson, #15715	Greensboro, NC
William Henry Watson, Jr., #9209	Raleigh, NC
Scott Graham Francis, #33082	Winston-Salem, NC
George Alton Royster, Jr., #6835	Huntersville, NC
Charles Edward Williams, #12799	Apex, NC
Anneli Browning Burns, #37193	Houston, TX
Karen Gallagher Busby, #20170	Salisbury, NC
Diane Taylor Stair, #27006	Fairview, NC
Janet P. Dengler, #24685	Roaring River, NC
Charles Creston Stophel, #2363	Tallahassee, FL
Kathryn Criss Arfmann, #24218	Lewisville, NC
Gail Hubbard Cheshire, #4368	Rocky Mount, NC
John McArthur, Jr., #3671	Charlotte, NC
Matthew John Vanaman, #32186	Wake Forest, NC
Crystal Dawn Farrell, #38462	Raleigh, NC
Katherine Claire Ferguson, #34175	Charlotte, NC
James Duncan Moser, Jr., #3105	Burlington, NC
William H. Jones, III, #9409	Louisburg, NC
Donna Lee LaBounty, #35836	Lake Worth, FL
Rosanne Chenevert Litaker, #14742	Matthews, NC
James Alex Beurle, #24402	Pound Ridge, NY
Scott Thomas Hitchens, #27139	Charlotte, NC
Jean Rowland Keith, #31593	Statesboro, GA
Allen Reid McKay, Jr., #10714	Hickory, NC
Clifford Kendall Pierce, #38630	East Burke, VT
Christopher Michael Sainz, #38425	Baltimore, MD
Myron Caldwell, #16070	Davidson, NC
Melvin Manuel Cartagena, #35339	Cutler Bay, FL
Kathy Grubb Barger, #16174	Durham, NC
Thomas Luke Eller, #11714	High Point, NC
James Hoyt Evans, #15919	Greensboro, NC
Cathy Elizabeth McKinley, #34253	Timberlake, NC
Sheila Lynn Hooper McLean, #16647	Winston-Salem, NC
Suzanne Chapman Mecum, #13503	Independence, VA
John Dale Starnes, #10729	Leicester, NC
James Gerard Welch, #20246	Riverside, RI
Tracy Lynn Fisher, #14689	Harrisburg, PA
Sharon Jane Howard, #36839	Lake Worth, FL
Alan W. Saltzman, #27004	New York, NY
Molly Beth Hansen, #32393	Matthews, NC
Kenneth M. Peyton, # 22671	Saratoga Springs, NY
Jessica Mae Robinson, #37425	Eagle River, AK
Travis Clint VanHoy, #38890	Houston, TX
Charles Everett Bell, #15036	Carolina Beach, NC
Gary Ray Duerk, #28837	Roanoke, VA
John Kirkman Pugh, #14336	Browns Summit, NC
Billy Joe Emory, #35969	IRELAND
Megan Alexandra Morava, #40368	Charlotte, NC
John O. Skelton, #31746	Brevard, NC
Pamela Madigan Humphrey, #13983	Mount Gilead, NC
Michael David Nolan, #35083	Carolina Beach, NC
Jeffrey Michael Salvatore, #36046	Atlanta, GA
Anna Penelope Ta Tozzi, #27176	Charlotte, NC
Bryan Douglas Yokley, #32452	Atlanta, GA
Robert Clyde Edminston, #20185	Wilkesboro, NC
Wendy Diamond Epter, #26531	Augusta, GA
Karen Jonson Fioramonti, #27289	Boone, NC
Cecelia Elizabeth Horton, #19413	Durham, NC
Thomas Richard Thompson, #22106	Lawrenceville, GA
Linda A. Burkhalter, #27288	Hertford, NC
Jane Lowe Maxwell, #13792	Asheboro, NC
Charles Lee Ward, III, #17091	North Myrtle Beach, SC

Reclassifications

On May 25, 2017, the Board approved the following applications for reclassification:

Reinstatements

Kokila Amin, #21454	Cary, NC
Elizabeth Annette Catlin #25858	Holland, OH
Robert Kader Crawford, #33709	Belmont, NC
Lana Parker Richards, #37540	Apex, NC
Charles Butler Stokes, Jr., #16559	Sandy Springs, GA
Gary Winford Walters, #19096	Moselle, MS
JoAnn Malyevac Young, #23200	Davidson, NC

Reissuance

Regina Louise Guillet, #28408	Atlanta, GA
Ryan Alan Kompanik, #31240	Huntersville, NC
Thomas Carl Morton, #17918	Greensboro, NC
Jason Robert Schneider, #30073	Raleigh, NC

2017 Q-1 CPA Exam Performance North Carolina

Section Performance

	Sections	Score	% Pass
First-Time	900	74.4	60.6%
Re-Exam	556	71.2	45.5%
AUD	329	74.9	55.9%
BEC	519	74.8	58.0%
FAR	234	68.8	45.3%
REG	374	72.0	55.4%

Exam Type by Percent





2017 BOARD CALENDAR

JULY

July 4	Office Closed - Independence Day
July 24	Board Meeting - Raleigh
July 31	Final Deadline - CPA Certificate Renewal

AUGUST

August 21	Board Meeting - Raleigh

SEPTEMBER

September 4	Office Closed - Labor Day
September 18	Board Meeting - Raleigh
September 22	CPA Day of Service

OCTOBER

October 26	Board Meeting - Raleigh

NOVEMBER

November 10	Office Closed - Veterans Day
Mid -November	Online Firm Renewal/Peer Review Compliance Reporting Period Begins
November 20	Board Meeting - Raleigh
November 23 & 24	Office Closed - Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

December 18	Board Meeting - Raleigh
December 25-27	Office Closed - Christmas
December 31	Final Deadline - Firm Renewal & Peer Review Compliance Reporting

*Dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Changes will be posted on the Board's website, **nccpaboard.gov**.*

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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.

Activity Review

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Don't Be That Exam Candidate:

Misconduct and Prohibited Items During Testing

As a Uniform CPA Exam candidate, you know that reviewing the Exam tutorial and sample tests before taking the Exam is very important.

But do you know that reading the *Candidate Bulletin* and knowing the regulations applicable to Exam candidates at Prometric Testing Centers are just as important?

While there are some obvious prohibited items and behaviors (cheating, bringing study material into the testing room, and communicating with other candidates during testing), there are some less obvious items and behaviors that are prohibited.



Did you know that you can't wear a watch or a fitness tracker in the testing room? Food and beverages aren't allowed in the testing room, either. What about a phone purse, or wallet? Those items aren't permitted in the testing rooms.

Boards of accountancy, NASBA, the AICPA, and Prometric have a number of measures in place to prevent and detect candidate misconduct and cheating.

All Exam sessions are audio/video recorded to document the occurrence of any unusual activity, and the test center staff is trained to watch for unusual behavior and incidents during the Exam. Candidate misconduct is reported to boards of accountancy daily.

Consequences of misconduct include, but are not limited to, a warning from test center staff, confiscation of the prohibited item (whether or not in use), expulsion from the test center, invalidation of Exam scores, and the pursuit of civil or criminal charges.

Below are some recent incidents of misconduct reported to boards of accountancy by test center staff:

- Candidate arrived 45 minutes late for the Exam and was told he could not test. Candidate became belligerent and exhibited rude and unprofessional behavior (*Disruptive and Rude Conduct*).
- Candidate was checking in and was told his ID was expired. Because he was unable to provide another acceptable form of identification, he was told he could not test. Candidate became verbally

Candidate Misconduct
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Final Deadline for CPA License Renewal

North Carolina CPAs who failed to renew their license or request inactive status by July 1, 2017, have received Letters of Demand from the Board.



CPAs who do not complete the license renewal or request inactive status within 30 days of the mailing of the Letter of Demand face automatic forfeiture of their CPA certificate, as required by NCGS 93-12(15).

The online license renewal link will remain available on the Board's website, **www.nccpaboard.gov**, through the end of July.

The form to request inactive status is on the Forms and Applications page of the website.

If you have questions about the renewal process, please contact Buck Winslow at **buckw@nccpaboard.gov** or (919) 733-1423.

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Disciplinary Action

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."

MELANIE D. DRAKE, #19663 | HOLLY SPRINGS, NC

THIS CAUSE coming before the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (the "Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, at public hearing ("Hearing"), with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented at the Hearing on May 25, 2017, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Melanie D. Drake (hereinafter "Respondent") was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 19663 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this action.
3. The Respondent received at least fifteen (15) days written notice of the Hearing. The notice was achieved by serving a Notice of Hearing by personal service, certified mail, or other method of delivery authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-42(a).
4. Venue is proper and the Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.
5. The Respondent did not object to any Board Member's participation in the Hearing of this matter.
6. The Respondent was not present at the Hearing and was not represented by counsel.
7. The Respondent informed the Board on her 2015-2016 individual certificate Renewal ("Renewal") that between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, she had obtained the requisite forty (40) hours of continuing professional education ("CPE") to meet the 2014 CPE requirements.
8. Based on the Respondent's representation, the Board accepted her Renewal.
9. The Board's Licensing staff requested that the Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet her 2014 CPE requirements.
10. The Respondent was unable to provide documentation for all 2014 CPE that she claimed on her Renewal.
11. The matter was then referred to the Board's Professional Standards staff for potential disciplinary action.
12. The Respondent was unresponsive to all correspondence from the Professional Standards staff.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-42, this Board Order constitutes a Final Agency Decision of the Board.
2. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), the Board has the authority to impose discipline upon the Respondent and the Respondent's certificate and to impose civil monetary penalties.
3. As set forth above, the Respondent's failure to substantiate the CPE hours claimed on her Renewal constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4).
4. As set forth above, the Respondent's failures to communicate with the Board, or otherwise cooperate with Board inquiries, constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0206.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of seven (7) to zero (0) that:

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to the Respondent Melanie D. Drake is permanently revoked.
2. The Respondent shall not offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall the Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon her permanently revoked North Carolina certificate.

Approved by the Board May 25, 2017

Are You Preparing or Compiling?



SSARS 21 has been in effect for over two years now, but a refresher never hurts. SSARS 21, section 70 applies to accounting and bookkeeping engagements when the accountant is required to prepare financial statements on behalf of a client. SSARS 21, section 80 applies to engagements whereby the accountant is required to read the financial statement(s) and report whether the financial statement(s) appear appropriate in form and are free from obvious misstatements.

SSARS 21	PREPARATION	COMPILATION
What service are you trying to perform?	Preparing financial statements in some recognized format	Using financial and reporting expertise to assist management in the preparation of financial statements
Does the standard apply to me?	Yes, if you are engaged to prepare financial statements	Yes, if you are engaged to perform a compilation of the financial statements
Is an engagement letter required?	Yes	Yes
Do I need to determine if I am independent prior to performing the service?	No	Yes
If I am not independent, do I need to disclose that?	N/A	Yes
Does the service require an accountant's report?	No, but should disclose on each page of financial statements that no assurance service provided	Yes
Can the results of the service be shared with outside users of the financial statements?	Yes	Yes
May the financial statements be presented without disclosures?	Yes	Yes
Is any level of assurance provided by the service performed?	No	No
Do the NC CPA Board rules require peer review for this service type?	No*	Yes

** Firms performing preparation services only are not subject to peer review. Firms that perform services subject to peer review may have a preparation engagement included in its sample selection based on practice evaluation guidance.*

JON-MICHAEL DEVINE, #31900 | CONCORD, NC

THIS MATTER having come before the Board with a quorum present, and having been consented to by the Respondent, the Board finds and orders as follows:

1. Jon-Michael Devine (hereinafter "Mr. Devine") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Mr. Devine failed to timely file the annual firm registration for Jon-Michael Devine, CPA, PLLC, in accordance with provisions as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(7b) and 21 NCAC 08J .0108(b) and (g), and 08N .0213.
3. Mr. Devine subsequently renewed his firm registration, which was received by the Board on February 10, 2017, less than sixty (60) days from the annual firm registration date.
4. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Mr. Devine's infraction was for a period of less than sixty (60) days, the appropriate penalty is one hundred dollars ($100).
5. Mr. Devine has paid his civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
6. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept Mr. Devine's payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

Approved by the Board June 22, 2017

GALADRIEL E. WILLIAMS, #37886 | WEAVERVILLE, NC

THIS MATTER having come before the Board with a quorum present, and having been consented to by the Respondent, the Board finds and orders as follows:

1. Galadriel E. Williams (hereinafter "Ms. Williams") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Ms. Williams failed to timely renew or cancel the annual firm registration for Galady Williams, CPA, in accordance with provisions as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(7b) and 21 NCAC 08J .0108(b) and (g), and 08N .0213.
3. On February 21, 2017, Ms. Williams informed the Board that she does not desire to renew the firm registration for Galady Williams, CPA, for the coming year.
4. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Ms. Williams' infraction was for a period of less than sixty (60) days, the appropriate penalty is one hundred dollars ($100).
5. Ms. Williams has paid her civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
6. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept Ms. Williams' payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

Approved by the Board June 22, 2017

WARD I. SCOTT, #20594 | CHAPEL HILL, NC

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 Ward I. Scott (Respondent Scott) for failure to complete an ethics course as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Scott 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 Scott may apply to return his certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that 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 as offered by the NCACPA.

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

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Candidate Misconduct

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abusive and used vulgar language with the test center staff (*Disruptive and Abusive Conduct*).

- During the routine search conducted during check-in, notes were found taped to the candidate's leg inside his socks (*Prohibited Item and Conduct*).
- Candidate took a break, went to her locker, retrieved her cell phone and made/received a call (*Prohibited Conduct*).
- Candidate decided to take a break and when he was asked to sign his correct name on the sign-out sheet, he used vulgar language and was verbally abusive to the test center staff (*Disruptive and Abusive Conduct*).
- Candidate took a break, went to his locker, removed his review course notes and began reading them (*Prohibited Conduct*).
- Candidate concealed exam review notes in the waistband of her pants. She pulled them out and starting reading them (*Prohibited Item and Conduct*).
- When a candidate returned from break, the test center staff noticed a black object under her shirt collar; it was a Bluetooth device (*Prohibited Item*).
- Candidate began waving his scratch paper in the testing room and complaining that an item was missing on his Exam. Test center staff attempted to speak with him, but he continued to speak loudly, disrupting the testing room (*Disruptive and Abusive Conduct*).

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If you have questions about test center regulations, prohibited or permitted items, or test center misconduct, please contact David R. Nance, CPA, the Board's Deputy Director, at **dnance@nccpaboard.gov**.



If the test center staff suspects misconduct, a warning will be given to the candidate for any of the following situations:

- Communicating, orally or otherwise, with another candidate or person
- Copying from or looking at another candidate's materials or workstation
- Allowing another candidate to copy from or look at materials or workstation
- Giving or receiving assistance in answering examination questions or problems
- Reading multiple-choice questions, task-based simulations, or written communication tasks aloud
- Engaging in conduct that interferes with the administration of the examination or unnecessarily disturbing staff or other candidates

Grounds for Confiscation of a Prohibited Item,

Preparation of a Written Report of Incident

&

Warning the Candidate Include:

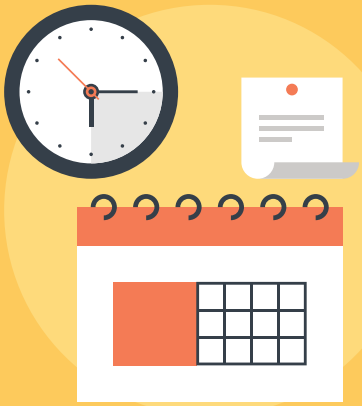
Possession of any prohibited item (whether or not in use) inside, or while entering or exiting the testing room

Use of any prohibited item during a break.

Inactive Status

Between May 19, 2017, and June 20, 2017, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status by the Board. "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)].

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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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Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., CPA, Appointed to Board

Governor Roy Cooper has appointed Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., CPA, of Greensboro to a three-year term on the State Board of CPA Examiners. He previously served on the Board 2003-2009.

Winstead, who was sworn the Oath of Office at the July 24, 2017, Board meeting, replaces Bo Biggs, CPA (see *Resolution* on page 5).

Licensed as a North Carolina CPA in 1980, he joined Davenport, Marvin, Joyce and Co., LLP (now DMJ & Co., PLLC), in 1978 and became a partner in 1984.

He is a general services partner in the firm's Greensboro office and is the firm-wide Accounting, Auditing, and Quality Control Partner.

Winstead also serves as team captain and team member for on-site peer reviews and off-site engagement reviews nationwide.

He consults and testifies as an expert witness on accounting, auditing, and financial matters. He is the author of numerous CPE courses and teaches ethics, accounting, and auditing CPE courses nationwide.

Winstead is a member of the NCACPA Accounting & Attestation and Peer Review Committees and is a past member of the NCACPA Board of Directors.

He served a three-year term on the AICPA Auditing Standards Board and also has served on several NASBA committees.



Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., CPA

He is Chair of the UNC-G Excellence Foundation and is a past member of the UNC-G Bryan School of Business Advisory Board and the UNC-G Board of Visitors.

He is a member of the Greensboro Sports Council and the City of Greensboro Human Services Commission, and has been involved with the American Cancer Society, the Greensboro Transit Authority, Greenhill Center for NC Art, and Starmount Forest Country Club.

Winstead is a life member and past president of the Greensboro Jaycees. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Old North State Council of Boy Scouts.

He is a past chair of the Greensboro Coliseum Commission and is a past member of the Piedmont/Triad Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors.

Winstead is a member of the Guilford County Democratic Party, where he previously served as president and treasurer.

He is an avid golfer and enjoys spending time with his family.



Exam Fees Will Increase October 21, 2017

Effective October 21, 2017, the Uniform CPA Exam fees charged by Prometric, NASBA, and the AICPA will increase. The Board's administrative fees are not increasing.

Applications postmarked on or before October 20, 2017, will be processed using the current fee schedule.

Applications postmarked on or after October 21, 2017, will be processed using the new fee schedule.

A chart showing the fee changes is on page 3.

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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."

MARK T. PRESTON, #15505| PRESTON SIMS & DARDEN, P.A. | WINSTON-SALEM, 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 Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Preston Sims & Darden, P.A. (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting corporation in North Carolina.
2. The Respondent Firm received a "fail" on its most recent completed system peer review, with an acceptance letter date of October 20, 2016. This peer review report was for the period ended June 30, 2015.
3. The peer review report noted that the Respondent Firm performed audits that were not in accordance with professional standards in all material aspects and failed to have adequate monitoring procedures.
4. The Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent Firm understands and agrees 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 Respondent Firm is 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 Firm's failure to perform attest and assurance services in accordance with standards constitutes a violation of the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services in violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403 and .0212.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent Firm's consent to this order, the Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Respondent Firm is censured.
2. The Respondent Firm will provide a written statement, on firm letterhead, acknowledging that the Respondent Firm policy is to no longer participate in, perform, or review any engagements involving ERISA benefit plans, governmental, or Yellow Book audits.
3. Each staff member participating in attest or assurance services must take at least eight (8) hours of group-study A&A CPE related to Audit Documentation annually until the Respondent Firm receives a pass on a system review or a pass or pass with deficiencies on an engagement review.
4. Prior to the Respondent Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing engagements involving ERISA benefit plans, governmental, or Yellow Book audits, the Respondent Firm shall, at its own expense, obtain pre-issuance reviews of those engagements until such time as the Board determines that pre-issuance review is no longer necessary. The pre-issuance reviewer shall be approved by the Board. The Respondent Firm shall authorize and cause the pre-issuance reviewer to provide the Board with a copy of each pre-issuance review report.

Approved by the Board July 24, 2017

REGINA H. RUDOLPH, #32428 | CHARLOTTE, NC

THIS MATTER having come before the Board with a quorum present, and having been consented to by the Respondent, the Board finds and orders as follows:

1. Regina H. Rudolph (hereinafter "Ms. Rudolph") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Ms. Rudolph failed to timely file the annual firm registration for Regina H. Rudolph, CPA, PLLC, in accordance with provisions as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(7b) and 21 NCAC 08J .0108 (b) and (g), and 08N .0213.
3. Ms. Rudolph subsequently renewed her firm registration, which was received by the Board on February 23, 2017, less than sixty (60) days from the annual firm registration date.
4. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Ms. Rudolph's infraction was for a period of less than sixty (60) days, the appropriate penalty is one hundred dollars ($100).
5. Ms. Rudolph has paid her civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
6. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept Ms. Rudolph's payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

Approved by the Board July 24, 2017

Exam Fees Effective October 21, 2017

PROMETRIC

Per-Test Hour Fee	
Before Oct. 21	$19.85
After Oct. 21	$20.57

Per-Section Security Fee	
Before Oct. 21	$6.05
After Oct. 21	$6.12

AICPA®

Per-Section Fee	
Before Oct. 21	$90.00
After Oct. 21	$100.00

NASBA

Per-Section Fee	
Before Oct. 21	$18.00
After Oct. 21	$20.00

Administrative Fees	
Initial Exam Application	$230.00
Re-Exam Applications	$75.00
Section Fees	
Auditing (AUD)	$208.40
Financial Accounting & Reporting (FAR)	$208.40
Regulation (REG)	$208.40
Business Environment & Concepts (BEC)	$208.40

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CPA DAY OF SERVICE

Friday, September 22, 2017



Several members of the Board staff worked at the Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen in downtown Raleigh for the 2016 CPA Day of Service.

Certificates Issued

On June 22, 2017, and July 24, 2017, the Board approved the following individuals for licensure as North Carolina CPAs:

Mina Aduorkor Akita
Daysi G. Allen
Jennifer Serrato Angelada-Jao
Hany Nagah Attia
Nicolas Frederick Barnes
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Lisa Marie Bellucci
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Natalie Allison Reed
Christian Tyler Reighard
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Jessica Lynn Rosera
Justin David Russell
John Daniel Schurter
Daphne Anna Sims
Jennifer Kay Smit
Beth Ann Smith
Jeffrey William Smith
Stephen Michael Spivey
Dylan Troy Squire
Bradley Stephen Starbuck
Samuel Wray Stroup
Joseph Benjamin Sutter
Megan Nicole Switick
James Ryan Taylor
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Resolution

Whereas, Murchison Bolton "Bo" Biggs, CPA, has served as a member of the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners since 2014;

Whereas, during his tenure, he served as a member of the Professional Education & Applications Committee;

Whereas, during his tenure, he served as Chair of the Professional Education & Applications Committee;

Whereas, during his tenure he served as a member the Personnel Committee;

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Whereas, during his tenure he has faithfully and tirelessly served as a leader in the profession and is an eloquent spokesman for the best interests of the public and the profession;

Be It Therefore Resolved that the members of the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners thank Murchison Bolton "Bo" Biggs, CPA, for his dedicated service, his personal sacrifice to serve the public interest, and his leadership to the Board.

This the 24th day of July 2017.

North Carolina State Board of
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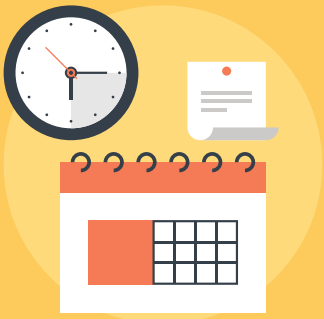
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Office Closed

In accordance with the State of North Carolina calendar, the Board office will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

Reclassifications

On July 24, 2017, the Board approved the following applications for reclassification:

Reinstatement

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Billy Joe Emory, #35969	IRELAND
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Amy Anita Kemp, #36032	Charlotte, NC
Jonathan Shaun Kuker, #37022	Sanford, FL
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Karen Alexandra Rudroff, #38448	Charlotte, NC
Glenn Allen Ruggles, #36980	Pinehurst, NC
Kristy Lynn Smith, #30402	Cary, NC

Reissuance

Martin Joseph Halloran, #31477	Cornelius, NC
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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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Protecting Your IRS e-Services Account and EFIN from Cybercriminals

The following information was originally published by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as "Don't Take the Bait, Step 7: Protect e-Services Accounts, EFINs" as part of the "Protect Yourself, Protect Your Clients" awareness campaign.

In late August, the IRS, state tax agencies, and the tax industry reminded tax professionals that they are responsible for protecting access to their IRS e-Services account and safeguarding their Electronic Filing Identification Number (EFIN) from thieves.

National and international criminal syndicates routinely attempt to steal tax professionals' user names and passwords so they may access IRS e-Services to obtain the EFIN, which allows a criminal to steal clients' sensitive information.



Cybercriminals routinely use spear phishing emails to impersonate IRS e-Services, trying to trick practitioners into disclosing their user name and password. Once the thieves have these credentials, they access e-Services accounts and steal EFINs to file fraudulent tax returns.

Cybercriminals also are savvy enough to know to steal Centralized Authorization File (CAF) numbers, which are unique, nine-digit ID numbers assigned to those who represent others before the IRS.

The con artists also know how to file fraudulent powers of attorney documents to access clients' accounts.

Password thefts are one reason the IRS has moved to Secure Access, a two-factor authentication process, to offer more protection for online tools.

Secure Access requires not only a user name and password but also a security code that is sent to a mobile phone previously registered with the IRS.

The IRS is moving toward multi-factor protections for e-Services as well, and hopes to have this system in the near future.

In addition, the IRS is working with Security Summit partners in the states and the private-sector tax industry to help protect taxpayers and their tax filings against these threats.

Maintain EFINs

Once the EFIN application process is complete and an EFIN has been issued, it is important to keep accounts up-to-date. This includes:

IRS e-Services

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Exam Fees Effective October 21, 2017

Effective October 21, 2017, the Uniform CPA Exam fees charged by Prometric, NASBA, and the AICPA will increase. The Board's administrative fees are not increasing.

Applications postmarked on or before October 20, 2017, will be processed using the current fee schedule. Applications postmarked on or after October 21, 2017, will be processed using the fee schedule shown here.

Administrative Fees	
Initial Exam Application	$230.00
Re-Exam Applications	$75.00
Section Fees	
Auditing (AUD)	$208.40
Financial Accounting & Reporting (FAR)	$208.40
Regulation (REG)	$208.40
Business Environment & Concepts (BEC)	$208.40

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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."

JAMMIE L. EUBANKS, #26925 | JAMMIE L. EUBANKS, CPA, P.A. | MONROE, 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 Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Jammie L. Eubanks, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 26925 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Jammie L. Eubanks, CPA, P.A. (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting corporation in North Carolina.
3. The Respondent Firm received a "fail" on its most recent system peer review, for the year ended September 30, 2014. In addition, the Respondent Firm failed its 2009 peer review, and received a "pass with deficiencies" on its 2012 peer review.
4. The Respondent Firm was terminated from the peer review program per the AICPA's determination that the Respondent Firm was non-cooperative due to three (3) consecutive peer reviews without a "pass."
5. The Respondent Firm self-disclosed to the Board, on its 2017 firm registration, that the Firm had been terminated from the peer review program.
6. Per 21 NCAC 08N .0212, and .0403, the Respondent Firm was required to perform audit services in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.
7. The peer review report revealed that the system of quality control for the Respondent Firm, in effect for the year ended September 30, 2014, was not suitably designed and complied with to provide the Respondent Firm with reasonable assurance of reporting and performing in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material aspects.
8. The Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent Firm understands and agrees 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 Respondent Firm is 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 Firm's failure to perform attest and assurance services in accordance with standards constitutes a violation of the Statements on Auditing Standards in violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403 and .0212.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent Firm's consent to this order, the Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Respondent Firm is censured.
2. The Respondent shall obtain four (4) hours of SSARS CPE as part of his 40-hour annual CPE requirement for the next three (3) years.
3. The Respondent and the Respondent Firm shall provide a written statement to the Board that they will no longer be participating in, performing, or reviewing any engagements subject to peer review. In the future, if the Respondent or the Respondent Firm should choose to engage in those activities, the Respondent must first obtain a pre-issuance review of that engagement and provide the pre-issuance review report to the Board. Pre-issuance review shall continue until the Board determines that it is not necessary. The pre-issuance review shall be conducted by a mutually agreed-upon reviewer.

Approved by the Board August 21, 2017

STEVE WESLEY SHELTON, #34836 | WESLEY SHELTON, PLLC | 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. Steve Wesley Shelton, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 34836 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Wesley Shelton, 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 for Attestation Engagements.
5. The Respondent disclosed on the Firm's annual firm renewal that the Firm had performed one audit in 2011. The Respondent subsequently informed the Board that the engagement involved the audit of a client's balance sheet.
6. By performing an audit, the Firm was required to undergo a peer review.
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 therein by the Board.
2. The Respondent should have known that by performing an audit, 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 engagement shall be subject to a pre-issuance review. 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. If the Respondent is employed by another firm, and he does not participate in engagements that are subject to peer review, then that firm will not be subject to the pre-issuance review requirements set forth herein.

Approved by the Board August 21, 2017

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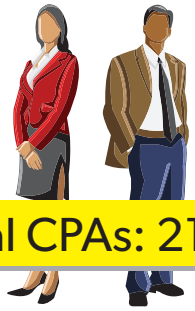
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BY THE NUMBERS

A look at CPAs in North Carolina

Female CPAs
Total: 9,794
46%



Male CPAs
Total: 11,345
54%

Total CPAs: 21,139



Original NC Certificates
Total: 16,418
78%

Reciprocal Certificates
Total: 4,721
22%

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Oldest Person with an Active CPA License in North Carolina

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Youngest Person with an Active CPA License in North Carolina



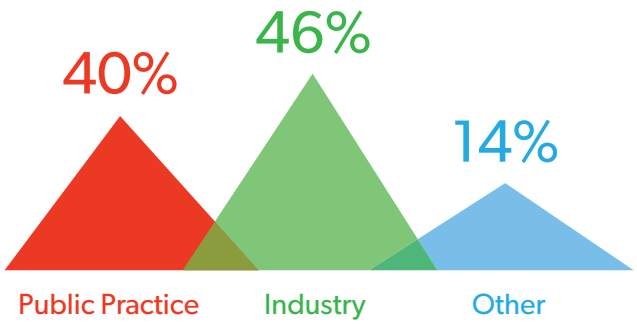
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Where do the CPAs in NC work?

CPA Firm Partner	1,355
CPA Firm PLLC Member	416
CPA Firm Staff	4,195
Educator	321
Govt.: Accounting	1,061
Govt.: Non-Accounting	109
Individual Practitioner	1,563
Industry: Accounting	8,275
Industry: Non-Accounting	1,547
Legal	191
None/Other	713
PC Shareholder	831
Retired	241
Student	26
Unemployed	295

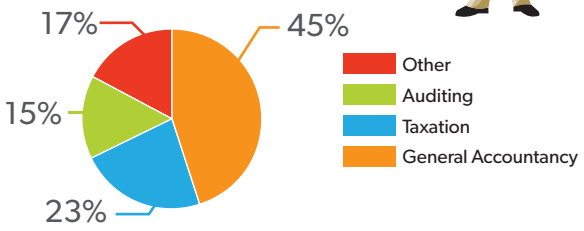




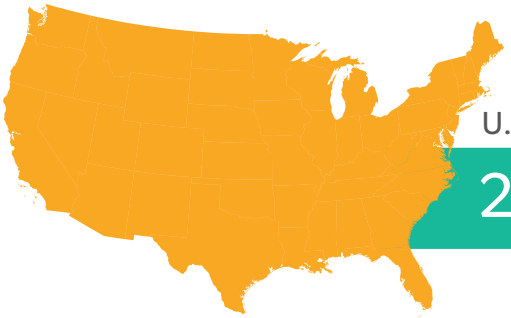
What type of jobs do CPAs in NC focus on?

Administration	821
Advisory Services	748
Auditing	3,116
Financial Planning	512
General Accountancy	9,423
Law	147
Non-Accounting	656
None/Other	886
Taxation	4,830





Where do the NC licensed CPAs live?



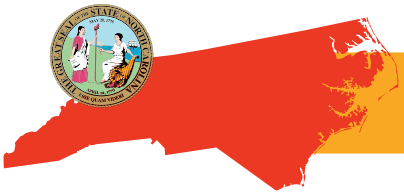
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International Residents

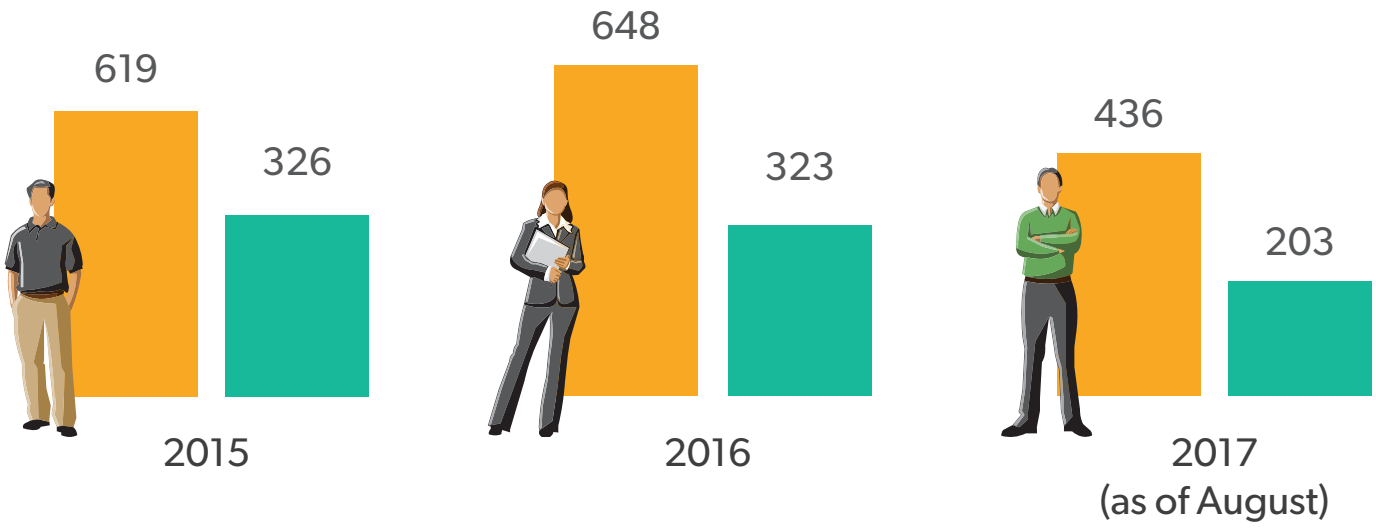


17,390

82%

Active Licensees live in NC

CPA License Applications Approved





NC CPA Licenses Issued Since 1913

41,541

Original

Reciprocal

IRS e-Services *continued from front*

1. Review the e-file application periodically. The e-file application must be updated within 30 days of any changes, such as individuals involved, addresses, or telephone numbers. Failure to do so may result in the inactivation of the EFIN.
2. Ensure proper individuals are identified on the application and update as necessary. The principal listed on the application is the individual authorized to act for the business in any legal or tax matter. Periodically access the account.
3. Add any new principals or responsible officials.
4. Update any business address changes, including adding new locations.
5. An EFIN is not transferable; if selling a business, the new principals must obtain their own EFIN.
6. There must be an EFIN application for each office location; if expanding a business, an application is required for each location where e-file transmissions will occur.

Tax Professionals: Monitor EFINs

Help safeguard the EFIN. During the filing season, check on the EFIN's status to ensure that it is not being used by others.

The e-Services account will give practitioners the number of returns the IRS received, which can be matched to practitioner records. The statistics are updated weekly.

Contact the IRS e-help Desk at 866-255-0654 if there's a higher volume shown than the number transmitted by the practitioner.

After logging into the e-Services account, follow these steps to verify the number of returns electronically filed with the IRS:

1. Select practitioner name,
2. In the left banner, select 'Application,'
3. In the left banner, select 'e-File Application,'
4. Select name again,
5. In the listing, select 'EFIN Status,' and on this screen the number of returns filed based on return type is displayed.

Protect EFINs

Increasingly, identity thieves are targeting tax professionals to gain access to client data or other sensitive information.

A common scam involves efforts by criminals to steal the tax professional's e-Service account password and EFIN.

Here are some steps to protect the EFIN:

1. Learn to recognize and avoid phishing scams that claim to be from the IRS or e-Services.
2. Do not open any link or attachment received in a suspicious e-mail.
3. Periodically change the e-Service password and use a strong password consisting of letters, numbers and special characters.
4. Periodically change the password to the email address used to correspond with clients.

Please note: The IRS continuously reviews EFINs and takes the necessary actions to inactivate any EFINs that are found to be compromised by an un-authorized firm or individual. The firm using the invalid EFIN will encounter Business Rule 905 when it e-files returns. The firm must call the e-help Desk at 866-255-0654 to request a new one.

Maintain Contact with the IRS

Authorized IRS e-file providers should maintain contact with the IRS to learn of any e-file updates. E-Service users can subscribe to *Quick Alerts*. Tax practitioners also can sign up for *e-News for Tax Professionals* or *e-News for Payroll Professionals*.

July/August/September 2017 (Q3) Testing Window

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September 10	September 11	September 19
September 10	After September 11	September 25

October/November/December 2017 (Q4) Testing Window

If you take your test on/before:	And the AICPA receives your examination data files from Prometric 11:59 pm (EST) on:	Target score release date:
December 10	December 11	December 19
December 10	After December 11	December 21

January/February/March 2018 (Q1) Testing Window

If you take your test on/before:	And the AICPA receives your examination data files from Prometric 11:59 pm (EST) between:	Target score release date:
January 20	January 1 - January 20	February 6
February 14	January 21 - February 14	February 23
February 28	February 15 - February 28	March 8
March 11	March 1 - March 11	March 20

Activity Review Available by Mail or Email

The default delivery method for the *Activity Review* is email. If you prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please send an email that includes your full name, mailing address, CPA license number (or last four digits of your social security number), and the statement "send newsletter by USPS" to **communications@nccpaboard.gov**. Individuals with non-US addresses will receive the newsletter only by email.

Reclassifications

Reinstatement

Scott Howard Brammer, #35205	Raleigh, NC
Glen Edward Broadstreet, #15045	Summerfield, NC
J. Thomas Knight, #37632	Winston-Salem, NC
Christian Michael Kurtz, #30602	Hoboken, NJ
Beth Ann Sartori, #21394	Matthews, NC
Valerie Evelyn Wagner, #28829	Point Harbor, NC
Lisa Worley Beddia, #21100	Greenville, SC

Reissuance

James Alexander Colee, #36660	Charlotte, NC
Walter Edmund Leamy, III, #21606	New Bern, NC
Debra A. Tallon, #31888	Fayetteville, NC

Inactive

Between August 1, 2017, and August 31, 2017, the following individuals requested, and were approved for, inactive status by the Board. "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)].

Robert Dean Blackwell, #19017	Haw River, NC
Thomas James Gillespie, IV, #9865	Pittsburgh, PA
Leslie Neil Gordan, #12927	Charlotte, NC
Kathryn Kusenberg Hatfield, #4041	Greensboro, NC
Garth Hebert, #16450	Asheboro, NC
Jesse Michael Shipman, #10137	Gastonia, NC
Jeffery E. Whicker, #36591	Billlings, MT



Certificates Issued

On August 21, 2017, the Board approved the following applicants for certification as North Carolina CPAs:

Megan Elizabeth Aleshire
Jayson Craig Bales
Isaac Logan Bell
Aleksander Joseph Bevensee
Grace Marie Bishop
Matthew Franklin Boyer
Kathryn Jane Brown
Seth Alan Collie
Justin Ray D'Eredita
Amy Claire DeSalvo
Bridget Marie Dolinar
Jeremy Leo Donabedian
Nancy Ann Elliott
Daniel Ronald Fisher
Wenyu Gao
Philip Wayne Garner
Zachary Adam Gasper
Spencer Allen Goheen
Taylor Ashlyn Gray
Charles Haywood Fry Hardy
Hannah Christine Huff
Laura Jacqueline Klem
Aleiah Shunae Miller
Devin Avery Munnings
Connor William Weik Murdock
Katherine Marie Murphy
Chad Everette Peters
Alzebeth Monchi Roman
Steven Collin Scott
John Charles Siebert
Barbora Silovska
Brent Russell Smith
D'Andre Terrence Sylvester Starnes
Catherine Ann Stone
Kelly Elizabeth Sweeney
John Adam Tassitino
Xinchen Tian
Lindsay Nicole Tippett
Ben Alexander Ulin
Liqiu Wang
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Fax form to: (919) 733-4209

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.

Activity Review

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The Annual CPE Requirement: Will You Be in Compliance?

The December 31 deadline for completing CPE for the 2017 compliance year is quickly approaching; are you on track to be in compliance with the annual CPE requirement?

21 NCAC 08G .0401(d) requires that active CPAs complete 40 CPE hours computed in accordance with 21 NCAC 08G .0409 by December 31 of each year.

However, individuals whose certificate applications are approved by the Board in April, May, or June must complete 30 CPE hours during the same calendar year; individuals whose certificate applications are approved by the Board in July, August, or September must complete 20 CPE hours during the same calendar year; and individuals whose certificate applications are approved by the Board in October, November, or December must complete 10 CPE hours during the same calendar year.

For a CPA to claim credit for a CPE course, the CPA must complete the course; the course must meet the requirements set forth in 21 NCAC 08G .0404; and the course must increase the professional competency of the CPA.

Because of differences in the education and experience of CPAs, a course may contribute to the professional competency of one CPA, but may not contribute to the professional competency of another CPA.

How Many CPE Hours Do I Need?

If you were licensed
before April 2017 = 40 hours
in April/May/June 2017 = 30 Hours
in July/August/September 2017 = 20 Hours
in October/November/December 2017 = 10 Hours



Therefore, each CPA must exercise his or her professional judgment in selecting courses for which CPE credit is claimed and should choose only those courses that contribute to his or her professional competency.

The Board does not register CPE sponsors and does not approve specific CPE courses for an individual to take for compliance with the annual CPE requirement.

21 NCAC 08G .0410, *Professional Ethics and Conduct CPE*, requires that as part of the annual CPE requirement, all active CPAs complete a two-hour group-study course or self-study course on professional ethics and conduct as set forth in 21 NCAC 08N.

The two-hour course may be any course on behavioral or regulatory ethics offered by a CPE sponsor registered with the NASBA Registry of CPE Sponsors (nasbaregistry.org).

Because the ethics requirement is an annual requirement, carry-forward CPE hours cannot be used to satisfy the requirement.

A non-resident CPA (a licensee who neither lives nor works in North Carolina) may satisfy the annual ethics CPE requirement by completing the ethics requirements in the jurisdiction in which he or she is licensed and works or resides.

If there is no ethics CPE requirement in the jurisdiction where a non-resident CPA is licensed and

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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."

BOBBY THOMAS MARTIN, #7160 | BOBBY T. MARTIN, CPA, PLLC | CHARLOTTE, NC

THIS CAUSE coming before the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (the "Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, at public hearing ("Hearing"), with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented at the Hearing on July 24, 2017, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Bobby Thomas Martin (hereinafter "Respondent") was the holder of North Carolina certificate number #7160 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Bobby T. Martin, CPA, PLLC (hereinafter "Firm"), was 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. The Firm is subject to the provisions of Chapters 93, 57D, and 55B of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this action.
5. The Respondent received at least fifteen (15) days written notice of the Hearing. The notice was achieved by serving a Notice of Hearing by personal service, certified mail, or other method of delivery authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-42(a).
6. Venue is proper and the Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.
7. The Respondent did not object to any Board Member's participation in the Hearing of this matter.
8. The Respondent was not present at the Hearing and was not represented by counsel.
9. In 2010, the Firm successfully completed a peer review. The final letter of acceptance noted that the Firm's next peer review was due on March 31, 2011.
10. On the Firm's renewal forms for the years 2011 through 2015, the Respondent disclosed to the Board that the Firm had issued audits, reviews, and compilations in each of those years.
11. As such, the Respondents engaged in services that necessitated peer review per 21 NCAC 08M .0105(a), which provided at the time that:

    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) agreed-upon procedures or engagements to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements.
12. Per 21 NCAC 08M .0105(d), the Respondents were required to participate in either the AICPA Peer Review Program or an equivalent peer review program.
13. North Carolina CPA firms must undergo peer review at least once every three (3) years if they provide the aforementioned services.
14. Per his disclosures made on the Firm's renewals, the Respondent should have caused the Firm to undergo an additional two (2) peer reviews since completion of the 2010 peer review.
15. The Firm did not complete any peer reviews since 2010.
16. Upon receiving information that the Respondents had failed to timely complete their peer review requirements, the Board staff sent numerous communications to the Respondents beginning in September of 2016.
17. The Respondent failed to respond to any of the staff's written and emailed communications, until he provided a two-sentence letter on April 5, 2017. His letter did not address any of the staff's inquiries.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-42, this Board Order constitutes a Final Agency Decision of the Board.

2. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), the Board has the authority to impose discipline upon the Respondent and the Respondent's certificate and to impose civil monetary penalties.
3. The Respondents' failures to timely complete peer reviews constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08M .0105 and subject them to disciplinary action.
4. As set forth above, the Respondent's failure to timely cooperate with the Board's inquiries constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0206.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of 7 to 0 that:

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to the Respondent Bobby Thomas Martin is permanently revoked.
2. The firm registration for the Respondent Firm is hereby suspended.
3. Neither Respondent Martin nor the Respondent Firm shall offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall the Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon his permanently revoked North Carolina certificate.

This the 24th day of July, 2017.

TARA DYE PEEBLES, #31647 | PEEBLES, CPA PC | FUQUAY-VARINA, NC

THIS CAUSE coming before the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (the "Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, at public hearing ("Hearing"), with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented at the Hearing on August 21, 2017, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Tara Dye Peebles, (hereinafter "Respondent") was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 31647 as a certified public accountant.
2. Peebles CPA, PC (hereinafter "Firm"), was a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina. At all relevant times, the Respondent was listed with the Board as the supervisor of the Firm. The Respondent and the Firm are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Respondents."
3. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this action.
4. The Respondents received at least fifteen (15) days written notice of the Hearing. The notice was achieved by serving a Notice of Hearing by personal service, certified mail, or other method of delivery authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-38(c).
5. Venue is proper and the Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.
6. The Respondents did not object to any Board Member's participation in the Hearing of this matter.
7. The Respondents were not present at the Hearing and were not represented by counsel.
8. The Respondent was the sole owner and CPA employee of the Firm.
9. The Board received a complaint against the Firm, in which the complainant alleged that he had provided the Firm with his 1099s and tax records to prepare his 2015 tax returns, with the understanding that the Respondents would file an extension before preparing the tax returns.
10. Per the complaint allegations, after having no communication from the Respondents, the client attempted to contact the Respondents by telephone, email, and certified mail, with no success. The client stated that the Respondents never completed the tax returns and did not return the documentation he had provided.
11. The Board staff attempted to contact the Firm but did not receive a timely response. Therefore, a complaint was filed against the Respondent.

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Board Meetings

November 20

December 18

Board meetings are open to the public and unless otherwise noted are held at the Board office and begin at 10 a.m.

Office Closed

In accordance with the calendar adopted by the State of North Carolina, the Board office will be closed on the following dates:

November 10 - Veterans Day
November 23-24 - Thanksgiving
December 25-27 - Christmas

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12. Additionally, the Respondent failed to renew the Firm's registration and did not timely respond to correspondence from the Board's Licensing section regarding that failure to renew the Firm.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-42, this Board Order constitutes a Final Agency Decision of the Board.
2. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), the Board has the authority to impose discipline upon the Respondent and the Respondent's certificate and to impose civil monetary penalties. It also has the authority to suspend the Firm's registration.
3. The Respondent failed to timely cooperate with inquiries from the Board in violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0206.
4. The unrefuted allegations in the complaint indicate that the Respondent did not exercise due professional care in the performance of a tax engagement in violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0212(2).
5. Additionally, because there are no licensed CPAs to own or operate the Firm, the Firm's registration is suspended and may not be renewed.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of 7 to 0 that:

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to the Respondent, Tara Dye Peebles, is hereby permanently revoked.
2. Neither Respondent Tara Dye Peebles nor the Firm shall offer or render services as a CPA or CPA firm, or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall Respondent Peebles or the Firm claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon Respondent Peebles' permanently revoked North Carolina certificate or the Firm's suspended CPA firm registration.

This the 21st day of August, 2017.

See page 6 for an additional Disciplinary Action.

CPE Requirement *continued from front page*

resides or works, he or she must complete a two-hour group-study or self-study course on behavioral or regulatory ethics offered by a CPE sponsor registered with the NASBA Registry of CPE Sponsors.

CPAs taking self-study courses to fulfill the Board's 40-hour CPE requirement should note that a self-study course is not considered complete until the CPE sponsor issues a Certificate of Completion.

The date the Board will accept for CPE credit is the Certificate of Completion date, not the date the course was completed or the date the completed course was mailed to or received by the sponsor.

Individuals who complete self-study courses late in the year sometimes cannot claim CPE credit for that calendar year because the CPE sponsor issues the Certificate of Completion in the next calendar year.

It is strongly suggested that CPAs who plan to use self-study courses to fulfill the CPE requirement complete the courses and submit them to the sponsor(s) as soon as possible.

CPAs cannot claim reading accounting journals, periodicals, reference guides, or related materials and taking a test designed to assess reading comprehension as credit for CPE. No CPE credit is allowed for examinations alone; CPE credit is only allowed for examinations that test a CPA's knowledge of a particular set of study materials as prepared in a formal CPE program.

If a CPA fails to complete the CPE requirements prior to the end of the previous calendar year, but completes the requirements by June 30, the Board will issue a letter of warning for the first such failure within a five (5) calendar year period.

For the second such failure within a five (5) calendar year period, the Board will deny the renewal of the CPA's certificate for a period of not less than 30 days and until the CPA meets the reinstatement requirements set forth in 21 NCAC 08J .0106.

If you have questions about CPE, please contact the Board's Licensing Specialist, Cammie Emery, by phone at (919) 733-1423 or by email at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov.**

CPA Exam Performance Summary: 2017 Q2

NORTH CAROLINA

Overall Performance

Unique Candidates	747
New Candidates	233
Total Sections	943
Passing 4th Section	90
Sections/Candidate	1.26
Pass Rate	60.5%
Average Score	74.6

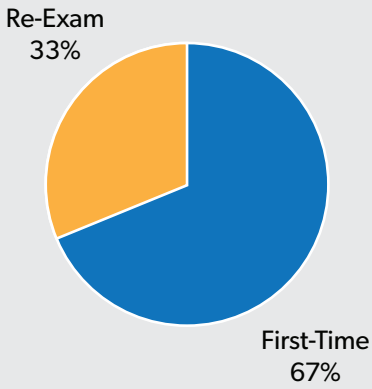
Section Performance

	Sections	Score	%Pass
First-Time	636	75.8	64.9%
Re-Exam	307	72.2	51.1%
AUD	357	75.9	61.9%
BEC	151	78.0	69.5%
FAR	270	73.5	58.2%
REG	165	70.9	52.7%

Jurisdiction Rankings (1 to 53)

15	14	4	4
Candidates	Sections	Pass Rate	Avg Score

Exam Type by Percent



Exam Score Release Dates

October/November/December 2017 (Q4) Testing Window

If you take your test on/before:	And the AICPA receives your examination data files from Prometric by 11:59 pm (EST) :	Target score release date:
December 10	December 11	December 19
December 10	**After December 11	December 21

**The Examination data files received by the AICPA after December 11 will be included in the final target score release date.

January/February/March 2018 (Q1) Testing Window

If you take your test on/before:	And the AICPA receives your examination data files from Prometric by 11:59 pm (EST) between:	Target score release date:
January 20	January 1 - January 20	February 6
February 14	January 21 - February 14	February 23
February 28	February 15 - February 28	March 8
March 11	March 1 - March 11	March 20

MELANIE MORETZ STARR, #16157 | MAIDEN, 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 Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Melanie Moretz Starr (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 16157 as a certified public accountant.
2. The Board was contacted by the North Carolina Office of the State Auditor (hereinafter "OSA") regarding the Respondent's failure to adequately respond to OSA's request to review her workpapers related to a completed governmental audit.
3. The Board staff contacted the Respondent by telephone, letter, and email. Although the Respondent indicated that she would cooperate with the inquiry, she never followed through with establishing a timeframe for the OSA staff to perform the quality review. The Board staff then requested that the relevant workpapers be provided by January 27, 2017.
4. Throughout the communications with the Respondent, the Board staff was informed that she was having difficulties assembling the audit file, as she was having problems with her computer and was unable to provide copies.
5. The Respondent subsequently provided the Board staff with electronic copies of the workpapers purporting to support the audit. The Board staff reviewed the workpapers and found numerous deficiencies.
6. The Board staff found that the submitted workpaper documentation was not sufficient to support all required audit processes including missing or incomplete: engagement letter, representation letter, audit programs, testing and verification of internal controls, and substantive test of details.
7. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent understands and agrees 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 Respondent is 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's failure to timely and adequately submit her workpapers to the OSA for their review constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0203 and .0212.
3. The workpaper deficiencies, if proven, would constitute a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0212 and .0403.
4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Respondent, Melanie Moretz Starr, is censured.
2. The Respondent must obtain pre-issuance reviews for all audit engagements in which she participates. The pre-issuance review must be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer approved by the Board until a determination is made by the Board that those engagements can be performed in accordance with applicable professional standards. The Respondent shall authorize and cause the pre-issuance reviewer to provide the Board with a copy of each pre-issuance review report upon its issuance.
3. The Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar ($1,000) civil penalty.
4. The Respondent shall reimburse the Board for its administrative costs of five hundred dollars ($500) related to the investigation of this matter.

Approved by the Board September 18, 2017.

Exam Fees Effective October 21, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Initial Exam Application	$230.00
Re-Exam Applications	$75.00

SECTION FEES

Auditing (AUD)	208.40
Financial Accounting & Reporting (FAR)	208.40
Regulation (REG)	208.40
Business Environment & Concepts (BEC)	208.40

Certificates Issued

On September 18, 2017, the Board approved the following applicants for certification as North Carolina CPAs:

Michael Francis Aiello
Stephanie Joyce Baker
Tyler Christopher Chambers
Justin Michael Chestnutt
Patrick Charles Dever
Miranda Ciera Edwards
Clint Justin Fairchild
Xuezhi Feng
Karlie Danielle Gale
Frank Upton Greer, V
Benjamin John Gregory
Maria Alejandra Hernandez Gomez
Tyler Stephen Holland
Kelly Anne Kay
MacKenzie Marie Kinley
Robert B. Linklater
Megan Alexandra Loeper
Megan Elizabeth Meyer
Austin Joseph Miller
Austin James Morgan
Jennifer A. Musso
Dustin Alexander Never
Sarah Kris Nicholls
Addison Bradley Oliver
Vishal Sunil Patel
Benjamin Michael Perron
William Franklin Prevo
Yuliya Sakun
Cynthia Guadalupe Sandoval
Jessica Marie Schallhorn
Andrew Marvin Schuett, Jr.
Dakota Austin Shoe
Nabil A. Sibay
Erynn Bradie Stainback
Kyria Sun
Jacob Edward Cruz Taitague
Christopher Colin Thomas
Maurice Anthony Thompson
Ray Antonio Toney
Katherine Grace Travan
David Kelly Tucker, III
Jonathan Gregory Upham
Jillian Galloway Valk
Andrey Ivanovich Yeremuk

Reclassifications

On Septmeber 18, 2017, the Board approved the following applicants for reclassification:

Reinstatement

Harold Conrad Bradshaw, Jr., #19817	Tampa, FL
Jonathan Thomas Clardy #36402	Raleigh, NC
Cheryl Palmieri Connolly, #21391	Wake Forest, NC
Emily Jo Daly, #37889	Columbus, GA
Patrick Keith Eudy, #34609	Wake Forest, NC
Amy Powell Goss, #15073	Chapel Hill, NC
Frederick Robert Perschau, Jr., #21986	Hillsborough, NC
John William Struble, #29957	Mooresville, NC

Reissuance

Lisa Lee McDonall, #19628	Winston-Salem, NC
Jean Hinnant Buchan, #34358	Goldsboro, NC

Inactive

Between September 1, 2017, and September 30, 2017, the following individuals requested and were approved for inactive status by the Board. "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)].

Jesse Michael Shipman, #10137	Gastonia, NC
Jackie Lynn Fryt, #34433	Durham, NC
Frederick William Smothers, #18638	Raleigh, NC
Maira Naveed Ahmad, #41029	Worcester, MA
George Lamont Matthews, Sr., #30607	Kernersville, NC
John Wesley Harmon, #10760	Graham, NC
Jennings Ingram Chandler, III, #9210	Burlington, NC
Ashley Cha Moran, #32774	Asheville, NC
Somp "Francis" Thilavanh, #33451	Raleigh, NC
Casey Edward O'Keefe, #34664	Charlotte, NC

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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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Comments Requested on Proposed Rule Changes

On November 20, 2017, the Board conducted a public Rule-Making Hearing on proposed amendments to the rules cited as 21 NCAC 08F .0103 and 21 NCAC 08F. 0502.

New language is indicated by an underline and deleted language is indicated by a ~~strike-through~~.

21 NCAC 08F .0103, *Filing of Examination Applications and Fees* is proposed to be amended as follows:

(f) To document good moral character as required by G.S. 93-12(5), three persons not related by blood or marriage to the applicant shall sign the application certifying the good moral character of the ~~applicant.~~ applicant and the Board shall conduct a background check of the applicant including a check of criminal records.

21 NCAC 08F. 0502., *Application for CPA Certificate*, is proposed to be amended as follows:

(b) The application for a CPA certificate shall include three certificates of good moral character provided by the Board and completed by ~~CPAs.~~ CPAs and the Board shall conduct a background check of the applicant including a check of criminal records.

Written comments on the proposed changes may be submitted by mail, email, or fax.

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All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 16, 2017.

Firm Renewals, Peer Review Compliance Reporting

Firm registration renewal and peer review compliance reporting is now open on the Board's website, **www.nccpaboard.gov**.

Only firm registrations are being renewed at this time; individual CPA certificates will be renewed next spring.

The Board mailed firm ID numbers and step-by-step instructions to the administrative offices of firms earlier this month. Please refer to that letter while completing the online renewal.

If a CPA firm fails to comply with any part of 21 NCAC 08J, *Renewals and Registrations* or 21 NCAC 08M, *Peer Review Program*, the Board may take disciplinary action, including civil penalties, against the CPA firm's members.

The deadline for renewing a firm's registration and reporting peer review compliance is December 31.

If you have questions about the renewal or peer review compliance, please contact Cammie Emery at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov** or Buck Winslow at **buckw@nccpaboard.gov**.

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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."

LAWRENCE W. BLAKE, #13304 | L.W. BLAKE, CPA | FAYETTEVILLE, 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. Lawrence W. Blake, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 13304 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. L. W. Blake, 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. The Respondent firm had received an engagement peer review for the year ended June 30, 2011. However, it was later discovered that the Respondent firm had conducted an audit of an employee benefit plan. That audit had not been identified by the Respondents to the peer reviewer.
5. Per the peer review rules, if a firm performs an audit of an employee benefit plan during the relevant time period, at least one such plan must be subjected to peer review.
6. At the beginning of the peer review process, firms must complete a questionnaire. The questionnaire specifically requires the firm to review a list of audit engagements, including employee benefit plan audits, and identify whether the firm has performed any of those engagements.
7. As a result of the failure to identify its employee benefit plan audit engagement(s), the Respondent firm's peer review was recalled. The Respondent firm received a "fail" on its ensuing system peer review report.
8. The peer review report identified deficiencies in the Respondent firm's quality control policies and procedures which led to the failure to disclose the employee benefit plan audit to the peer reviewer.
9. The peer review report also identified deficiencies in other of the Respondent firm's quality control policies and procedures, including a failure of firm employees to utilize financial statement reporting and disclosure checklists on all engagements.
10. 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 should have known that the Respondent firm conducted an employee benefit plan audit during the relevant peer review period, and further should have known that the audit was required to be disclosed to the peer reviewer. The failure to disclose the employee benefit plan audit to the peer reviewer constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a).
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's CPA certificate shall be revoked for one (1) year. However, the revocation is stayed if

all requirements of this Consent Order are met and the Respondent is not found to have violated the peer review rules during that period.

2. The Respondent firm's registration shall be cancelled for one (1) year. However, the cancellation is stayed if all requirements of this Consent Order are met and the Respondent firm is not found to have violated the peer review rules during that period.
3. The Respondent firm shall pay a one thousand dollar ($1,000) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
4. The Respondent firm shall pay a five hundred dollar ($500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
5. Prior to the Respondent firm's next peer review, the Respondent must take four (4) hours of group-study CPE, specifically covering the peer review process and/or getting ready for peer review. The Respondent also must take four (4) hours of CPE which has financial statement disclosures as part of its subject matter.
6. The Respondent firm shall provide a notarized, written statement to the Board that it will no longer be participating in, performing, or reviewing any audit engagements subject to peer review. Should the Respondent firm wish to undertake such services in the future, it must notify the Board of that intent and will be subject to pre-issuance review until such time that the Board determines that pre-issuance review is no longer necessary.
7. The Respondent firm shall undergo pre-issuance review for its next engagement involving the compilation, review or audit of a financial statement with disclosures. The engagements to be reviewed, as well as the pre-issuance reviewer(s) selected to perform the reviews, shall be mutually agreed upon by the firm and the Board staff. The results of the pre-issuance reviews will be provided to the Board by the Respondent Firm. If the results of the pre-issuance reviews are not satisfactory to the Board, it may require additional pre-issuance reviews to be performed on future engagements.
8. The Respondents agree that failure to comply with any terms of this agreement shall be deemed sufficient grounds to lift the stays set forth above.

Approved by the Board September 18, 2017

JEFFREY GOLDSTEIN, #32175 | MATTHEWS, 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 Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Jeffrey Goldstein (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 32175 as a certified public accountant.
2. The Respondent is the supervising CPA at the firm Davies, Goldstein & Associates, CPA's [*sic*] PLLC ("Firm").
3. The Firm performed services for a client, including the preparation of articles of incorporation and the preparation of a certificate of assumed name.
4. The Respondent has asserted that the client requested that the Firm fill out the aforementioned documents and that the client reviewed the documents, signed, and mailed them to the State, along with the fee. The client has alleged that the certificate of assumed name was filled out incorrectly, resulting in harm to the client.
5. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent understands and agrees 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 Respondent is 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 Eth-

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CPA Exam Performance Summary: *2017 Q-3*

North Carolina

Overall Performance

Unique Candidates	958
New Candidates	244
Total Sections	1,343
Passing 4th Section	212
Sections/Candidate	1.40
Pass Rate	54.2%
Average Score	72.7

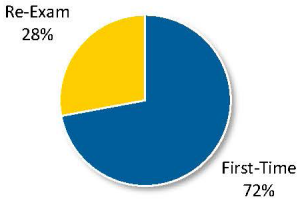
Section Performance

	Sections	Score	% Pass
First-Time	968	73.7	59.2%
Re-Exam	375	70.2	41.3%
AUD	277	73.4	53.1%
BEC	272	75.3	55.5%
FAR	408	69.4	49.5%
REG	386	73.7	59.1%

Jurisdiction Rankings (1 to 53)

Candidates	Sections
15	15
16	14
Pass Rate	Avg Score

Exam Type by Percent

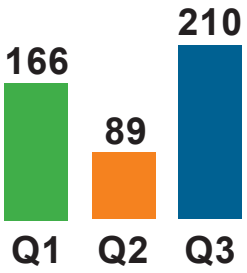


Uniform CPA Exam Fees

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Section Fees	
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Successful Exam Candidates 2017



Total Successful Exam Candidates: 465

Exam Score Release Dates

October/November/December 2017 (Q4) Testing Window

If you take your test on/before:	And the AICPA receives your examination data files from Prometric by 11:59 pm (EST):	Target score release date:
December 10	December 11	December 19

If you take your test on/before December 10 and the AICPA receives your examination data files from Prometric after December 11, those scores will be included in the final target score release date of December 21.

January/February/March 2018 (Q1) Testing Window

If you take your test on/before:	And the AICPA receives your examination data files from Prometric by 11:59 pm (EST) between:	Target score release date:
January 20	January 1 - January 20	February 6
February 14	January 21 - February 14	February 23
February 28	February 15 - February 28	March 8
March 11	March 1 - March 11	March 20

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ics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

2. The North Carolina Accountancy Act (N.C. Gen. Stat. §§93-1 et seq), at N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-1(b) provides that:

> Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as authorizing certified public accountants or accountants to engage in the practice of law, and such person shall not engage in the practice of law unless duly licensed so to do.

3. Per the Board's rules, at 21 NCAC 08N .0103, CPAs are responsible for the actions of their subordinates:

> A CPA and CPA firm shall be responsible for assuring compliance with the rules in this Subchapter by anyone who is the CPA's partner, fellow shareholder, member, officer, director, licensed employee, unlicensed employee or agent or unlicensed principal, or by anyone whom the CPA supervises. A CPA or CPA firm shall not permit others (including affiliated entities) to carry out on the CPA's behalf, with or without compensation, acts that if carried out by the CPA would be a violation of these Rules.

4. Employees of the Respondent's Firm, by completing articles of incorporation and a certificate of assumed name, have engaged in the practice of law in contravention of the Accountancy Act and 21 NCAC 08N .0213.

5. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Respondent, Jeffrey Goldstein, is censured.
2. The Respondent must pay a one thousand dollar ($1,000) civil penalty.

Approved by the Board October 26, 2017

JEFFREY A. HENDERSON, #13782 | JEFFREY A. HENDERSON, CPA | RALEIGH, 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 Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Jeffrey A. Henderson, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting corporation in North Carolina.
2. The Respondent Firm received a pass with deficiencies on its last two (2) system peer reviews. The same non-profit audit client was the subject of each report.
3. The peer review reports noted audit deficiencies. Deficiencies in the first report were addressed by the Respondent to the satisfaction of the peer reviewer. The deficiency in the second report was a result of a new standard that took effect between report periods.
4. The Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees 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 Respondent Firm understands and agrees 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 Respondent Firm is 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 Firm's failure to perform audit services in accordance with standards constitutes a violation of the Statements on Auditing Standards in violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403 and .0212.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent Firm's consent to this order, the Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Respondent Firm is censured.
2. Each staff member participating in audit services must take at least eight (8) hours of CPE related to audit documentation annually until the Respondent Firm receives a pass on a system review or until the Respondent Firm confirms that it has decided to discontinue audit services.

Approved by the Board October 26, 2017

Certificates Issued

On October 26, 2017, the Board issued issued North Carolina CPA certificates to the following applicants:

Emily Rose Agostinelli
Lee Ann Ahern
Esra Adel Abdullah Al-Shawafi
Marie A. Anderson
Michael Joseph Angerhauser
Jessica Rachelle Ard
Carolyn May Batke
Nicholas Saul Baum
Stephen Edward Beal
George Wiese Beckwith
Era Casey Bedtelyon
Stephen Ranzell Belcher
Patrick James Benson
Ashley Nichole Bink
Tamara Lee Healy Bongi
Travis James Bracken
Jackelyn Ann Branco
Patrick Joseph Breslin
John Richard Brown
Robert Joseph Brown
Miranda Frances Brownlow
Kathryn Marie Bruns
Phyllis Rigsby Bryan
Nicholas Andrew Bucci
Matthew Thomas Carle
Rachel Anne Cassidy
Robert Catapano, Jr.
Amy Katherine Claflin
Kimberly Renee Clark
John Alexander Cobb
Erin Kathleen Coffey
Andrew Thomas Coley
Michael Alexander Diaz
Caitlin Erin Diebold
Cassandra Marie Dominicis
Doina Duca
Erika Nicole Dudley
Nicole Leigh Eisenoff
Anthony Philip Elsass
Courtney Ann Fee
Lisa Paige Fitzgerald
Lea Magan Fletcher
Andrew Philip Flowers
Michael James Foley
Mary Hanna Francis
Landry McClelland Frei
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Gregory Leonard German
Gerald David Gevirtz
Katherine Marie Goode
Daniel James Graham, IV
Jay Donald Hanson
Lindsay Marie Harrelson
Adam Frederick Harshman
Lauren Elizabeth Hatcher
Emma Vistula Hawkins
Ryan Warren Herring
Mandy Jo Hill
John Michael Hill, II
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Lauren Alyssa Hines
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Chelsea Dee Howlett
Michelle Kathleen Jenkins
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Belinda Sue Jones
Elana Katherine Jones
Bryce Marcus Jordan
Jennifer Marie Jordan
Brian Adam Joseph
Sara Elizabeth Keith
Robert William Kianos, II
Michael Wesley Kincheloe
Michael Paul Krol
Jeffrey Andrew Kuchar
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Kathryn Taylor Lester
Jerome Frederick Lindeman
Marjorie Michelle Loflin
David Christopher Loomis
David John Ludwin
Peter Joseph Malize
Kelley Queen Manders
Joseph Charles Manzinger, III
Stan Jerome Mascarenhas
Susanne Marie Matthews
Christopher Lyle Mattke
Candace Breana Maynard
Cathleen Grace McCall
Jacob Dalton McCormick
William Joseph Meador
Hemanth Kumar Meda
John Benoit Menasce
Celeste Ann Midkiff
Rebecca Elizabeth Miller
Steven Jay Montross
Kelly Burnette Moorefield
Doreen Muentener
Matthew John Naro
Courtney Lynn Nastasia
Michael Joseph Nesseralla
Kathryn Nusbaum
David Gregory Nussman
Laura Jane O'Brien
Cody Andrew Owenby
Jennifer Lynn Pasion
Neal Edward Pawsat
Michelle Ann Phillips
Brandon Keith Price
John Michael Pujals
Stuart Carson Reese
Nicole Nadine Richards
Larry James Sargent
John Michael Schlegel
Ian Michael Schoenen
Payal Tasvir Shah
Kimberly Diane Simmons
Danielle Marie Simon
Christina Marie Smeriglio
Hitesh Soni
Kevin Gregory Sprissler
Marshall Ashley Stein
Lisa Moss Strickland
Jamie Lynn Struif-Pehowski
Julia Aileen Szyjka
Jamie Reeder Thornburg
Thomas Eli Turlington, III
Richard Allen Turpen
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Board Meetings

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Board meetings are open to the public and unless otherwise noted are held at the Board office and begin at 10 a.m.

Office Closed

In accordance with the calendar adopted by the State of North Carolina, the Board office will be closed on the following dates:

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Reclassifications

REINSTATMENT

On October 26, 2017, the Board approved the following applications for reinstatement:

Dawn Michelle Cecil, #32617	**Summerfield, NC**
Victor Kenneth Lewis, #23445	**Willow Spring, NC**
Reginald Dean Oakley, #28000	**Durham, NC**
Jason Lee Rhoades, #30190	**Tampa, FL**

INACTIVE

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Terry Barnes Berkley, #24337	Newport, NC
Nina Lee Albeg Birch, #10736	Burke, VA
Jean Packer Burke, #14561	Cary, NC
Patricia Kelly Byrne, #18367	Greensboro, NC
Domenic Campanile, #20688	Charlotte, NC
Richard Allen Cox, #11837	Wilmington, NC
Cynthia Leigh Daniel, #22435	Hickory, NC
William Howard Deaton, Jr., #22156	Fort Mill, SC
Jennifer Wade Dufresne, #33996	Charlotte, NC
Karen Dukes Eusebio, #16724	Greensboro, NC
Vance Powers Forrester, Jr., #7732	Burlington, NC
Lawrence Geoffrey Gerber, #9317	Monroe, NC
Lee Richardson Hines, Sr., #12866	Garner, NC
Angela Michele Hudson, #25908	Raleigh, NC
Nicole R. Ishii, #27197	Cary, NC
Kathy Massie Keough, #25868	Hillsborough, NC
Jeffrey Ray Lambert, #23194	Charlotte, NC
Albert John Mixner, Jr., #35721	Asheville, NC
Lauren G. Opar, #31282	Marathon, FL
W. Michael Owens, #15208	Holly Springs, NC
Wesley Howard Perry, #16889	Winston-Salem, NC
Geoffrey Allan Powell, #26960	Thornton, CO
Hazel Jean Ryon, #31567	Durham, NC
Roy Ervin Strowd, Jr., #13259	Washington, DC
Christopher Toher, #26012	Charlotte, NC
Glen Franklin Whitley, #4358	Raleigh, NC
Virginia Ann Wood, #36530	Charlotte, NC

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Upcoming Deadlines for CPAs and CPA Firms

North Carolina CPAs and CPA firms have important deadlines to meet in the coming weeks.

For CPAs, December 31, 2017, is the date by which they must complete the annual CPE requirement to be eligible for certificate renewal for the 2018-2019 license year.

All active licensees must complete a two-hour regulatory or behavioral ethics course offered by a sponsor registered with the National Registry of CPE Sponsors (**NASBAregistry .org**) maintained by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA).

A non-resident licensee may satisfy the ethics CPE requirement by completing the ethics requirement in the jurisdiction in which he or she is licensed and works or resides.

If there is no ethics CPE requirement in the jurisdiction in which the non-resident CPA is licensed and resides or works, he or she must complete a course that meets the Board's criteria for ethics CPE courses.

For specific information on the annual CPE requirement, please review 21 NCAC 08G, *Continuing Professional Education (CPE)* and the October issue of the *Activity Review.*

If a CPA fails to complete the CPE requirement on or before December 31, 2017, but completes the required CPE by June 30, 2018, the Board may issue a Letter of Warning to the licensee for the first such failure within a five (5) calendar year period.



For the second such failure within a five (5) calendar year period, the Board may deny the renewal of the CPA's certificate for a period of not less than 30 days and until the CPA meets the reinstatement requirements set forth in 21 NCAC 08J .0106.

For CPA firms, January 31, 2018, is the deadline for renewing their registration and providing peer review compliance information (if applicable) online through the Board's website, **nccpaboard .gov**.

Additional information on firm renewal and peer review compliance was published in the November issue of the *Activity Review.*

If a CPA firm fails to comply with any part of 21 NCAC 08J, *Renewals and Registrations*, or 21 NCAC 08M, *Peer Review Program*, the Board may take disciplinary action against the CPA firm's members as specified in 21 NCAC 08J. 0111 and 21 NCAC 08M .0106.

Such action may include a civil penalty assessed against each CPA firm member's CPA certificate.

If you have questions about firm renewal, peer review compliance, or CPE, contact Cammie Emery at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov**.

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Disciplinary Action

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."

CRAIG DANIEL REISINGER, #34439 | CHARLOTTE, NC

THIS CAUSE, having come before the Board with a quorum present, and having been consented to by the Respondent, the Board finds and orders as follows:

1. Craig Daniel Reisinger, CPA (Hereinafter "Mr. Reisinger") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Mr. Reisinger failed to timely renew the annual firm registration for Reisinger & Company, PLLC, in accordance with provisions as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(7b) and 21 NCAC 08J .0108 (b) and (g), and 08N .0213.
3. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Mr. Reisinger's infraction was for a period of more than one hundred twenty (120) days, the appropriate penalty is five hundred dollars ($500).
4. Mr. Reisinger has paid his civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
5. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept Mr. Reisinger's payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

Approved by the Board October 26, 2017

How to Check Your CPE Carry-Forward Hours

Not sure how many CPE carry-forward hours you have? There's an easy way to check in five simple steps:

STEP 1
Navigate to the Board's website, nccpaboard.gov.

STEP 2
Click on the "Find CPA/CPA Firm" link on the right-hand side of the home page.

STEP 3
On the "Search for a CPA" page, search for yourself using your name or CPA certificate number.

STEP 4
When your record is returned, click on the "Details" link (to the left of your name).

STEP 5
The number of CPE carry-forward hours (if any) will display as part of the public record information from your Board file.

If you have questions about your CPE carry-forward hours, contact Cammie Emery at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov**.

New NCDOR Website

The North Carolina Department of Revenue (NCDOR) is launching a redesigned website. The new site will offer an improved user experience and feature upgraded technology that will make the site more accessible. It will also provide a platform for the NCDOR to launch new and improved online services over the next few years.

The new site will have a simplified navigational structure based on common transactions and inquiries. The search capability will be significantly improved and will incorporate keywords and phrases from every page and document on the site. The new site will feature the platform used by several other state agencies.

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The new site will work in all web browsers, including Google Chrome and Apple Safari. It will also be optimized for mobile devices such as phones and tablets.

The redesign is the first phase of a multi-year project that will include replacing and upgrading the agency's electronic services such as filing and paying.

The redesigned site will have a new address, **www.ncdor.gov**, but the existing address, **www.dornc.com**, will re-direct to the new site.

Disciplinary Actions: CPE Audit

The following matters are excerpted from Consent Orders issued by the Board in response to the findings of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audit. To view the full text of a 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.

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MEGAN CIE JONES, #36074 | ATLANTA, GA

The Board opened a case against Megan Cie Jones (Respondent Jones) for failure to complete two hours of behavioral or regulatory ethics continuing professional education (CPE) as required for renewal of her North Carolina CPA license.

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

Respondent Jones may apply to return her certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that 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 as offered by the NCACPA.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Jones' CPA license.

Approved by the Board November 20, 2017.

DARE WICKER O'CONNOR, #21500 | RALEIGH, NC

The Board opened a case against Dare Wicker O'Connor (Respondent O'Connor) for failure to complete sufficient CPE as required for renewal of her North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent O'Connor signed a Consent Order in which she accepted the denial of the renewal of her CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of her CPA license; and the return of her CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of her receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent O'Connor may apply to return her certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 80 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the NCACPA.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent O'Connor's CPA license.

Approved by the Board November 20, 2017

COREY L. SKOLNICK, #33210 | RALEIGH, NC

The Board opened a case against Corey L. Skolnick (Respondent Skolnick) for failure to complete sufficient continuing professional education (CPE), including at least two hours of behavioral or regulatory ethics, as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Skolnick 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 Skolnick may apply to return his certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 58.5 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the NCACPA.

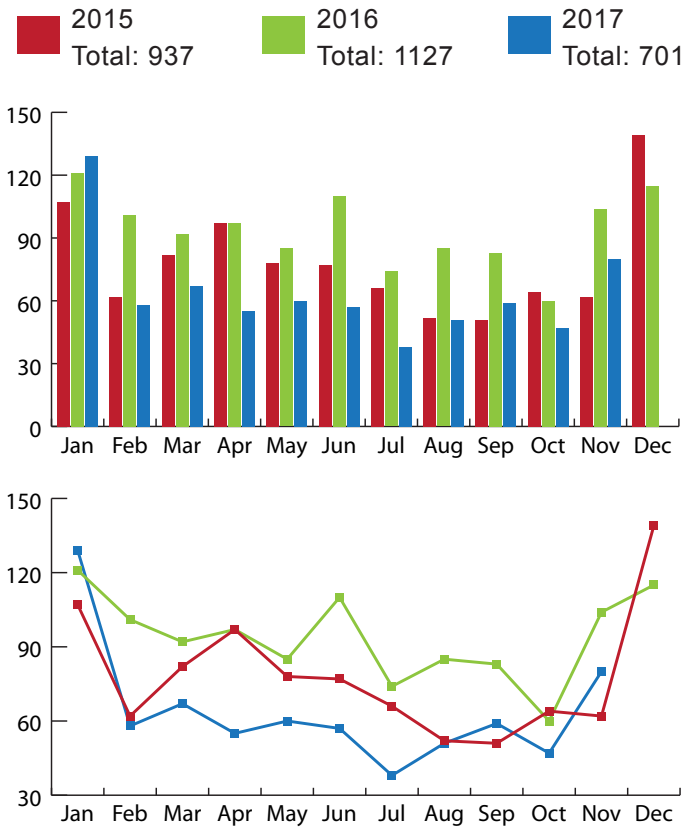
Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Skolnick's CPA license.

Approved by the Board October 26, 2017.

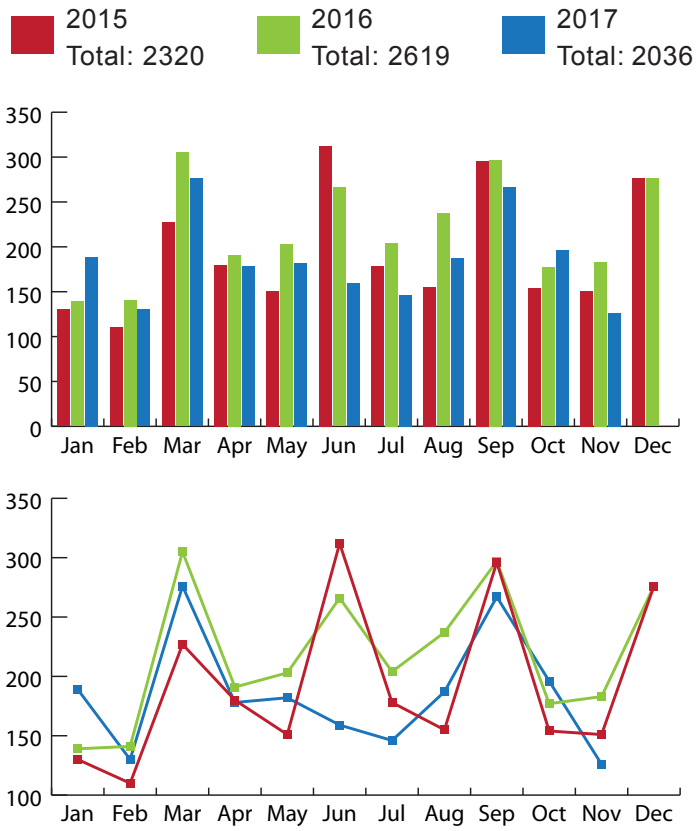
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By the Numbers: Uniform CPA Exam Applications Approved
January 2015-November 2017

Initial Exam Applications Approved by Year

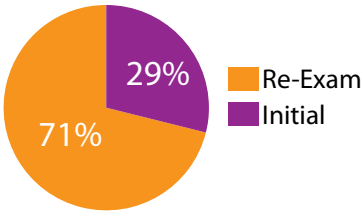


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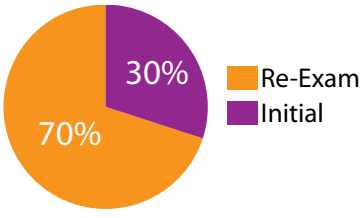
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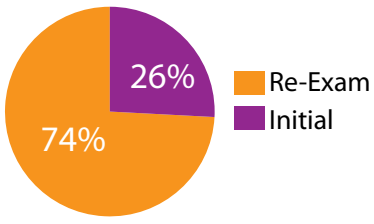
Initial	Re-Exam	Total
937	2,320	3,257

2016



Initial	Re-Exam	Total
1,127	2,619	3,746

2017



Initial	Re-Exam	Total
701	2,036	2,737

Quick Facts

In the period January 2015-November 2017:

The Board has approved 2,765 initial Exam applications and 6,975 re-Exam applications.

The highest number of initial Exam applications approved was 139 in December 2015.

The highest number of re-Exam applications approved was 312 in June 2015.

Disciplinary Actions: CPE Audit *continued from page 3*

CHARLES SHANE SMITH, #28813 | WILLIAMSBURG, VA

The Board opened a case against Charles Shane Smith (Respondent Smith) for failure to complete two hours of behavioral or regulatory ethics continuing professional education (CPE) as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Smith 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 Smith may apply to return his certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that 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 group-study accountancy law course as offered by the NCACPA.

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

Approved by the Board October 26, 2017.

New Exam Delivery Software

New Uniform CPA Exam delivery software is expected to be launched in all Prometric test centers on April 1, 2018. Candidates will receive a joint AICPA/NASBA message when the April 1, 2018, launch date is confirmed.

The software will use high-definition monitors and offer candidates new and enhanced tools, including Microsoft Excel®. An exam tutorial and sample tests that reflect the new software will be added to the AICPA website in the coming weeks.

With the launch of the new software, test question performance for the second, third, and fourth test windows (Q2, Q3, and Q4) of 2018 must be evaluated. This will require score holds in which all scores will be released at one time after the close of each testing window (*see chart at right*).

Candidates who have partial Exam credit should be aware of how the score holds may affect their rolling 18-month credit window and plan their testing schedule accordingly.

For more information on the 18-month credit window, see "What Is the 18-Month Credit Window for Exam Candidates?" on page 7.

Office Closed

The Board office will be closed on the following dates:

Christmas
December 25-27, 2017

New Year's
January 1, 2018

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
January 15, 2018

October/November/December 2017 (Q4) Testing Window		
If you take your test in:	And the AICPA receives your Examination data files from Prometric between:	Your score will be released by the target release date of:
October November December	October 1 & December 10	December 19

January/February/March 2018 (Q1) Testing Window		
If you take your test by:	And the AICPA receives your Examination data files from Prometric between:	Your score will be released by the target release date of:
January 20	January 1 & January 20	February 6
February 14	January 21 & February 14	February 23
February 28	February 15 & February 28	March 8
March 11	March 1 & March 11	March 20

April/May/June 2018 (Q2) Testing Window	
Section	Target Release Date
AUD, FAR, & REG	June 27
BEC	June 29

July/August/September 2018 (Q3) Testing Window	
Section	Target Release Date
AUD, FAR, REG, & BEC	September 19

October/November/December 2018 (Q4) Testing Window	
Section	Target Release Date
AUD, FAR, REG, & BEC	December 19

Certificates Issued

On November 20, 2017, the Board issued North Carolina CPA certificates to the following applicants:

Steven Michael Apa
Edward David Bedard
Alisa Jane Brown
Anne Elizabeth Brown
Michael Ferris Brown
Brooke Alyse Burgess
Emily Elizabeth Bush
Hanna Clark Butler
Jamie Elayne Caldwell
Justin Alan Carte
Dustin Lee Chase
Gerard Anthony Clark, Jr.
Haley Renee' Cook
Patrick Owen Donahue
William Scott Dudley
Brennan James Fox
Steven Paul Fultonberg
John Christopher Garrett
Andrew Michael Gibson
William Bradley Goldberg
Jeremy Ryan Goodman
Andrew Dennison Grinnell
Rachel Elizabeth Hassler
Kimberly Rachel Hecht
Kari Louise Hipsak
Benjamin Thomas Horne
Alan Hongchele Hu
Zana Wajdi Ismail
Melony Jayne Jackson
Zachary Thomas Jones
Christine Elizabeth Karaszewski
Ashley Arnett Kelly
Christopher Ray Kennedy
Kathryn Leigh King
Joseph Eugene LaClair
Meng Li
Brandon Ashley Martin
Nathaniel Ray Maxwell, Jr.
Kirsten Rose McKenna
Raymond John McKinney
Dylan Jared Miller
Michael Evan Miller
Alina Nadia Misiunas
Michael Gary Moody, Jr.
Mary Rachel Moore
Tyler Joseph Mumford
Wei Ni
Adaora Ebunoluwa Okonkwo
Johnathan George Orrock
Mark Adam Parsells
Libuse Perego
Veronika Quintana
Sean Christopher Radler
Jennifer Ann Rice
Douglas Michael Richter
Aubrie Katherine Robinson
Bradley James Rogers
James Michael Runge
Trevor David Salzmann
Olivia Nichols Scarbrough
Jonathan David Schmidt
Sarah Kathleen Serafin
Susan Elizabeth Smitherman
Jeremiah Justin Thayer
Mani Thomas
David-Paul Weekley
Kelsey Lorrin Wilke
Samantha Lynn Winogrond
Angelica C. Wonders
Wendy S. Wray
William Arthur Young

2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	Office Closed - New Year's Day
January 15	Office Closed - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
January 22	Board Meeting
January 31	Final Deadline - Firm Renewal & Peer Review Compliance Reporting
February 19	Board Meeting
March 21	Board Meeting
March 30	Office Closed - Good Friday
April 23	Board Meeting
May	Online CPA Certificate Renewal Period Begins
May 24	Board Meeting
May 28	Office Closed - Memorial Day
June 22	Board Meeting*
June 30	CPA Certificate Renewal Deadline
July 4	Office Closed – Independence Day
July 23	Board Meeting
July 31	Final Deadline - CPA Certificate Renewal
August 20	Board Meeting
September 3	Office Closed - Labor Day
September 17	Board Meeting
October 25	Board Meeting
November 12	Office Closed - Veterans Day
November 19	Board Meeting
November 22 & 23	Office Closed - Thanksgiving
Late November	Online Firm Renewal/Peer Review Compliance Reporting Period Begins
December 17	Board Meeting
December 24-26	Office Closed - Christmas
December 31	Deadline - Firm Renewal & Peer Review Compliance Reporting

Dates, times, & locations are subject to change. Changes will be posted on the Board's website, ***nccpaboard.gov****. Unless otherwise noted, Board meetings are held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, 27605 and begin at 10:00 a.m.*

*Winston-Salem

What Is the 18-Month Credit Window for Exam Candidates?



Individuals seeking CPA licensure are required to pass all four sections of the Uniform CPA Exam with a grade of at least 75 on each section. In North Carolina there are additional requirements related to passing the Exam.

21 NCAC 08F .0105(c) states:

1. a candidate shall obtain a passing grade on all sections of the examination within an 18-month period;
2. a candidate may sit for any section of the examination individually;
3. a candidate may sit for each section of the examination up to four times during a one-year period, but not more than one time in a three-month testing window as defined by the examination vendor(s); and
4. credit awarded by the Board for passage of a section of the examination is valid for an 18-month period beginning on the date the section is taken.

It is important that candidates understand that the rolling 18-month credit window begins with the date the first passed section was taken, not the date of the score notice for the first passed section. Exam credit expires by section; score notices include any relevant expiration dates.

The credit for any section passed outside the rolling 18-month period will be lost, and those sections must be retaken. Candidates must maximize their testing opportunities to ensure that all four sections of the Exam are passed within the rolling 18-month window.

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Licensees and candidates with non-US addresses will receive the newsletter by email only.

Reclassifications

At its November 20, 2017, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reclassification submitted by the following individuals:

REINSTATMENT

Teddy Gus Tsiolkas, #14037	Charlotte, NC

REISSUANCE

Todd Everett Edwards, #33794	Annandale, NJ

INACTIVE

From November 1, 2017, through November 29, 2017, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status by the Board. "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and has 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)].

Melissa C. Adams, #24042	Kernersville, NC
Terry Douglas Smith, #7415	Charlotte, NC
Lisanne Mariel Palacios, #32475	Nashville, TN
Kimberly Jo Stall, #21736	Raleigh, NC
Litsa Nicole McKinnon, #29432	Monroe, NC
Jeffery David Berrier, #41143	Cedar Park, TX
Robert Howard Mitchell, #11785	Wake Forest, NC
Jacklyn B. Kast, #19054	New Bern, NC
J. Harry Haslam, Jr., #22089	Savannah, GA
David Robert Moser, #29289	Clover, SC
Kathryn Anne Premo, #17178	Winston-Salem, NC
Robin Lynne Wells, #25017	Edenton, NC
Rebecca Smith Hoke, #37901	Candler, NC
Kimberly Boone Miner, #25551	Charlotte, NC
William Michael Grady, #7716	Florence, SC
John Wesley Frye, #11525	High Point, NC
Bruce E. Bellile, #24671	Charlotte, NC
Rashad Ibrahim, #38001	Walnut, CA
Lynn McQueen Small, #24566	Lake Placid, FL
Samuel Marsh, #12721	Rocky Mount, NC
Robert Moffett, #15202	Gibsonville, NC
Sarah Jill Tomlinson, #13555	Raleigh, NC
Darryl Kirk Wall, #17702	Maggie Valley, NC
Elizabeth Ann Brown, #31714	Charlotte, NC
John Allen Barker, #12299	Rocky Mount, NC
Jeffrey Kirby Broughton, #20165	Winston-Salem, NC

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