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Agency/Board/Commission:	State Board of Accountancy
Division:	Regulatory Boards
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ADA Contact:	Don Coleman
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Hearing Location(s) (for additional locations, copy and paste table)

Address 1:	500 James Robertson Parkway			
Address 2:	Conference Room 1-A			
City:	Nashville			
Zip:	37243			
Hearing Date :	October 20, 2023			
Hearing Time:	8:30AM	X	CST/CDT	EST/EDT

Additional Hearing Information:

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Chapter Number	Chapter Title
0020-01	Licensing and Registration Requirements
Rule Number	Rule Title
0020-01-.06	Examinations
Chapter Number	Chapter Title
0020-02	Educational and Experience Requirements
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0020-02-.02	Education

0020-01-.06 EXAMINATIONS

Rule 0020-01-.06(6) EXAMINATIONS is amended by deleting the text of subparagraphs (a) through (d) in its entirety and substituting instead language so that, as amended, the rule shall read:

- (6) The following shall apply to the computer-based Uniform CPA Examination:
- (a) A candidate may take the required test sections individually and in any order. Credit for passing any test section shall be valid for that test section for thirty (30) months from the date the passing score for such test section is released by NASBA to the candidate or the Board, as the case may be, regardless of the number of test sections taken or having to attain a minimum score on any failed section(s).
 - 1. A candidate shall pass all required test sections within a rolling thirty (30) month period. The rolling thirty (30) month period begins on the date the first passing score(s) are released by NASBA to the candidate or the Board, as the case may be. The rolling thirty (30) month period concludes on the date the candidate sits for the final Test Section passed, regardless of when the score is released by NASBA for the final test section.
 - 2. A candidate who earns initial credit on one or more test section(s) of the CPA examination must sit for and complete the remaining required test section(s) of the examination on or before the expiration date as shown on the Uniform CPA Examination score notice.
 - 3. If all required test sections are not passed within this initial thirty (30) month period, credit for the first test section(s) passed shall expire and a new rolling thirty (30) month period shall begin on the date the second passing score(s) were released by NASBA to the candidate or the Board, as the case may be, and continue for thirty (30) months from that date. If all required test section(s) are not passed within this next rolling thirty (30) month period, credit for the second test section(s) passed shall expire and a new rolling thirty (30) month period will begin on the date the next test section passing score, if any, was released by NASBA to the candidate or the Board, as the case may be, and this cycle of thirty (30) months rolling periods and test section credit expirations will continue until all test sections are passed within one thirty (30) month rolling period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a candidate stops testing for a thirty (30) month period, then all credit for previously passed test sections will expire.
 - (b) A candidate shall not retake a failed test section until the candidate has been notified of the score for the most recent attempt of that failed test section.
 - (c) A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the examination if the candidate obtains credit for passing all required test sections in one rolling thirty (30) month period.
 - (d) A candidate shall retain credit for any and all required test sections of the examination passed as a candidate of another state if such credit would have been given under then applicable requirements in this state.
 - (e) Notwithstanding subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this Rule, the period of time in which to pass all required Test Sections of the examination may be extended by the Board upon a showing that the credit was lost by reason of individual hardship including, but not limited to, health; military service; disruption at a local, regional, or national level impacting the candidate; or other circumstances beyond the candidate's control.

0020-01-.06 EXAMINATIONS

Rule 0020-01-.06(11) EXAMINATIONS is amended by deleting the paragraph entirely and substituting instead language so that, as amended, the paragraph shall read:

- (11) A candidate who applies for a license more than ten (10) years after the date upon which the candidate passed the last section of the Uniform CPA Examination must also document eighty (80) hours of continuing professional education in technical fields of study earned within the twenty-four (24) months immediately preceding the date of application. Of the eighty (80) hours required, at least two (2) hours shall consist of a board-approved state-specific ethics course. Qualifying continuing professional education is found in rule 0020-05-.04

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 62-1-105 and 62-1-106.

0020-02-.02 EDUCATION

Rule 0020-02-.02(1)(c) EDUCATION is amended by deleting the subparagraph entirely and substituting instead language so that, as amended, the paragraph shall read:

- (c) Not more than nine (9) semester or equivalent quarter hours may be internship programs. Of these nine (9) semester hours or equivalent quarter hours, a maximum of six (6) semester hours or equivalent quarter hours may be applied to the thirty (30) semester or forty-five (45) quarter hours in accounting; and,

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I certify that the information included in this filing is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the agency.

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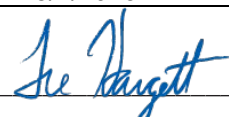
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- (e) Notwithstanding subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this Rule, the period of time in which to pass all required Test Sections of the examination may be extended by the Board upon a showing that the credit was lost by reason of individual hardship including, but not limited to, health; military service; disruption at a local, regional, or national level impacting the candidate; or other circumstances beyond the candidate's control.

- ~~(a) Candidates may take the required test sections individually and in any order. Credit for any test section(s) passed shall be valid for a period of eighteen (18) months and be calculated from the actual date the candidate took that test section, without having to attain a minimum score on any failed test section(s) and without regard to whether the candidate has taken the remaining test sections.~~
- ~~1. Candidates must pass all required test sections of the Uniform CPA Examination within a rolling eighteen (18) month period, which begins on the date that the first test section(s) passed is taken.~~
- ~~(i) Candidates cannot retake a failed test section(s) in the same examination window. An examination window refers to a three-month cycle in which candidates have an opportunity to take the CPA examination.~~
- ~~(ii) Notwithstanding subpart (6)(a)1.(i), the Board shall allow a candidate to retake failed test sections within a continuous eighteen (18) month period without a three (3) month window restriction once the restriction has been eliminated by those charged with governance of the Uniform CPA exam.~~
- ~~2. In the event a candidate does not pass all required test sections of the Uniform CPA Examination within eighteen (18) months, credit for any test section(s) passed outside the eighteen (18) months will expire and that test section(s) must be retaken.~~
- ~~(b) A candidate shall retain credit for any and all test sections of an examination passed in another state if such credit would have been given, under then applicable requirements, if the candidate had taken the examination in this state.~~
- ~~(c) The Board may in particular cases extend the term of conditional credit notwithstanding the requirements of these rules, upon a showing that the credit was lost by reason of circumstances beyond the candidate's control.~~
- ~~(d) A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the Uniform CPA Examination once the candidate holds at the same time valid credit for passing each of the required test sections of the examination. For purposes of this section, credit for passing a test section of the computer based examination is valid from the actual date of the testing event for that test section, regardless of the date the candidate actually receives notice of the passing grade.~~

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~~(11) All CPA Exam scores shall expire ten (10) years after the first passing score is earned. However, upon written request by the applicant, the Board may, in its sole discretion, grant an extension of the score expiration date for good cause shown.~~

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~~(c) Not more than six (6) semester or eight (8) quarter hours may be internship programs which may be applied to the thirty (30) semester or forty-five (45) quarter hours in accounting; and,~~

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 62-1-105 and 62-1-106.

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